



**City of La Vernia**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
City Council Chambers of La Vernia City Hall  
102 E. Chihuahua Street, La Vernia, Texas 78121

November 12, 2015  
6:30 PM

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order** – Mayor Gregory called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. All members were present with the exception of, Councilwoman Moczygemba.

**2. Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and Texas Pledge** *Invocation was given by Mayor Gregory. All in attendance cited the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge.*

**3. Citizens to be Heard –**

John Hafner came on behalf on the VFW Post 539 of St. Hedwig. He wanted to let City Council know they intend to increase the lines of communications with the surrounding cities and would like to do more for our military, citizens and youth. They are currently working on rebuilding their schedule, fees and to be more involved in the community.

**4. Consent Agenda**

- A. Minutes from the October 8, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting
- B. La Vernia Police Department – Reports, Traffic Violations & Arrests; and Number of Occurrences by Offense for the month of October 2015;
- C. Check Register and financial report for the month of October 2015

**MOTION:** Councilman Schott made the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Councilman Cormier. Motion passed: 4-0

**5. Presentations**

**A. Introduction of Andrew Flores as new Fire Inspector**

Mr. Flores introduced himself and advised the council that he has currently hit the ground running with City inspections. He is currently doing about 10 per week. He has started on the far south west part of town and is working his way towards the east. The school is going to be a big inspection considering they have 27 building and he has inspected 2 of them.

**B. Presentation from Paul Brunner, La Vernia EMS, regarding updated changes in service and board members.**

Mr. Paul Brunner, President of the La Vernia EMS, presented to council the changes in service and board members. He first spoke in regards to the changes that have been recently made to the department which are listed below:  
Response time- they have dropped from 0-4 minutes to 0-1 minute. Response times during the night are roughly 5-6 minutes. Volunteers are staffing the department during the day and are working 10-16 hours per day.

Level of Service- The department started in 1973 and have been operating BLS. As of October, Mr. Brunner stated they run a full paramedic service.

Utilization of Air Service- Mr. Brunner went back through records and determined that Air Medical Services are only used 5% of the time.

Mr. Brunner is currently looking for paramedic volunteers, funding for training, medical supplies and equipment. He stated that the City of La Vernia is currently the only city that does not support their EMS services financially. With the financial support he can utilize the funds for current volunteers to advance in certifications. Mayor Gregory as elects the board? Mr. Brunner stated their members, which consists of approximately 12 members, have voting privileges and elect officers. La Vernia EMS Board Meetings are held every 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday after the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month.

## **6. Discussion/Action**

### **A. Discussion and possible action regarding a lease with CommZoom.**

City Administrator Yvonne Griffin presented a few changes made by legal to council.

**MOTION:** Councilman Schott made a motion to approve the lease with CommZoom contingent on requested changes to be put in writing. Seconded by Councilman Cormier. Motion passed: 4-0

### **B. Discussion and possible action regarding an Installation Agreement with Ferguson Enterprises, Inc.**

**MOTION:** Councilman Doege made a motion to accept the Installation Agreement with Ferguson Enterprises, Inc. Seconded by Councilman Cormier. Motion passed: 4-0

## **7. Ordinances**

### **A. Discuss and consider action on amending Solicitors Ordinance to include background check.**

**MOTION:** Councilman Cormier made the motion to approve amending the Solicitors Ordinance to include a background check. Seconded by Councilman Schott. Motion passed: 4-0

### **B. Discuss and consider action on amending Sign Ordinance to include roof top signs.**

**MOTION:** Councilman Schott made the motion to approve amending the Sign Ordinance to include roof top signs. Seconded by Councilman Cormier. Motion passed: 4-0

## **8. Discussion Only**

### **A. Discussion on Proposed Bond Repayment Structure.**

City Administrator Yvonne Griffin presented to the council a few debt service option, 25%, 50% or 75%. The better solution for the City would be to go with a 25% debt ratio for flexibility. For the first 3 years we will be paying of the meters. This will allot flexibility...

**9. Items Specific to Future Line Items on the Agenda**

- December 8<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party

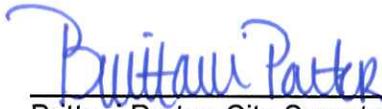
**10. Adjourn** - Councilman Schott made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Doege. Meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2015**



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Robert Gregory, Mayor



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Brittani Porter, City Secretary