



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

August 11, 2016
6:30 PM

Minutes

1. Call to Order – Mayor Gregory called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM, Councilwoman Moczygemba was absent.

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 – There were no citizens to be heard.

4. Consent Agenda

(All consent agenda items are considered routine by City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember requests an item be removed and considered separately.)

- A. Minutes from the July 14, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting
- B. Minutes from the July 27, 2016 Joint Budget Workshop
- C. La Vernia Police Department – Reports, Traffic Violations & Arrests; and Number of Occurrences by Offense for the month of July 2016;
- D. Check Register and financial report for the month of July 2016.

MOTION: Councilman Cormier made the motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilwoman Watson. Motion passed: 4-0.

5. Discussion/Action

- A. Discuss and consider action on approving engagement letter for audit with Armstrong, Vaughn & Associates, P.C.**

City Administrator Griffin stated that this is a standard agreement each year for auditing services.

MOTION: Councilwoman Watson made the motion to approve engagement letter for audit with Armstrong, Vaughn & Associates. Seconded by Councilman Cormier. Motion passed: 4-0.

- B. Discuss and consider action on awarding contract for Street Maintenance Project.**

Gary Freeland, M&S Engineering, was present and stated after reviewing received bids, Clark Construction was the recommendation.

Mr. Freeland also stated:

- Contract awarded for \$178,201 to Clark Construction included Base bid + Alternate 1 + Alternate 2. The contract was under budget.
- He received 3 positive letters of recommendations about Clark Construction from TX DOT.
- Existing pot holes were assessed and repairs for them were included in the bid.

- The contractor will hang door hangers on each individual door to let the citizens know when their street is scheduled for maintenance.
- Streets with grass will get peeled back before chip seal is laid.
- DL Vest, and possibly San Antonio Street, have been scheduled for repairs from 9:00am – 2:00pm to not interfere with school traffic.
- Chip Seal materials used would cause no permanent damage to vehicles.
- The sidewalk on DL Vest will be 6' wide instead of 5'.
- Dry Hollow will receive maintenance from Chihuahua to the bridge.
- Project should be completed by Mid-October

MOTION: Councilman Schott made the motion to award the street contract to Clark Construction. Seconded by Councilman Cormier. Motion passed: 4-0.

C. Discussion and consider action on approving the lease purchase of two police vehicles.

Chief Ritchey briefed council on condition of two current police vehicles.

- Does not like fleet over 100,000 miles due to officer safety.
- Financing the lease/purchase of two (2) Chevrolet Tahoe's through Government Capital
- The council weighed options of a 3 year payment vs a 4 year payment and opted for the 3 year payment.

MOTION: Councilman Schott made the motion to approve a three year lease with Government Capital for two police cars. Seconded by Councilman Cormier. Motion passed: 4-0.

D. Discuss and consider action on approving the Wilson County Appraisal District 2016-2017 FY Budget.

Budget was presented by Jenny Coldwell from the Appraisal District.

MOTION: Councilman Schott made the motion to accept the Wilson County Appraisal District 2016-17 Budget. Seconded by Councilwoman Watson. Motion passed: 4-0.

E. Discuss and consider action regarding the La Vernia Municipal Development District Service Agreement.

City Administrator Griffin stated that LV MDD made the recommendation for approval of the service agreement and that it was for a one year period.

MOTION: Councilwoman Watson made the motion to approve the La Vernia MDD Service Agreement. Seconded by Councilman Doege. Motion passed: 4-0.

6. Discussion

A. Discuss possible amendments to Chapter 26 – Sign Ordinance.

Mayor Gregory briefed and looked for direction on electronic signs in the city since the city has received interest from businesses in the food and electrical industry for more electronic sign usage. New technology has proven to make electronic signs attractive and not obtrusive with abilities to adjust brightness. Council saw no objections and agreed to move forward to create updated wording of the sign ordinance in regards to

electronic signs involving multiple colors with restrictions on brightness and timing to better accommodate the moving trend of business advertising. No action was taken.

7. Capital Project Update

A. Water Meter replacement

- City Administrator Griffin stated 20 of the 50 water meters are left to be replaced.

B. Water Line Upgrade

- City Administrator Griffin stated the final tie in on San Antonio and 87 was currently being worked on.
- Fire Hydrant in front of DL Vest residence will be relocated across the street.
- Project is on schedule to be completed Mid-October.

C. Well # 7

- City Administrator Griffin stated Well #7 is still waiting on the casing and screen. FELPS has given another option of routing electricity which will not be as expensive.


D. Street Projects

- City Administrator Griffin briefed the status of each project. Stated that there are about 20 left to replace. Final tie in on San Antonio and 87 were currently being worked. Well #7 project is still waiting on the casing and screen. FLEPS has given another option of routing electricity which will not be as expensive.

8. Items Specific to Future Line Items on the Agenda

- Budget

9. Adjourn – Councilman Cormier made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Doege. The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 PM.



Robert Gregory, Mayor



ATTEST:



Brittani Porter, City Secretary