



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

September 8, 2016
6:30 PM

Minutes

- 1. Call to Order – Mayor Gregory called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.**
- 2. Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and Texas Pledge-** Invocation was given by Councilman Schott. All in attendance cited the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge.
- 3. Citizens to be Heard –** Kristin Oates came and spoke regarding the re-plat at 203 McCoy.
- 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 August 11, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting
 - B. Minutes from the August 25, 2016 Joint Budget Workshop
 - C. La Vernia Police Department – Reports, Traffic Violations & Arrests; and Number of Occurrences by Offense for the month of August 2016;
 - D. Check Register and financial report for the month of August 2016.

MOTION: Councilwoman Moczygemba made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilman Cormier. Motion passed 5-0.

5. Proclamation

- A. Present a proclamation for 33rd annual National Night Out on October 4, 2016.

Sgt. Donald Keil has taken over the planning phases of National Night Out. He has been meeting with Jason Scheel, La Vernia Fire Department, and getting things together. Chief Ritchey stated this year's goal is to get a trophy not a plaque. Mayor stated that a lot of participation is coming in, Westover does a big National Night Out and he enjoys taking time to go by to see these communities participate in this event. This is an important function that we all take part in. Mayor Gregory encourages all to get a neighborhood National Night Out program going as is done in the park.

6. Discussion/Action

- A. **Discuss and consider action to allow La Vernia Parks Foundation to install lighting around portions of the walking trail in the City Park.**

Mr. Kevin Stanush came and presented on behalf of the La Vernia Parks Foundation to ask City Council for the approval on the proposed plan he is presenting before the Parks Foundation got too far into the process. The Parks Foundation is proposing 12 LED light poles that have up to a decade or longer lifespan. Mr. Stanush stated the lights are a simple down light with little to break and the fixtures are sealed to alleviate bugs from getting in. The parks foundation would like to focus on two areas, the loop around the gazebo and the front area of the park closest to San Antonio Rd. Mr. Stanush advised he was optimistic and would like to get the project done

within a year but would depend on the contractor chosen. Sternburg is who the Parks Foundation is looking at to install.

Mayor Gregory indicated to Mr. Stanush that a few employees would be attending the Texas Municipal League Conference in Austin which is a huge trade show. We could pass the information around with your name if you would like to consider. Councilwoman Watson asked if the lights would be lit at all times and Mr. Stanush did not recommend it to be lit at all times but it would be up to the City. He would like to see 5 or 10 lights on one segment so when the photo cell goes out and it's easier to fix. Councilwoman asked he has received feedback for the lights. Mr. Stanush has heard lighting the park for years. Less and less hours in the day and when the time changes and its dark, citizens are unable to walk so The Parks Foundation would like to fix the problem so they are not walking in the dark.

MOTION: Councilman Schott made the motion to approve letting the Parks Foundation move forward, seconded by Councilman Doege. Motion passes 4-1. Councilman Cormier was against.

7. Public Hearing

A. Public hearing regarding re-plat at 317 N. Seguin

Mayor Gregory advised in the Local Government Code a re-plat is a Planning & Zoning issue and would be a P & Z action not a Council action.

B. Public hearing regarding re-plat at 203 McCoy.

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C. Public hearing regarding the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Budget.

Opened public hearing 6:47 PM, public hearing was closed at 6:48 PM. No comments.

D. Public hearing regarding the 2016 Property Tax Rate.

Opened public hearing at 6:48 PM, public hearing was closed at 6:49 PM. No comments.

8. Ordinances

A. Discuss and consider approval of an ordinance adopting the 2016 – 2017 Fiscal Year Budget.

MOTION: Councilwoman Moczygamba made a motion to accept an ordinance adopting the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Budget, seconded by Councilman Cormier. Motion passed 5-0 with a Roll Call Vote.

	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
Mayor Robert Gregory			
Councilman Eloi Cormier	X		
Councilman Mark Doege	X		

Councilwoman Jennifer Moczygemba	X		
Councilman Harold Schott	X		
Councilwoman Rhonda Watson	X		

B. Discuss and consider approval of an ordinance adopting the 2016 O & M Tax Rate.

MOTION: Councilman Schott made the motion to approve an ordinance adopting the 2016 O & M Tax Rate, seconded by Councilman Cormier. Motion passes 5-0 with a Roll Call Vote.

	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
Mayor Robert Gregory			
Councilman Eloi Cormier	X		
Councilman Mark Doege	X		
Councilwoman Jennifer Moczygemba	X		
Councilman Harold Schott	X		
Councilwoman Rhonda Watson	X		

C. Discuss and consider approval of an ordinance adopting the 2016 I & S (Debt Service) Tax Rate.

MOTION: Councilwoman Moczygemba makes a motion to approve an ordinance adopting the 2016 I & S (Debt Service) Tax Rate, seconded by Councilman Cormier. Motion passes: 5-0 with a Roll Call Vote.

	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
Mayor Robert Gregory			
Councilman Eloi Cormier	X		
Councilman Mark Doege	X		
Councilwoman Jennifer Moczygemba	X		
Councilman Harold Schott	X		
Councilwoman Rhonda Watson	X		

9. Executive Session

A. Pursuant to Local Government Code §551.074 of the Open Meeting Act. Tex. Gov't Code, council will meet in closed session to deliberate annual job performance of the City Administrator.

City Council went into Executive Session at 6:51 PM

- B. Pursuant to Local Government Code §551.074 of the Open Meeting Act. Tex. Gov't Code, council will meet in closed session to deliberate annual job performance of the Police Chief.**

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- C. Reconvene into Regular Session and take action/or give direction, if necessary on items discussed in Executive Session.**

Approve items 9. A & 9. B as discussed in session. Meeting reconvened in regular session at 7:40 PM.

Mayor Gregory stated that both employees are highly respected by Council. Both Yvonne and Bruce work very well together.

- Bruce at length, is such a proponent to having tools for your officers and that is extremely important. You are the advocate for our officers.
 - Yvonne, you have morphed into this position very well and I appreciate it.
- Mayor stated he will meet individually with each one of them at a later time..

10. Discussion Only

A. Water Line

- Pressed the button to get some stuff done, such as density test.
- Substantial completion date is 09/20/16, looking to ask CEC for an additional 9 days due to rain delay. If it's not completed in time, there is a \$500 fine per day
- Going to a 3rd party for density testing which was started on phase II.

B. Street Maintenance

- Cleaning up right now, forms are up for the sidewalks and certain areas have been poured. M&S will be out here next week to start working on pot holes and chip and seal.

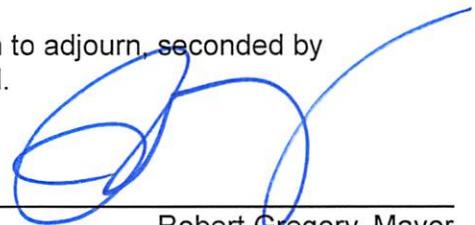
C. Water Well

- Moisture is still in the area, they needed bull rock to help with the drainage.
- Drillers moved out due to mechanical problems and will return next week.
- Pipe layers are ready to go, but because some areas are sand it is too much moisture in the ground. It will only take a week to lay the pipe.
- May be enough money to look at purchasing a new tower, no guarantees.

11. Items Specific to Future Line Items on the Agenda

- Discussion on Capital Improvement projects
- Christmas Tree Lighting

12. Adjourn – Councilwoman Moczygemba made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Cormier. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM.



Robert Gregory, Mayor

ATTEST:



Brittani Porter, City Secretary

