

The La Vernia City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on December 11, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Hall, La Vernia, and Texas.

**Item No. 1. Call to Order** Mayor for the Day Johanna Young opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were Marie Gerlich, Harold Schott, Eloi Cormier and Jennifer Moczygemba. Mayor Robert Gregory and Mayor Pro Tem for the Day Laila Saadi were also present. Staff members present were City Secretary-Treasurer Angela Cantu, City Administrator Yvonne Griffin, and Police Chief Bruce Ritchey.

**Item No. 2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation** The Invocation was given by Mayor Pro Tem for the Day Laila Saadi. The Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge were recited.

**Item No. 3. Citizens to be heard** The following citizens came to address the City Council:

- 1) Phil Weynand – came to discuss water utility services;
- 2) Kip Workman – came to discuss another issue, instead, he thanked the City Council for putting together the Mayor for the Day program and congratulated the Mayor for the Day and Mayor Pro Tem for the Day.

**Item No. 4. Consent Agenda** The consent agenda was presented. Councilwoman Moczygemba made a motion to approve the consent agenda and Councilman Schott seconded. **Motion carried 4 – 0.**

Mayor Gregory took over the meeting at this point.

**Item No. 5.A. Presentation** Mayor Gregory presented the Mayor for the Day Certificate to Johanna Young and asked her to read her winning essay. Mayor Gregory presented the Mayor Pro Tem for the Day Certificate to Laila Saadi and asked her to read her winning essay.

Mayor Gregory skipped to Item No. 7.B. Discussion/Action

**Item No. 7.B. Discussion/Action** Mayor Gregory stated that he had spoken with Mark Doege and would like to recommend the Council appoint him to the vacant Council seat. Councilman Schott made a motion to approve appointing Mark Doege to fill the vacant Council seat and Councilwoman Gerlich seconded. **Motion carried 4 – 0.**

Mayor Gregory swore in Mark Doege as a La Vernia City Councilman. Councilman Doege took his seat on the dais.

**Item No. 6.A. Ordinances** City Administrator Griffin explained that this is the same software that was approved last month and this is just the budget amendment to pay for it. Councilwoman Moczygemba made a motion to approve and Councilman Cormier seconded. **Motion carried 5 – 0.**

**Item No. 7.A. Discussion/Action** Mayor Gregory explained that he told council he would come back with a price on the SCADA system when he had it. Councilman Schott made a motion to approve the proposal by Hierholzer Engineering, Inc for \$74,908.00 for the SCADA system. Councilwoman Gerlich seconded. **Motion carried 5 – 0.**

**Item No. 7.C. Discussion/Action** Mayor Gregory explained that as of January 1, 2015 Judge Richard Jackson will become the new Wilson County Judge. He has submitted a letter of resignation as the City of La Vernia's Municipal Court Judge as of December 31, 2014. Councilman Cormier made a motion to approve accepting Judge Jackson's letter of resignation and Councilwoman Moczygemba seconded. **Motion carried 5 – 0.**

**Item No. 7.D. Discussion/Action** Mayor Gregory explained that we need to fill the vacancy left by Municipal Court Judge Jackson. He explained that Associate Municipal Court Judge Jim Burdette has expressed interest. Also, City Prosecutor Stephen Barrera has also showed interest. Mayor Gregory suggested to appoint Stephen Barrera as the Municipal Court Judge. Councilman Schott made a motion to approve appointing Stephen Barrera as the City of La Vernia's Municipal Court Judge and Councilwoman Moczygemba seconded. Councilwoman Moczygemba asked who we would use as a Prosecutor if we appoint Mr. Barrera as the Judge. Mayor Gregory stated that we could use City Attorney Jameene Banks who is also a prosecutor for Stockdale and Cibolo. **Motion carried 5 – 0.**

**Item No. 7.E. Discussion/Action** Mayor Gregory stated that this is simply on the agenda so anyone could make any comments about the site visit that they would like at a regular meeting. All of the Councilmembers agreed that they were impressed with the two locations we visited.

**Item No. 7.F. Discussion/Action** Mayor Gregory explained that he would like to make some changes to the fireworks ordinance regarding a location for public displays. He stated that while our current ordinance does not allow for fireworks it does allow for public displays. The ordinance does not define where the public displays can take place. He would like to know if Council would like to make amendments to define a location for public displays. Council asked to see language regarding the location for public firework displays.

**Item No. 7G. Discussion/Action** Mayor Gregory stated that this issue came up several months ago and we were waiting to see how the City of Austin's ordinance was coming together. Councilwoman Moczygemba stated that she is concerned about our brick and mortar businesses. Mayor Gregory explained that a mobile business does not pay sales tax to the City that they are conducting business in like our brick and mortar businesses do. Brick and mortar businesses also pay property tax. Mayor Gregory asked for a motion to pursue an ordinance regarding mobile boutiques. No motion was made.

**Item No. 8. Items Specific to Future Line Items on the Agenda**

**Item No. 9. Adjourn** With no further business Councilman Cormier made a motion to adjourn and Councilwoman Gerlich seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

  
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Robert Gregory, Mayor

  
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Angela Cantu, City Secretary

