

The La Vernia City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on January 8, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Hall, La Vernia, and Texas.

**Item No. 1. Call to Order** Mayor Robert Gregory called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were Marie Gerlich, Harold Schott, Eloi Cormier, Jennifer Moczygemba, and Mark Doege. Staff members present were Code Enforcement Officer Bobby Caldwell, 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 Councilwoman Gerlich. The Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge were recited.

**Item No. 3. Citizens to be heard** There were no citizens to be heard.

**Item No. 4. Consent Agenda** The consent agenda was presented. Councilwoman Moczygemba made a motion to approve the consent agenda and Councilman Cormier seconded. **Motion carried 5 – 0.**

**Item No. 5.A. Ordinances** Mayor Gregory asked City Administrator Griffin to explain ORDINANCE NO. 010815-01 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LA VERNIA, TEXAS DESIGNATING THE LA VERNIA NEWS AS THE CITY'S OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER. City Administrator Griffin explained that this is a formality that needs to be done every year to make it official. Councilman Cormier made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 010815-01 and Councilman Cormier seconded. **Motion carried 5 – 0.**

**Item No. 7.B. Ordinance** Mayor Gregory asked Chief Ritchey ORDINANCE NO. 010815-02 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LA VERNIA, TEXAS, ENTITLED "EMERGENCY SERVICES" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LA VERNIA TO ESTABLISH POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND REGULATIONS AS THEY RELATE TO ALARMS; PROVIDING A PENALTY IN AN AMOUNT OF NOT MORE THAN \$500 FOR VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION HEREOF; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND MAKING OTHER PROVISIONS AND FINDINGS RELATED THERETO. Chief Ritchey explained that there were 169 calls in the last year and this number was up from the previous year. Councilman Schott made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 010815-02 and Councilman Cormier seconded. Councilman Schott asked how many of the 169 calls were repeat offenders? Chief Ritchey stated that 20 of the calls were from false alarms. Councilwoman Gerlich asked how many businesses have alarms and Chief Ritchey stated that he was not sure but the store report would have all of that information. Councilwoman Moczygemba asked how we can inform the public of the permits and City Administrator Griffin stated that we can put a note on the water bills, post it on the City's website, and use social media (Twitter and Facebook). Councilman Doege asked how many of last year's calls were false alarms on residence and Chief Ritchey stated he was not sure. City Administrator Griffin stated that there would not be fees assessed if the weather sets off the alarm. Councilwoman Moczygemba stated that we are not asking for a fee for the permit just if calls are made so the permit is basically to get contact information in case of an emergency. Chief Ritchey stated that is correct and that he would prefer to make a personal contact first and start a case number.

Councilwoman Gerlich stated that she would like to have more information before making any decisions. Councilman Doege asked how the police department is contacted about an alarm and Chief Ritchey stated that the Wilson County Sheriff's Office calls them. No action was taken on this item at this time.

**Item No. 6.A. Resolution** Mayor Gregory asked City Administrator Griffin to explain RESOLUTION NO. R010815-01 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LA VERNIA, TEXAS PROVIDING FOR A UPDATED INVESTMENT POLICY; REPLACING RESOLUTION NO: 022207-B DATED FEBRUARY 22, 2007. City Administrator Griffin explained that this is something that needs to be done every year. Councilman Schott made a motion to approve Resolution No. R010815-01 and Councilwoman Gerlich seconded. **Motion carried 5 – 0.**

**Item No. 7.A. Discussion/Action** Mayor Gregory stated that the electricity should be completed next week at that time to start running the tests. The line to the Fischer's property will be completed by next week as well. The well will not go on-line until the SCADA system is in place. There will be a big ribbon cutting ceremony when we put the well in use. Councilwoman Moczygemba asked if we have a good generator in place and Mayor Gregory stated that this is an investment that we need to make. Councilman Schott asked what the status is on the Callaway property. Mayor Gregory stated that we would get to that in the future line items portion of this meeting.

**Item No. 7.B. Discussion/Action** Mayor Gregory explained that this is the time of year to re-appoint Planning & Zoning Commission members. The members that are up for re-appointment are Gordon Bake, Martin Poore, and Marlin Tanneberger all of whom are interested in staying on. Councilwoman Moczygemba made a motion to reappoint P&Z Commissioners Bake, Poore, and Tanneberger and Councilman Cormier seconded. **Motion carried 5 – 0.**

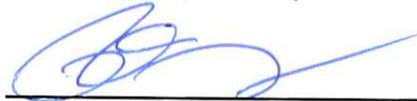
**Item No. 7.C. Discussion/Action** Code Enforcement Officer Caldwell explained that he looked into the new regulations to become a licensed sanitarian, food inspector, and a Bachelor of Science degree in the culinary arts is required. This will come up on a future agenda.

**Item No. 7.D. Discussion/Action** City Administrator Griffin stated that this is something that should be done on a regular basis and we need to update our contract. Councilwoman Gerlich made a motion to issue requests for proposals for the City depository and Councilman Cormier seconded. **Motion carried 5 – 0.**

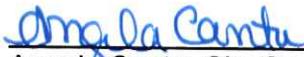
**Item No. 8. Items Specific to Future Line Items on the Agenda** The following items will appear on future line items:

- 1) Mayor Gregory – Wells Ranch water rights meeting with Canyon Regional Water Authority. The Callaway property will be considered.
- 2) Mayor Gregory – There will be a joint workshop with the Council and Planning & Zoning Commission on January 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm.
- 3) The personnel policy will be on the February agenda.
- 4) The food service inspector will be on the February agenda.
- 5) We will call the May Election at the February meeting.

**Item No. 9. Adjourn** With no further business Councilman Doege made a motion to adjourn and Councilwoman Moczygemba seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.



Robert Gregory, Mayor



Angela Cantu, City Secretary

