

The La Vernia City Council held a Special City Council Meeting on December 17, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, La Vernia, Texas.

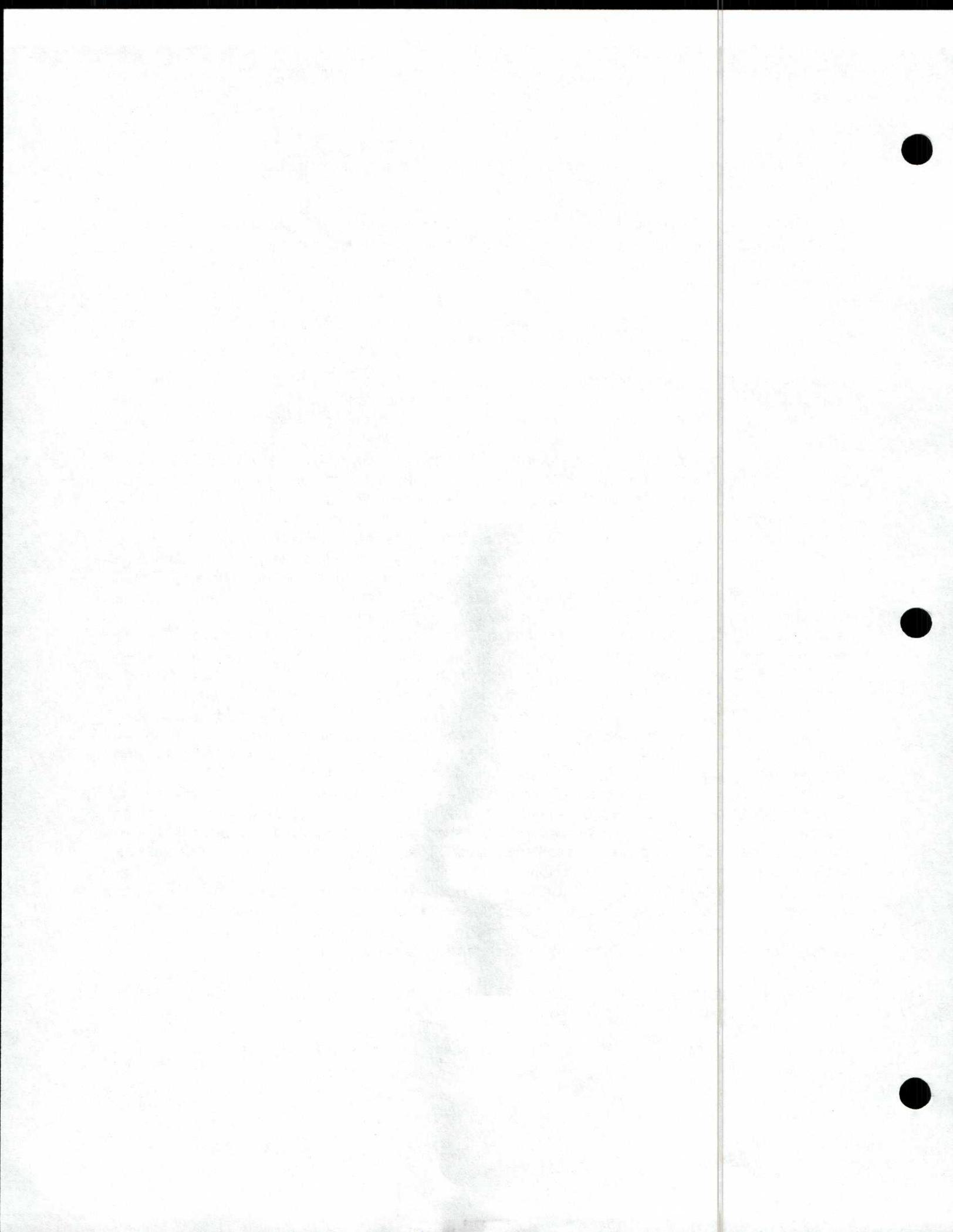
Item No. 1. Call to Order Mayor Robert Gregory called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were Randy Leonard, Bobby Richter, Eloi Cormier and John Richter. Staff member present were City Secretary-Treasurer Angela Cantu, and Public Works Director Jason Mills.

Item No. 2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and an invocation was given by Mayor Gregory.

Item No. 3.A. Discussion/Action Mayor Gregory explained the need to upgrade the La Vernia Crossing lift station. He stated that originally he was going to ask the Municipal Development District for a no interest loan to the City to cover the cost of this upgrade. However, now he does not feel this would be a good idea. He has also looked into the possibility of using the sewer impact fees to cover this cost however the fees we collect would not be suitable to fund this project. City Attorney Charlie Zech has been informed that we will need to work out an equitable agreement to have anyone who ties into the line in a future development will pay their "fair" share. We are in a bit of a time crunch right now as the development is currently underway. Councilman Cormier asked if the scenario with HEB would work here where HEB built the lift station then gave it to the City. Mayor Gregory stated it would not that the original lift station is enough to support the proposed development however an upgrade needs to happen in order to handle future developments. Councilman Leonard asked how many potential businesses can we expect to get reimbursed from. Mayor Gregory explained that at this point it is just speculation. He also stated that we do not want to miss out on an opportunity to save money by just paying for the upgrade right now and getting reimbursed. Councilman Leonard asked if our ordinance requires that heat strips be installed to help protect the infrastructure from the elements and Public Works Director Mills stated it does not. Mayor Gregory stated that needs to be changed and he expects Public Works Director Mills to work on getting the verbiage in a future agenda to make sure developers build to our specifications. Councilman B. Richter asked why the developers of this site did not do that, and Mayor Gregory stated that this project goes back two years. Councilman B. Richter asked if this was approved two years ago and Mayor Gregory stated that it is his understanding that it was. Councilman B. Richter suggested that the money should come out of the City's savings account. Mayor Gregory stated that is what he is suggesting. Councilman Leonard asked if we could use the impact fees we have collected and City Secretary Cantu stated that the sewer impact fees were not collected for this project and in order to change the projects then a new study would have to be conducted. Councilman Leonard stated that since we have the money to cover the cost of the upgrade in the Water/Sewer checking account, he would like to make a motion to pay Leonard Contracting to upgrade the La Vernia Crossing lift station out of that account and Councilman B. Richter seconded. **Motion carried 4 – 0.**

Item No. 4. Items Specific to Future Line Items on the Agenda An ordinance on this issue will need to appear on the next Regular City Council Meeting.

Item No. 5. Adjourn With no further business Councilman Cormier made a motion to adjourn and Councilman J. Richter seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.



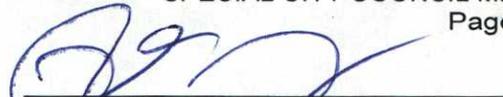
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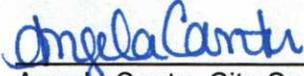
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