

The La Vernia City Council held a Zoning Board of Adjustments Meeting on January 10, 2013 at 6:15 p.m. at the City Hall, La Vernia, Texas.

**Item No. 1. Call to Order** Mayor Robert Gregory called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m. Council members present were D. Bradford Beck, Randy Leonard, Bobby Richter, Eloi Cormier, and John Richter. Police Chief Bruce Ritchey, Code Enforcement Officer/Special Project Coordinator Janet Thelen, Public Works Director Jason Mills and City Secretary-Treasurer Angela Cantu were also present.

**Item No. 2.A. – E.** Mayor Gregory explained that Mr. Joel Katz is requesting a variance from Ordinance No. 051012-03, Article IV, Section 38, 402, to permit the use of parking spaces that do not meet the length requirements of 20'. He stated that the Mr. Katz would like to shorten the length of the parking spaces to 18'. Mayor Gregory asked with the 4 door trucks will 18' be enough space for 2 drive lanes. Jason Feuge, Project Manager with MDM Architects and the representative for Mr. Katz regarding this variance request, stated that yes there will be 25'. Code Enforcement Officer Thelen stated that she has done some research regarding the length of parking spaces in other cities and it is about a 50/50 split between 18' and 20'.

**Item No. 3.** Councilman Leonard stated from what he has seen 9' x 18' is the standard. He feels that by granting the second variance for the exact same issue is setting a precedent and believes that we should look into adjusting the ordinance. Councilman Beck stated that so we do not stop progress we should grant the variance then review the ordinance to make any necessary adjustments. Councilman Leonard made a motion to approve the variance request from Mr. Joel Katz to change the size of the parking spaces at the La Vernia Crossing site from 20' to 18' and Councilman Cormier seconded. **Motion carried 5 – 0.**

**Item No. 4 Adjournment** Councilman B. Richter made a motion to adjourn and Councilman Beck seconded. With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

  
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Robert Gregory, Mayor

  
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Angela Cantu, City Secretary



