

The La Vernia City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on March 14, 2013 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 6:40 p.m. Council members present were Marie Gerlich, Randy Leonard, Eloi Cormier and John Richter. Staff member present were City Secretary-Treasurer Angela Cantu, Code Enforcement Officer/Special Projects Coordinator Janet Thelen, Public Works Director Jason Mills, and Police Chief Bruce Ritchey.

Item No. 2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mayor Gregory called for a moment of silence in honor of the passing of Councilman Bobby Richter. Pastor Bob Palin gave the invocation.

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

Item No. 4.A. – C. Consent Agenda Councilman Leonard made a motion to approve the consent agenda and Councilwoman Gerlich seconded. **Motion carried 4 – 0.**

Item No. 5.A. Resolution Mayor Gregory explained RESOLUTION NO. R041113-01 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LA VERNIA, TEXAS TO CONTRIBUTE MATCHING FUNDS TO THE FLORESVILLE ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER SYSTEM FOR THE 2013 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM. City Secretary Cantu outlined the amount of the donation as well as who the Council has granted the funds to in the past. Mayor Gregory stated that he would like to donate to the Challenger Division of the Little League. Councilwoman Gerlich stated that she has served as the liaison for the Council with the Little League she understand the financial requirements of the equipment needed for the Challenger Division. Councilman Cormier made a motion to approve Resolution No. R041113-01 granting the funds to the Challenger Division of the La Vernia Little League. Councilman Richter seconded. **Motion carried 4 – 0.**

Item No. 5.B. Resolution Mayor Gregory explained RESOLUTION NO. R041113-02 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LA VERNIA, TEXAS APPOINTING TO CANYON REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY ONE MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR A TWO YEAR TERM OF OFFICE. Mayor Gregory volunteered to fill the position. Councilman Cormier made a motion to approve Resolution No. R041113-02 and Councilman Richter seconded. **Motion carried 4 – 0.**

Item No. 5.C. Resolution Mayor Gregory explained RESOLUTION NO. R041113-03 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LA VERNIA, TEXAS APPOINTING TO CANYON REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY ONE MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF MANAGERS FOR A ONE YEAR TERM OF OFFICE. Mayor Gregory stated that he would like to have Public Works Director Mills fill this position. He stated that he understood that the previous Public Works Director Fryer was supposed to fill this position however he never made the meetings. Councilman Richter made a motion to approve Resolution No. R041113-03 and Councilman Cormier seconded. **Motion carried 4 – 0.**

Item No. 6.A. Discussion/Action Mayor Gregory stated that there would be no action taken on this item at this time. He explained that a request for bids needs to be published in the newspaper for a week before a firm can be selected.

Item No. 6.B. Discussion/Action Mayor Gregory explained that Southwest Engineers has completed approximately 95% of the design and bid packets. Mayor Gregory stated that we should be expecting the final bid documents within the next week and may need to have a Special City Council meeting to approve them. Code Enforcement Officer Thelen stated that she spoke with the EPA today and was given a name from the Texas Water Development Board who will need to be on site during the drilling of the well projects. Mayor Gregory stated he would inform the Council if a Special meeting would be required.

Item No. 6.C. Discussion/Action Mayor Gregory suggested going into executive session to discuss creating a base salary for a position with a combination water and wastewater license in the Public Works Department. Councilman Leonard made a motion to enter into executive session and Councilman Gerlich seconded.

Council entered into executive session at 6:59 p.m. and returned at 7:23 p.m.

Councilman Leonard made a motion to create a new salaried non-exempt position for the Public Works Department with a combination water/wastewater license and Councilman Cormier seconded. **Motion carried 4 – 0.**

Item No. 7.A. Staff/Council Updates Police Chief Ritchey stated that the Officers are using Cop Sync. He also stated that the Department is investigating some copper thefts that were recovered from a traffic accident this past Sunday. Chief Ritchey stated that there is going to be a drug disposal on Saturday, April 27, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in front of the 400 Building of the La Vernia High School. Shattered Dreams will also take place this week starting at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 17th and will conclude at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 18th.

Item No. 7.B. Staff/Council Updates Public Works Director Mills thanked Mayor Gregory for his help with the valve replacement.

Item No. 7.C. Staff/Council Updates Code Enforcement Officer Thelen stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission is close to finalizing the changes to the zoning requirements and should have them ready for Council by the next regular meeting. She also reminded the Council about the Town Hall Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the La Vernia Primary School.

Item No. 7.D. Staff/Council Updates City Secretary Cantu stated the dates for the upcoming May election early voting schedule.

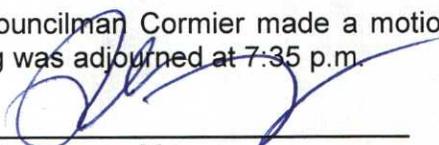
Item No. 8. Items Specific to Future Line Items on the Agenda Mayor Gregory stated that there may be a Special Meeting to approve the bid documents.

Item No. 10. Adjourn With no further business Councilman Cormier made a motion to adjourn and Councilman Leonard seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



Angela Cantu, City Secretary-Treasurer





Robert Gregory, Mayor