

The La Vernia City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on October 10, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, La Vernia, Texas.

Item No. 1. Call to Order Mayor Pro Tem Randy Leonard called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were Marie Gerlich, Randy Leonard, Eloi Cormier, and Jennifer Moczygamba. Staff member present were City Secretary-Treasurer Angela Cantu, Public Works Director Jason Mills, and Police Sargent Danny Pitts.

Item No. 2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Councilman Leonard gave the invocation.

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

Item No. 4.A. – H. Consent Agenda Councilman Cormier made a few clerical corrections to the September 26th Special City Council Meeting minutes and Councilwoman Moczygamba also made a correction to September 26th Special City Council Meeting minutes. Councilman Cormier made a motion to approve the consent agenda as amended and Councilwoman Gerlich seconded. **Motion carried 4 – 0.**

Item No. 5.A. Presentation Mr. Omar Garcia, South Texas Energy & Economics Roundtable (STEER), gave a presentation regarding providing industry information to elected officials. He stated that using the word moratorium gives a negative connotation and suggests that it be called a permitting process. Councilwoman Moczygamba stated that she is not against drilling in the City, she would just like to "get our ducks in a row" before allowing it to take place. Mr. Garcia stated that so much of the drilling is out of the city limits or in the ETJ.

Item No. 6.A. Discussion/Action Councilman Leonard informed the Council that mobilization on the well projects should start taking place next week, October 14th. Councilman Cormier asked if they were allowed to go and watch the process. Councilman Leonard stated that yes any of the Councilmembers can go to the site to watch the process but also reminded them that if they see anything that may concern them to contact the Mayor and he will take handle it.

Item No. 6.B. Discussion/Action Councilman Leonard stated that the FELPS Advisory Trustee on the Board of Trustees, Marlin Tannenberger, has reached his term limit therefore the Council needs to appoint a new trustee. Councilwoman Gerlich asked where the service line is as to which portion of the City is covered by FELPS and which portion is covered by GVEC. The line is down around 775 and DL Vest to San Antonio Street and across Hwy 87. Councilwoman Moczygamba stated that we just need to find someone that is a FELPS customer that lives in the city limits. City Secretary Cantu stated that this item is just to get the Council thinking about a replacement and the item will be back on next month's agenda.

Item No. 7.A. Staff/Council Updates Sargent Pitts stated that the turn out for National Night Out was very good and everyone seemed to have an enjoyable time. He also stated that there have been three felony arrests and a steady stream of calls and citations throughout the month. Councilman Cormier asked for a status on warrants and Sargent Pitts stated the day officers will continue to knock on doors during down time and due to Officer Gershon's efforts we have had a few come in and pay.

Item No. 7.B. Staff/Council Updates Public Works Director Mills stated that they have been very busy. There was a sewer leak on Boeck and with that they found that the sewer lines are not on the right side for the customers on Dr. Martin. He stated that the lines for the Dr. Martin customers go through their neighbors' yards to Boeck. A motor at Woodcreek burned out and it will be replaced along with wires. Finally, the new lawn mower came in and they were able to mow the park in six hours.

Item No. 7.C. Staff/Council Updates City Secretary Cantu reviewed the list of upcoming dates.

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

- 1) Councilman Leonard stated that he would look into the feather flags regarding the sign ordinance.
- 2) A workshop regarding oil and gas exploration in the city limits.
- 3) A joint workshop with the P & Z to finalize the zoning ordinance changes.
- 4) The job descriptions that were discussed at the September 26th Special City Council meeting.

Item No. 9. Adjourn With no further business Councilman Cormier made a motion to adjourn and Councilwoman Gerlich seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:2 p.m.

Randy Leonard, Mayor Pro-Tem

Angela Cantu
Angela Cantu, City Secretary-Treasurer

