



**City of La Vernia**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
City Council Chambers of La Vernia City Hall  
102 E. Chihuahua Street, La Vernia, Texas 78121

January 12, 2017  
6:30 PM

**Minutes**

**1. Call to Order** – Mayor Gregory called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and a quorum was declared.

**2. Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and Texas Pledge** – Invocation was given by Mayor Robert Gregory. All in attendance cited the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge.

**3. Citizens to be Heard** – There were no citizens to be heard.

**4. Consent Agenda**

*(All consent agenda items are considered routine by City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember requests an item be removed and considered separately.)*

- A. Minutes from the December 8, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting
- B. La Vernia Police Department – Reports, Traffic Violations & Arrests; and Number of Occurrences by Offense for the month of December 2016;
- C. Check Register and financial report for the month of December 2016
- D. City of La Vernia Investment Policy

**MOTION:** Councilman Cormier made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Councilman Schott. Motion passes 5-0.

**5. Proclamation**

**A. Present a proclamation for School Choice Week from January 22-28, 2017.**

Mayor Gregory stated that given the fact that education is the back bone that supports success for our children to move forward in their life, this proclamation we purpose shows that we support that and education is important today.

**6. Presentation**

**A. Presentation of Donation to the Wilson County Library.**

City of La Vernia has a library now in La Vernia, and we budgeted in this fiscal year for \$1,000.00, the City of La Vernia and Council presented the check. Nikki Stohr accepted the check on behalf of the Library in La Vernia. The grand opening will be held on January 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM.

**B. Presentation of Public Safety Award for National Night Out**

Chief Ritchey stated we have been working with National Night Out for many years but it wasn't until 2014 the City got serious. It started at the Fire Department and as we grew it moved to the City Park.

Chief stated there are 6 categories in population, the City is number 6 which is for a population of 5,000 and below. He stated in the category they only recognize the top 10, with one other

City in the state being recognized. Castle Hills ranked number 10, as we ranked number 9 in the Nation & number 1 in the state.

Mayor Gregory stated they did an outstanding job in the efforts.

Chief Ritchey presented the award to the Council to go along with the other 3 plaques received throughout the years.

## **7. Discussion/Action**

### **A. Discuss and consider approval on proposal of IT services for City Hall & Police Dept.**

Officer Iapichino spoke on behalf of the IT proposals. He stated the cities software and hardware needs have outgrown what we currently have. We need a company that can help keep these items at the top level to include but not limited to back-ups, any support and to upgrade any equipment as needed.

Mayor Gregory stated that Officer Pitts did approximately 80% of the IT while he was employed with us, when he ran into issues that were beyond his capability he would contact La Vernia ISD IT to seek assistance. We have since found, just like any other organization, there are exposures that could be detrimental and is a situation that as technology changes we need someone who can be on top of that. We are on that threshold where we need to seek further assistance.

Two companies responded with quotes. Officer Iapichino recommended BarCom. He stated they have two hour remote and pay as you go on site necessity. Once they get us on board they will sit down with each employee individually to assist with their needs and fix them as best as possible. They will add new equipment assist with Wi-Fi etc. He stated he will assist with the Level One needs, email, passwords etc. possibly Level Two or Three if he has the time and if not he will send a ticket into BarCom to assist with the needs outside of his scope.

Chief Ritchey personally thanked Chris because he takes it upon himself, without overtime, to assist staff with any IT problems.

**MOTION:** Councilman Schott makes a motion to accept BarCom to provide IT Services, seconded by Councilman Cormier. Motion passes 5-0.

### **B. Discuss and consider approval on appointing an associate judge.**

Mayor Gregory spoke with Trent Howell and although this is his first shot at being a judge, he assured us that he has handled quite a bit throughout his career and was the City of Stockdale's attorney at one point in time. Mayor Gregory stated this recommendation came in highly recommended from the current Judge, Stephen Barrera.

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Moczygemba makes a motion to accept Trent Howell as our associate judge, seconded by Councilman Cormier. Motion passes: 5-0

**C. Discuss and consider approval on reappointing Planning & Zoning Commissioners**  
Dianell Recker and Viola Robles were the two existing members whom have expressed their request to remain on the Planning & Zoning Commission.

**MOTION:** Councilman Schott makes a motion on reappointing Dianell Recker & Viola Robles to the Planning & Zoning Commission, seconded by Councilwoman Watson. Motion passes: 5-0

### **D. Discuss and consider approval on Interlocal Agreement with La Vernia ISD for Elections**

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Watson makes a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with La Vernia ISD for Election, seconded by Councilman Moczygemba. Motion passes: 5-0

## **8. Ordinances**

### **A. Discuss and consider approval on Ordinance No. 011217-01 for designating the City's official newspaper**

**MOTION:** Councilman Cormier makes a motion to approve Ordinance No. 011217-01 for designating the City's official newspaper, seconded by Councilwoman Watson. Motion passes: 5-0.

### **B. Discuss and consider approval on Ordinance No. 011217-02 for the creation of a Parks & Recreation Commission**

Councilwoman Moczygemba stated a few corrections that needed to be made and staff stated they would be corrected. She also stated that on D. 3 of the ordinance, do we want to allow them another meeting other than in the Council Chambers, it states no specification for a meeting place. Mayor Gregory stated he did not have heart burn because it is a public meeting and he also stated it could take place in the park. City Administrator advised that the City Attorney gave her a recommendation to format the ordinance just like Planning & Zoning Commission.

**MOTION:** Councilman Doege made a motion to approve the creation of a Parks and Recreation Commission, seconded by Councilwoman Moczygemba. Motion passes: 5-0

## **9. Resolutions**

### **A. Discuss and consider a resolution in support of La Vernia PD Body-Worn Camera Program.**

Mayor Gregory stated that the city led and were the first in the county when council approved funding for three (3) cameras. After that federal funding came in. Part of the wheel of the process to apply for the grant money since the cameras do wear out. Chief Ritchey stated they only have 3 for all seven officers. They have a 300 charge life span and we are well over 300, the new ones come with replaceable batteries. Charge for each individual camera, with an individual docking station for each officer to have.

Mayor Gregory stated from a management roll, the cop camera from the vehicle is useful tools but the body camera gives you the clearest perspective with the interaction with whomever they are working with.

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Moczygemba made a motion to approve the resolution in support of La Vernia PD Body-Worn Camera Program. Seconded by Councilman Schott. Motion passes: 5-0.

### **B. Discuss and consider a resolution in support of County Wide EMS.**

**MOTION:** Councilman Schott made the motion to accept the resolution in support of County Wide EMS, seconded by Councilman Cormier. Motion passes: 5-0

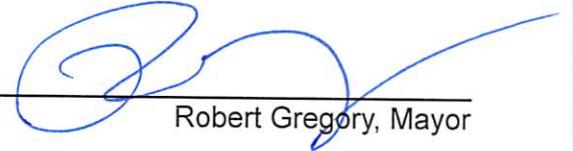
## **10. Project Update:**

- **Well # 7**
  - Need more base, which will need to be leveled, watered and compacted

- Chain link fence is completed on 3 sides
- Poles for electrical rack in place – no roof or panels set
- Perimeter fence needs work

**11. Items Specific to Future Line Items on the Agenda**

**12. Adjourn** – Councilman Cormier made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Watson. The meeting was adjourned at



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Robert Gregory, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Brittani Porter, City Secretary