



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

July 20, 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 Gregory, all in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the 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 June 8, 2017 Regular City Council Meeting
- B. La Vernia Police Department – Reports, Traffic Violations & Arrests; and Number of Occurrences by Offense for the month of June 2017;
- C. Check Register and financial report for the month of June 2017

Councilman Poore found a typo on the last page of the minutes.

**MOTION:** Councilman Hennette made a motion to approve the minutes with changes as requested, seconded by Councilman Poore. **Motion passes: 4-0**

**5. Discussion/Action**

- A. **Discuss and consider accepting resignation from Councilman Schott**

**MOTION:** Councilman Cormier made a motion to accept the resignation of Councilman Schott, seconded by Councilman Hennette. **Motion passes: 4-0**

- B. **Discuss and consider appointing Dianell Recker, to the La Vernia City Council**

Councilwoman Recker recited the Statement of Office and Oath of Office with Mayor Gregory.

**MOTION:** Councilman Poore made a motion to appoint Dianell Recker to the La Vernia City Council, seconded by Councilman Cormier. **Motion passes: 4-0.**

Councilwoman Recker recited the Statement of Office and Oath of Office with Mayor Gregory.

- C. **Discuss and consider appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem**

Mayor Gregory stated that Councilman Cormier has been on Council since his time of serving, he spoke with him in regards to this and stated he would be honored to take the position.

**MOTION:** Councilman Poore made a motion to appoint Councilman Cormier as Mayor Pro-Tem, seconded by Councilwoman Recker. **Motion passes: 5-0.**

**D. Discuss and consider action on awarding contract for Street Maintenance Project**

Mayor Gregory stated we had the bid opening at City Hall at 1:30. The Engineer on the project, M & S Engineering, took the bids back and was working on the evaluation. There were a total of four bidders whom all bided on the addendum with the scope and option that the city wanted to see. We provided a timeline due to our next meeting being on August 10<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION: No action.**

**E. Discuss and consider action on placement of Purple Heart signage**  
Mayor Gregory stated that they larger signs be placed on US Hwy 87 at the entrances to town. The sign that has reserved parking

**MOTION:** Councilman Poore made a motion on placement of sign, seconded by Councilman Hennette. **Motion passes: 5-0**

**F. Discuss and consider action appointing members to the La Vernia MDD**

Mayor Gregory spoke with Carolyn Walker in regards to an open position.

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Recker makes a motion to accept Carolyn Walker to the La Vernia MDD Board, seconded by Councilman Cormier. **Motion Passes: 5-0**

**6. Ordinances**

**A. Discuss and consider approving Ordinance 072017-01, Firework prohibition.**

Mayor Gregory stated nothing has really changed. The two things he stated he would like to see changed are limiting the display to the Park and added some additional language. He stated as long as they can meet all of the other provisions; he would like to restrict the display to the City Park.

An attachment from the state statute was provided to City Council and it was asked to include the language into the Ordinance.

Councilman Cormier asked if they had a cut off time and Mayor Gregory stated it would be 11:59 PM.

He stated the whole thought on this is there are different levels and quality of fireworks that are purchased on a stand verses what is produced commercially. He stated we are being proactive to prevent an accident. We want to put the fireworks in the hands of professional's verses an amateur like himself.

**MOTION:** Councilman Poore makes a motion to accept Ordinance 072017-01, Firework prohibition with the changes as discussed, seconded by Councilman Cormier. **Motion passes: 5-0**

**7. Resolutions**

**A. Discuss and consider approval of a resolution to appoint David Mahula to the Canyon Water Regional Water Authority Board of Managers to serve a one year term.**

Mayor Gregory stated that this is to replace the previous Public Works Director, Jason Mills.

**MOTION:** Councilman Poore made a motion to approve Resolution appointing David Mahula to the Board of Managers, seconded by Councilwoman Recker. **Motion passes: 5-0**

#### 8. Update on Current Projects

- A. Park Grant – Splash pad is complete, total spent was a \$127,000.00. Still need to include the Boy Scout hours and Public Works employees. There are some additional funds to be used which will be for the horse-shoe pit and possibly some handicap accessible swings.
- B. Well # 7 – VFD is still down and they had the Engineer and SCADA go out to take some photos. They reviewed specifications and it doesn't appear the phase protection was covered which was specified in the contract.
- C. Water Line Project- Certified letter was sent to Wauters Engineering, we will wait to see if a response is provided to us.

#### 9. Items Specific to Future Line Items on the Agenda

- Streets Project
- Noise Ordinance
- Budget Workshop – August 2, 2017

**10. Adjourn** – Councilwoman Recker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 PM, seconded by Councilman Cormier. **Motion passes: 5-0**

  
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Robert Gregory, Mayor  
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Brittani Porter, City Secretary