



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

October 12, 2017  
6:30 PM

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order** – Mayor Gregory called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and declared a quorum. All members were present of the City Council.

**2. Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and Texas Pledge** – Invocation was led by Councilman Doege, 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 September 14, 2017 Regular City Council Meeting
- B. La Vernia Police Department – Reports, Traffic Violations & Arrests; and Number of Occurrences by Offense for the month of September 2017;
- C. Check Register and financial report for the month of September 2017

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

**5. Public Hearing**

- A. **Public Hearing to receive public comments regarding the replat of 2543 FM 775, La Vernia Texas 78121.**

Jeanine Schoenert spoke on behalf of the replat. She stated Sal Urrabazo who currently owns the lot is a friend of hers. She stated Mr. Urrabazo has taken the one smaller house and renovated it. She stated she has always loved that older home and at this time is not certain what she is going to do with the home yet. It's the larger of the buildings on the lot.

Opened the public hearing at 6:32 PM and closed the public hearing at 6:35 PM.

**6. Discussion/Action**

- A. **Discuss and consider recommendation on the re-plat at 2543 FM 775 La Vernia, Texas 78121**

**MOTION:** Councilman Poore made the motion to accept the re-plat at 2543 FM 775 La Vernia, Texas 78121, seconded by Councilman Hennette. **Motion passes: 5-0.**

- B. **Discuss and consider action on appointing a representative for the Floresville Electric Light & Power System's Advisory Trustee on the Board of Trustees.**

Mayor Gregory stated that at this time Sharon Tanneberger is the current representative. He stated he spoke with her, whom is the eyes and ears on the board, does not have a

vote, and he stated he does not have a different recommendation other than Council unless the Council has a recommendation. Councilman Poore asked if she is willing to stay on and Mayor Gregory stated yes.

**MOTION:** Councilman Hennette made a motion to appoint Sharon Tanneberger as a representative for the Floresville Electric Light & Power System's Advisory on the Board of Trustees, seconded by Councilman Poore. **Motion passes: 5-0.**

**C. Discuss and consider appointing Mayor Gregory to the Wilson County Appraisal Board of Directors for the years 2018 & 2019.**

Mayor Gregory stated that this board is one that Harold Schott and Janet Thelen had asked him to jump on when he was on Planning and Zoning. He stated that the appraisal district has gone through several changes and challenges since the tornado a couple of years ago basically blowing the building down to rebuilding and moving the collections to the Wilson County Tax Collector. He stated it is one of the boards he does not mind serving on. Typically one year the City appoints someone and the school district represents the following year. He stated he has not heard from Dr. Jose Moreno and again does not mind serving on the board.

**MOTION:** Councilman Poore made a motion to appoint Mayor Gregory to the Wilson County Appraisal Board of Directors for the year of 2018 & 2019, seconded by Councilwoman Recker. **Motion passes: 5-0.**

**D. Discuss and consider approval of an Interlocal Agreement with La Vernia ISD for a School Resource Officer (SRO)**

Chief Ritchey stated that we have approved it in the budget and if it's approved tonight, he will hire another full time officer. He stated the SRO will be paid 100% by the La Vernia ISD for salary and benefits while utilizing one of the police vehicles. When the school is closed the SRO will work for the Police Department.

**MOTION:** Councilman Poore makes a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with La Vernia ISD for a School Resource Officer (SRO), seconded by Councilman Cormier. **Motion passes: 5-0.**

**E. Discuss and consider approval of Health Agreement with Wilson County.**

City Administrator stated this agreement is for nursing homes, daycares and foster homes. We currently do not have anyone doing this at this time and have written a letter to exempt those until we could get an agreement in place. The Health office in Floresville will perform the annual health inspections. Councilman Hennette asked what the fee is and City Administrator stat

**MOTION:** Councilman Hennette makes a motion to approve a Health Agreement with Wilson County, seconded by Councilman Poore. **Motion passes: 5-0.**

**F. Discuss and consider approving purchase of new tough books for police department.**

Chief Ritchey stated that he has two quotes from two different companies. He has gone to the La Vernia ISD IT Department to get some information and thoughts from them. Councilman Poore stated that RAMCO offers a turnkey deal with docking station and more. He stated the RAMCO looks to be proper and complete and the PCS Mobile quote looks to be lacking. Chief stated he was given that information by the IT at La Vernia ISD. City Administrator stated that there is a contingency fund that we can utilize

to fund the tough books. Councilman Poore asked the other members if there was heartburn on getting five. Councilman Hennette stated that he would prefer to do that in a configuration management aspect. Chief stated that it will last him roughly 7 years, after the 7 years you send the mother board back to the installer and they will update the system and send it back to us.

**MOTION:** Councilman Poore makes a motion to approve the purchase of new tough books for the police department not to exceed \$26,000 with RAMCO, seconded by Councilwoman Recker. **Motion passes: 5-0**

**G. Discuss and consider approving Southwest Engineers to advertise Request for Proposals (RFP) for new elevated water tank.**

Mayor Gregory stated he spoke with Clarence Littlefield in a meeting and what is required from TCEQ on our part based upon our current challenges with our water and he suggested a 500,000 gallon storage tank. He stated two different types of tanks were looked at, the multi leg stands or the concrete column. Mayor Gregory stated the concrete column is \$1.6 million. Due to the timeline and the projects being lengthy, 7-12 months from start to finish, to speed this up we can go out for quotes. Mayor Gregory stated that the Council goes into Executive Session about Real Property.

City Council went into Executive Session at 7:13 PM, under §551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property)

City Council reconvened into open session at 7:28 PM.

**H. Discuss and consider action on updating the exterior of City Hall.**

Councilman Hennette stated that he emailed some suggestions as well as brought paint chips with a color and trim that Mrs. Hennette (Jenny) picked out that looks similar to what we currently have on the exterior and a few other suggestions. Nicole Zimmerele stated her thought would be to blend in to the skyline with the blues so that the building has more of a substance and has its own stance and presence. She stated looking at multiple color combinations using something with contrast to give the few accents on the building a presence so that there is a contrast between the objects that come out such as the railing. Nicole stated earth tones and keeping it neutral would be her recommendation for paint colors. Mayor Gregory stated that a very fine ice blue which is not light not blue the middle of the road with an accent of a trim. If the council is not on the blue then go to an earth tone. He stated the goal is to spruce it up and not keep it as it is. Councilman Hennette stated that based on the last meeting it is setting the tone on where we want to take La Vernia in our appearance and professionalism and it's an important decision. Mayor Gregory stated that it is basically painting the exterior, updating the light fixtures and signage.

**MOTION:** Councilman Hennette makes a recommendation to use Silver Dollar as the exterior paint color of City Hall and Sublime for the trim, seconded by Councilwoman Recker. **Motion passes: 5-0.**

**MOTION:** Councilman Poore makes a motion to move forward with the modern lighting as presented in black and signage in black, seconded by Councilman Hennette. **Motion passes: 5-0**

**7. Resolutions**

**A. Discuss and consider approval of resolution in support of Rifle Resistant Body Armor Grant.**

**MOTION:** Councilman Poore makes a motion to approve a resolution in support of the Rifle Resistant Body Armor Grant, seconded by Councilman Cormier. **Motion passes: 5-0.**

**B. Discuss and consider approval of a resolution updating City Credit Card Policy.**

**MOTION:** Councilman Poore made a makes a motion to approve a resolution increasing the Accounts Payable credit card limit to \$25K, seconded by Councilwoman Recker. **Motion passes: 5-0.**

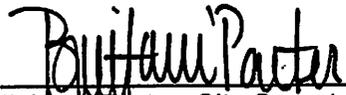
**C. Discuss and consider approval of a resolution recognizing November 6th-10th, 2017 as Municipal Court Week.**

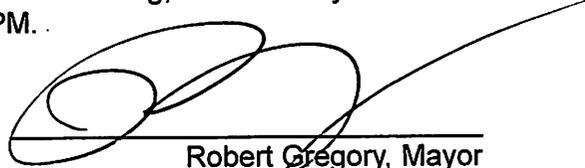
**MOTION:** Councilman Cormier made a motion to approve a resolution recognizing November 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 as Municipal Court Week. **Motion passes: 5-0.**

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

- Building Permits

**9. Adjourn –** Councilman Doege made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Cormier. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

  
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Brittani Porter, City Secretary

  
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Robert Gregory, Mayor

