



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

November 16, 2017
6:30 PM

Minutes

1. Call to Order – Mayor Gregory called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and declared a quorum. All members were present of the City Council.

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 October 12, 2017 Regular City Council Meeting
- B. Minutes from the October 26, 2017 Joint Workshop Meeting
- C. La Vernia Police Department – Reports, Traffic Violations & Arrests; and Number of Occurrences by Offense for the month of October 2017;
- D. Check Register and financial report for the month of October 2017

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

5. Presentation

A. Presentation given by Mayor Gregory to honor La Vernia Police Officers

Mayor Gregory stated that our officers were the first along with one of the Wilson County Sheriff's officers to a scene that everyone is trained for but no one expects to see. He stated our officers represented our agency with dignity. They are the epitome of our community. Mayor Gregory presented plaques to Officer Fahnert, Sgt. Keil and Chief Ritchey stating the efforts and training and professionalism is exactly why we are proud to have these individuals on staff. Mayor Gregory stated Chief Ritchey is the brick the rock and mortar that holds this department together and you do it with unbelievable class and dignity. He stated they are one of the best trained especially for being a small city.

6. Discussion/Action

A. Discuss and consider action on approving task order for 500,000 Gallon Elevated Water Storage Tank engineering services.

Mayor Gregory stated that this is just the paper work pushing this forward and has not spoken to any property owners at this time. There will be discussion in the upcoming days. The whole premise to this is we have two wells we can fill at night and expend during the day so were are not taxing the wells during the day. He stated instead of filling one hundred percent we only have to fill roughly fifty percent.

MOTION: Councilman Poore makes a motion to approve moving forward with the engineering services, seconded by Councilman Hennette. **Motion passes: 5-0.**

7. Ordinances

- A. DISCUSS AND APPROVE AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNIA, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF CITY OF LA VERNIA, TEXAS GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2017; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE AND INVESTMENT LETTER, AN ESCROW AGREEMENT, AND A PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING ALL OTHER INSTRUMENTS AND PROCEDURES RELATED THERETO, INCLUDING THE ENGAGEMENT OF RELATED PROFESSIONAL FIRMS; DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO CERTAIN CITY OFFICIALS TO SELECT OUTSTANDING BONDS TO BE REFUNDED AND APPROVE ALL FINAL TERMS OF THE BONDS; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Victor Quiroga, with Frost Bank, serves as the Financial Advisor for the City of La Vernia. He stated that they not only issue bonds and finance new projects but they also monitor existing debt. He stated that he has been in contact with the City Administrator in regards to an opportunity to refinance some certificate of obligations in locking in a lower the interest rate. He provided a small presentation to all councilmembers. He stated we are just switching a higher interest rate for a lower interest rate and the term is not changing it will still end on March 1, 2030. Mayor Gregory stated this was taken out for the first original well and filter plant in 2011 City Council.

MOTION: Councilman Poore made a motion to approve an ordinance, seconded by Councilman Cormier. **Motion passes: 5-0**

8. Resolutions

- A. Discuss and consider approval of RESOLUTION NO. R111617-01 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LA VERNIA, TEXAS ESTABLISHING A FEE SCHEDULE RELATED TO BUILD PERMITS, PLAN REVIEWS, PLATTING, ENGINEERING FEES, LEGAL FEES, AND VARIANCE RELIEF FROM THE SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

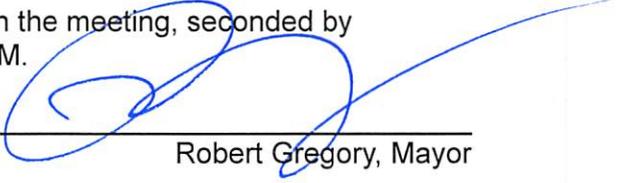
City Administrator stated this was to correct where the building fees were adopted last time, the review fees and engineering fees were left off so this will consolidate it all together. Mayor Gregory stated the tax payers are not responsible for an entity coming in and the tax payers being responsible for the building review and engineering costs.

MOTION: Councilman Cormier makes a motion to approve Resolution No. 111617-01 with correcting the word "build" to "building" in the header, seconded by Councilwoman Recker. **Motion passes: 5-0**

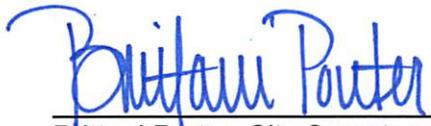
9. Items Specific to Future Line Items on the Agenda

- **Water Well**
- **Building Permits**

10. **Adjourn** – Councilman Doege made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Cormier. The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 PM.



Robert Gregory, Mayor



Brittani Porter, City Secretary

State of Texas

County of Wilson

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this 14th day of December, 2017, by Mayor Robert Gregory & City Secretary Brittani Porter.



Paula Burgess, Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 6/10/2020

