



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

April 12, 2018  
6:30 PM

**Minutes**

- 1. Call to Order** – Mayor Gregory called the meeting to order at 6:30 and declared a quorum.
- 2. Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and Texas Pledge** – Invocation was given by Mayor Gregory, all in attendance recited the pledges.
- 3. Citizens to be Heard** – Jenni Hennette, a resident living in the Silverado Hills Subdivision, raised concerns about the increased traffic/speeding and asked that the city be proactive verses reactive. Requesting what type of devices do we need in order to control the issue or what do the homeowners need to do in order to show the city how important it is to control the speeding traffic. Mrs. Hennette asked if there a study that needs to be done?
- 4. Consent Agenda**
  - A. Minutes from the March 8, 2018 Joint MDD & City Council Meeting
  - B. Minutes from the March 8, 2018 Regular City Council Meeting
  - C. Minutes from the March 14, 2018 Joint MDD & City Council Meeting
  - D. La Vernia Police Department – Reports, Traffic Violations & Arrests; and Number of Occurrences by Offense for the month of March 2018;
  - E. Check Register and financial report for the month of March 2018

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

**5. Proclamation**

- A. A proclamation declaring April the month of Child Abuse Prevention.**

Mayor Gregory read the proclamation out loud for all to hear recognizing April as the month for Child Abuse Prevention.

**6. Public Hearing**

- A. Public Hearing to receive public comments regarding the granting of a Specific Use Permit for a drive-thru lane for a spec retail or restaurant tenant space located at 14021 US Hwy 87 W, La Vernia, Texas 78121.**

The public hearing was opened at 6:37 PM for comments. No comments were made or addressed and the public hearing was closed at 6:37 PM.

**7. Ordinances**

- A. Discuss and consider possible action on the approval of an ordinance regarding the granting of a Specific Use Permit for a drive-thru lane for a spec retail or restaurant tenant space located at 14021 US Hwy 87 W, La Vernia, Texas 78121.**

At the discretion of the applicate, he has requested for City Council to move the request to the May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting so that he can be in attendance.

**MOTION:** Councilman Poore made a motion to table the ordinance per the request of the applicant, seconded by Councilman Cormier. Motion passed: 5-0

## **8. Discussion/Action**

### **A. Discussion on FY 2018 Street projects by M&S Engineering.**

Gary Freeland, Engineer with M & S Engineering, spoke to City Council on proposed FY 2018 Street Projects. He stated a few years ago they prepared 5 year plan. They have reviewed some streets on the list and have provided a cost estimated to do some overlay in conjunction with some additional neighborhoods that would be good candidates for seal coat. He stated as they were going through the process evaluating the cost they prepared a packet that would meet this year's budget without having different types of products applied because that increases the equipment and mobilization charges. The way the numbers fell into place, we created a package that had asphalt overlays, similar to Nicholson, Hackberry. He stated streets on the package include Crews St, Canfeild, Prinz St & River View. He stated some streets that could use seal coats is the Silverado Hills Subdivision, he stated a seal coat would be about \$75K which will extend the life of that street since they are still in good condition and Westover would be about \$35K. Pothole repair allowances in the packages as well.

**MOTION:** Councilman Hennette made a motion to proceed with Street Maintenance Project as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Recker. **Motion passes: 5-0.**

### **B. Discussion/Action on approval of purchasing lawn mowers for public works and parks.**

Public Works Director, David Mahula, stated they currently have one residential mower that the deck is falling off of and have only had for roughly 8 months due to the quality of the metal. The deck on the current mower that they have is a 60" deck and is to wide for some areas that is needed to get into to. He is requesting to purchase 3 48" commercial grade mowers.

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Recker made a motion to approve the purchase of 3 mowers from Johnny's Fix It at \$15,534.00, seconded by Councilman Poore. **Motion passes: 4-0.**

### **C. Discussion/Action on authorizing City Administrator to sell off vehicles no long in use by silent auction.**

Mayor Gregory stated that he drove by City Hall and noticed a collection of vehicles starting in the back. He spoke to Chief Ritchey to see if there were some we could get rid of and he stated yes. Mayor Gregory stated the silent auction would be published in the paper and we would do it by sealed bids with the vehicles needing to be picked up within 10 days of the silent auction.

**MOTION:** Councilman Hennette made a motion to authorize the City Administrator to sell of vehicles no longer in use by silent auction, seconded by Councilwoman Recker. **Motion passes: 5-0.**

## **9. Discussion Only**

### **A. Discussion on traffic issues in and through the Silverado Hills Subdivision.**

Mayor Gregory stated we are starting to see a growing trend moving off of US Hwy 87 into Silverado Hills and it has been discussed before and it was proposed to put some speed bumps

down however that was not palatable. Chief Ritchey stated they did radar for about 3-4 months but did not write tickets for speeders, it was for those running the stop sign. The north end of the school is being utilized for drop off and Mayor Gregory stated the key may be to get with the Homeowners Association of Silverado Hills and speak about the rubberized speed bumps to make it not so attractive.

A citizen, from Silverado Hills Sub., stated that 30 MPH in a subdivision is just too fast and he stated that living on a corner and pulling out poses as a hazard because it's a blind spot. Mayor Gregory stated that the streets in Silverado Hills Subdivision are city owned streets and the speed limit can be changed by an ordinance.

Jenni Hennette, resident in Silverado Hills Subdivision, stated she has done some research on traffic devices and a speed hump would be ideal with a subdivision have a 30 mph speed limit.

#### 10. Executive Session

- A. The City Council will adjourn into Executive Session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Governmental Code §551.086 (Economic Development) to discuss a matter in closed executive session. The topic of discussion is Hotel Incentives.

La Vernia City Council Members went into Executive Session at 7:17 PM.

#### 11. Reconvene

- A. The City Council will discuss and consider action, if any, on item hotel incentives discussed in executive session.

La Vernia City Council Members reconvened back into regular session at 7:30 PM.


**MOTION:** Councilman Poore made a motion to remove section 1.5 out of the 380 agreement, seconded by Councilman Doege. Motion passes: 5-0.

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

- Silverado Streets
- Specific Use Permit

**13. Adjourn** – Councilman Hennette made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Cormier. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM.

  
Brittani Porter, City Secretary

  
Robert Gregory, Mayor

