



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

September 13, 2018
6:30 PM

Minutes

1. Call to Order – Mayor Gregory called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and declared a quorum. Members absent: Councilman Doege

2. Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and Texas Pledge – *Invocation was given by Councilwoman Recker and all in attendance recited the pledges.*

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 August 9, 2018 Joint Budget Workshop
- B. Minutes from the August 9, 2018 Regular City Council Meeting
- C. Minutes from the August 29, 2018 Joint Budget Workshop
- D. Minutes from the August 29, 2018 Special City Council Meeting
- E. La Vernia Police Department – Reports, Traffic Violations & Arrests; and Number of Occurrences by Offense for the month of August 2018;
- F. Check Register and financial report for the month of August 2018

MOTION: Councilwoman Recker made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Councilman Cormier. Motion passed: 3-0.

5. Proclamations

A. Present a proclamation for the 35th annual National Night Out on October 2nd 2018
Mayor Gregory read the proclamation out loud for all to hear recognizing the 35th annual National Night Out. Chief Ritchey.

B. Present a proclamation declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness month

Heather Fisher, Community Specialist with the Family Violence Shelter stated that after the Sutherland Springs shooting they wanted to have more community involvement and get into a partnership with the local areas. She stated that they are meeting with other city councils around requesting to proclaim certain months with awareness. Mayor Gregory read the proclamation out loud for all to hear recognizing April as the month for Domestic Violence Awareness

6. Public Hearing & Adoption of Budget & Tax Rate

A. Public hearing regarding the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget

The public hearing was opened at 6:41 PM for comments. No comments were made or addressed and the public hearing was closed at 6:43 PM

B. Discuss and consider approval of an ordinance adopting the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget

MOTION: Councilman Cormier made a motion to approve an ordinance adopting the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget, seconded by Councilwoman Recker. Motion passed: 4-0

C. Discuss and consider a resolution to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the budget as required by Local Government Code Section 102.007.

MOTION: Councilman Poore made a motion to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the budget as required by Local Government Code Section 102.007, seconded by Councilman Hennette. Motion passed: 4-0.

D. Public hearing regarding the 2018 Property Tax Rate

The public hearing was opened at 6:44 PM for comments. No comments were made or addressed and the public hearing was closed at 6:45 PM

E. Discuss and consider approval of an ordinance adopting the 2018 O & M Tax Rate.

MOTION: Councilman Hennette made a motion to approve an ordinance adopting the 2018 O & M Tax Rate, seconded by Councilman Cormier. Motion passed: 4-0

F. Discuss and consider approval of an ordinance adopting the 2017 I & S (Debt Service) Tax Rate

MOTION: Councilman Poore made a motion to approve an ordinance adopting the 2017 I & S (Debt Service) Tax Rate, seconded by Councilwoman Recker. Motion passed: 4-0

7. Discussion/Action

A. Discuss and consider action on No Parking Signs along the 100 block of DL Vest

Mayor Gregory stated this would be moved to Octobers meeting with an ordinance ready to review and possibly approve.

B. Discuss and consider approving Southwest Engineers to advertise requests for proposals on the Elevated Water Tank.

Clarence Littlefield, Southwest Engineers, stated they would prepare to advertise and by the next meeting we would have a bid opening and award the contractor.

MOTION: Councilman Poore made a motion to approve Southwest Engineers to advertise requests for proposals on the Elevated Tank, seconded by Councilman Hennette. Motion passed: 4-0

C. Discuss and consider action on approving purchase of a generator for Wastewater Treatment Plant

MOTION: Councilman Poore made a motion to approve the purchase of a generator from Holt Cat for the Wastewater Treatment Plant, seconded by Councilwoman Recker. Motion passed: 4-0.

8. Ordinances

A. Discuss and consider approval of an ordinance designating Reinvestment Zone No 1, named La Vernia Crossing.

City Administrator advised that we had to register the tax abatement with the State Office. In the steps you have to declare reinvestment zone which would be the Hotel property. This is specifically for the Hotel property not for the entire La Vernia Crossing.

MOTION: Councilwoman Recker made a motion to approve an ordinance designating the reinvestment zone No. 1 named La Vernia Crossing, seconded by Councilman Hennette.

9. Closed Session

A. Pursuant to Local Government Code §551.074 of the Open Meeting Act. Tex. Gov't Code, council will meet in closed session to deliberate annual job performance of the City Administrator.

The La Vernia City Council entered into Executive Session at 6:59 PM to discuss the job performance of the City Administrator and Police Chief.

B. Pursuant to Local Government Code §551.074 of the Open Meeting Act. Tex. Gov't Code, council will meet in closed session to deliberate annual job performance of the Police Chief.

The La Vernia City Council entered into Executive Session at 6:59 PM to discuss the job performance of the City Administrator and Police Chief.

C. Reconvene into Regular Session and take action/or give direction, if necessary on items discussed in Executive Session.

La Vernia City Council reconvened into open session at 8:07 PM.

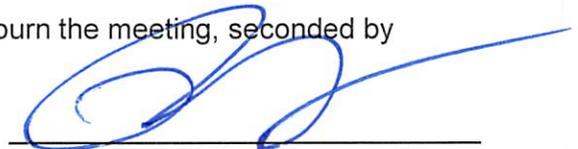
10. Items Specific to Future Line Items on the Agenda

- Comprehensive Plan
- Personnel Policy Committee

11. Adjourn – Councilman Hennette made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Poore. Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.



Brittani Porter, City Secretary



Robert Gregory, Mayor

