



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 11, 2018
6:30 PM

Minutes

1. **Call to Order** – Mayor Gregory called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and declared a quorum.
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** - None
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 13, 2018 Regular City Council Meeting
 - B. La Vernia Police Department – Reports, Traffic Violations & Arrests; and Number of Occurrences by Offense for the month of September 2018;
 - C. Check Register and financial report for the month of September 2018

Motion – Councilman Poore made the motion to accept the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Councilman Hennette. **Motion passes: 5-0.**

5. Discussion/Action

- A. **Discuss and consider appointing two members of City Council to the Personnel Policy Committee**

A unanimous consensus to appoint Councilman Poore and Councilwoman Recker to the Personnel Policy Committee was agreed upon all members.

- B. **Discuss and consider awarding a bid for the Woodcreek 500,000 gallon elevated storage tank #2 and site work.**

Clarence Littlefield, Southwest Engineers, spoke on behalf of awarding the bid. He stated there were 4 bidders total in which all gave bids with both types of tanks, with the exception of McGuire. Landmark Structures has done several tanks within the area to include Seguin and S.S. Water. With Landmarks reputation he suggests moving forward and awarding the bid to them. Clay Wiatrek, Landmark Structures employee, was in attendance and advised this would be in the ball park of their 1600th project.

Motion – Councilman Poore made a motion to award the bid to Landmark & construct a composite tank, seconded by Councilwoman Recker. Motion passes: 5-0.

- C. **Discuss and consider action on approving remaining balance of TPWD funds on being spent on shade covers in City Park**

City Administrator advised there is roughly \$13K combined in the remaining balance. After speaking to the Little League, best use for the funds would be to purchase shade covers to cover two fields and the bleachers at the splash pad.

Motion – Councilman Poore made a motion to approve using the remaining funds for shade covers, seconded by Councilman Cormier. **Motion passes: 5-0.**

D. Discuss and consider action on selection of engineering firm to propose a Comprehensive Plan and Unified Development Code.

Mayor Gregory stated there was a couple ways to go about this. CEC, Civil Engineering Consultants, has been the City Engineer for 7 years plus prior to my term plus 5-10 years before that. He stated that he was introduced to M&S Engineering a couple years back and since, they have worked on the street and drainage. Tom Turk, engineer with M&S, worked on the transportation plan and has performed similar work to surrounding cities as we are requesting. To alleviate delay, and his experience with the City, Mayor Gregory stated he was comfortable getting numbers to move forward and speed project up.

Motion – Councilman Poore made a motion to select M&S Engineering to propose Comprehensive Plan and Unified Development Code, seconded by Councilwoman Recker. **Motion passes: 5-0.**

E. Discuss and consider action on proposed billing rate increase effective January 2019 with City Engineer, Civil Engineering Consultants (CEC)

City Administrator stated she had consulted back and forth about the proposed rate increase and was able to get the cost reduced by half and then in 2020 will take on the full increase.

Motion – Councilman Hennette made a motion to approve rate increase effective January 2019 with CEC, seconded by Councilman Poore. **Motion passes: 5-0.**

6. Ordinances

A. Discuss and consider Ord. No. 101118-01 amending Chapter 34 Article II by adding Section 34-202 prohibiting the stopping, standing or parking of vehicles in designated places.

Councilman Poore stated that based on his recent visit to the car show and as a past tennis parent he doesn't see the need for a no parking sign along D L Vest.

Motion – Councilman Poore made a motion to reject the ordinance as written. Motion failed

2nd Motion – Councilman Poore made a motion to approve Ord. No. 101118-01 to include delete i) from Exhibit A, seconded Councilwoman Recker. **Motion passes: 5-0.**

B. Discuss and consider Ord. No. 101118-02 approving annual garbage rate increase with Waste Connections, Inc.

City Administrator stated there will be a 2.9% increase plus recycling, senior citizens will not be charged the additional increase.

Motion – Councilman Cormier made a motion to approve the annual garbage rate increase with Waste Connections, Inc., seconded by Councilwoman Recker. **Motion passes: 5-0.**

7. Resolutions

A. Discuss and consider action on resolution approving water fee schedule increase.

Motion- Councilman Hennette made a motion to approve water fee schedule increase, seconded by Councilman Poore. **Motion passes: 5-0.**

B. Discuss and consider action on resolution approving water rate increase amending base & steps.

Motion- Councilman Hennette made a motion to approve water fee schedule increase as written, seconded by Councilwoman Recker. **Motion passes: 5-0.**

C. Discuss and consider action on resolution approving the amended wastewater fee schedule.

Motion- Councilman Poore made a motion to approve the amended wastewater fee schedule, seconded by Councilman Hennette. **Motion passes: 5-0.**

8. Items Specific to Future Line Items on the Agenda

9. Adjourn – Councilman Doege made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Poore. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM.



Robert Gregory, Mayor



Brittani Porter, City Secretary

