



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

January 17, 2019
6:30 PM

Minutes

1. **Call to Order** – Mayor Gregory called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. and declared a quorum. Member absent, Councilman Cormier.
2. **Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and Texas Pledge** *Invocation was led 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 December 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 December 2018;
- C. Check Register and financial report for the month of December 2018

Motion: Councilwoman Recker made a motion to approve items B & C, bringing the correct minutes to approve at February's meeting, seconded by Councilman Hennette.

Motion passes: 4-0.

5. Presentation

A. A presentation to Elle Anderson for her singing of the National Anthem at City Events over the last year

Mayor Gregory stated that Ms. Elle Anderson has a God given talent and voice, the city is honored to have her apart of city events to sing for us. Mayor Gregory and staff gave Ms. Anderson a small gift as a taken of our appreciation for all she has done.

B. Present a proclamation to La Vernia Urgent Care of La Vernia for the Guardian Excellence Award

Dr. Derek Guillory and staff were presented a proclamation read by Mayor Gregory. Dr. Guillory stated he owes a tremendous benefit to the citizens around because this would not be possible without them. The award is based upon commitment to service, clinical services and patient care to name a few. He stated the award is only given to a few through the nation and they were honored to be one of them.

C. Presentation from Armstrong, Vaughn & Associates regarding the FY 2018 Annual Audit.

Mr. Phil Vaughn presented the FY Audit for 2018. He stated we are in great shape. He stated three items he wanted to go over were, Budget performance reviews were identical; flat right on. Departments were under budget by 144K, increasing fund balance represents 12 months of operating costs in which we have. Lastly, Utility Fund revenue

decreased net portion which was caused by the decrease in water from a wet year. Mr. Vaughn stated Yvonne has done an outstanding job with the financials in which he stated he has worked with her in other cities and sees that she enjoys the financial aspects in which reflects here in La Vernia.

D. Presentation of Public Safety Award for National Night Out

Chief Ritchey stated this is their 6th year participating in NNO and he was disappointed that they were not in the top three. Top three get trophies. He stated he sees some room for improvement but certainly could not have done this without the community/citizens and all those that helped make the event yet another successful one. Chief Ritchey stated they place #1 in the State of Texas and # 5 in the Nation.

E. Presentation to the La Vernia Library for FY 2019 annual donation.

La Vernia Library was unable to be in attendance but would like to recognize them for all the efforts they have provided to the community.

6. Discussion/Action

A. Discuss and consider approval of Comprehensive Plan and Unified Development Code project schedule, status on current goals and the Internet Survey. (M&S Engineering).

Tom Turk and Brady Kosub of M&S Engineering spoke on behalf of the upcoming Comprehensive Plan. A schedule was provided to Council to go over the steps and dates to show how it is going to progress to include time frame. The first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 26th at 6:30 PM with a possible location of the LV ISD Primary Cafeteria.

B. Discuss and consider action on a contract with LV ISD for Joint Election Agreement

Staff stated they had a meeting with the County and Theresa Watson from the school district to discuss the election. Council advised that shall the city have lack of opposition that it's recommended the school district contract with the county.

MOTION: Councilman Poore made a motion to approve a contract with LV ISD for Joint Election, seconded Councilwoman Recker. **Motion passes: 4-0.**

C. Discuss and consider the logo for the new elevated water tank.

Councilwoman Recker recommended the Flying LV with Bear or La Vernia with Bluebonnets as it represents the annual Bluebonnet Parade. Mayor Gregory mentioned the tower in San Marcos how it has a nice catch phrase. He stated a recommendation on his behalf would be "La Vernia" with "Welcome Home" underneath it. A consensus by council was recommended to solicit on Facebook asking for submissions from the community.

7. Ordinances

A. Discuss and consider approval of Ordinance No. 011719-01 for designating the City's official newspaper.

MOTION: Councilman Hennette approved Ordinance No. 011719-01 for designating the City's official newspaper as La Vernia News, seconded by Councilwoman Recker. **Motion passes: 4-0.**

B. Discuss and consider approval of Ordinance No. 011719-02 to require Knox Boxes at commercial buildings

Captain Blackenship from Wilson Co. ESD #1 spoke on the benefits of having a Knox box at a commercial location. He stated that it is an advantage to a property owner which can alleviate extra damage occurring on site if the Knox box were in place. Cpt. Blankenship advised that there is one key for the Knox box in which the fire department would be the only one to have possession of however, the key will only work for La Vernia business, it's not a universal key that would work in surrounding cities such as Floresville, Stockdale. He referenced a recent incident occurring at The Den in which it took the property owner over 30 minutes to get on location and had a Knox box been put in place it could have saved several items on site. He stated that many people are unaware of them but to educate and provide the benefits is something that needs to be shared. Mayor Gregory stated we would push the ordinance to next month and go to the Chamber Meeting in February and have a presentation to discuss the proposed ordinance. No action was taken.

8. Resolution

A. Discuss and consider approving Resolution 011819-01 to contract with Sun Shade for the park grant

MOTION: Councilman Hennette made a motion to approve Resolution 011719-01 to contract with Sun Cover using option 2 in the amount of \$17,603.00, seconded by Councilwoman Recker. Motion passes: 4-0.

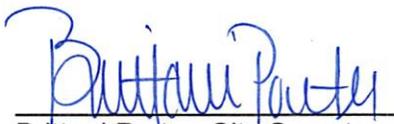
B. Discuss and consider approving Resolution 011819-02 to adopt City's Investment Policy

MOTION: Councilman Poore made a motion to approve Resolution No. 011719-02 to adopt City's Investment Policy, seconded by Councilman Hennette. Motion passes: 4-0.

9. Items Specific to Future Line Items on the Agenda

- Knox Boxes
- Comprehensive Plan

10. Adjourn – Councilman Hennette made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Recker. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM.



Brittani Porter, City Secretary


Robert Gregory, Mayor

