



City of La Vernia
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
VIA TELEPHONE & VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

January 27, 2021
6:00 PM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order – Mayor Gregory called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and declared a quorum.

Members absent: Councilwoman Hutchinson.

2. Citizens to be Heard – no citizens to be heard

3. Discussion/Action

A. Discuss and consider action on the purchase of new election equipment, two (2) Express Vote machines, through Election Systems & Software (ES&S).

Matt Kunz with ES&S joined the meeting and explained the machines in depth to Council to include making himself available to answer any questions. Councilman Oates asked if ADA compliance equipment would come with machine and Mr. Kunz advised most deaf individuals have headphones that are compliant with the machine. Councilman Oates asked about the keypads and again those are standard with the machine Mr. Kunz stated. Mayor Gregory believes that ES&S is most viable in this scenario as Secretary of State is not going to recommend a machine to the city they will only provide a list of licensed vendors. Mr. Kunz also mentioned that ES&S is the only company that will guarantee parts on their systems which will give us a longer return on our investment.

MOTION: Councilwoman Recker made a motion to approve the purchase of election equipment through ES&S, seconded by Councilman Oates. Motion passes:

B. Discuss and consider action on street projects for FY 2021, which would include scheduled projects from FY 2020.

Mayor Gregory stated that we went back on the estimate for the overlay on Forrest, which we added \$25k and we are still under the total budget that is allocated. He recommends we move forward with the overlay on Forrest. He also stated, so we don't have to come back and forth and we get as much out of this deployment of equipment, add at least \$30-40k for maintenance so we do not have to bring in back before Council. Mayor Gregory stated while contractors are on site in the City they will be able see items within and around that we can remedy at that time. We have over \$500k in that fund and will be able to fund 2022.

MOTION: Councilman Oates made a motion to approve street project of \$383,971.90, plus an additional \$40k for contingency for street repairs for 2020-2021, seconded by Councilwoman Recker. Motion passes: 4-0.

Adjourn: Councilman Hennette made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Oates. All were in favor; meeting was adjourned at 6:28 PM.

Martin Poore, Mayor Pro-Tem


Brittani Porter, City Secretary

