



City of La Vernia
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
102 E. Chihuahua St., La Vernia, Texas 78121
February 15, 2023
6:30 PM

MINUTES

1. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Poore led the invocation and pledge, and Pastor Bobby Nixon led the prayer

2. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

Mayor Poore, Councilwoman Recker, Councilman Oates, and Councilman Rabel were present; Councilwoman Hutchinson, and Councilman Gilbert were absent

3. Citizens to Be Heard

(At this time, citizens who have filled out a registration form prior to the start of the meeting may speak on any topic they wish to bring to the attention of the governing body so long as that topic is not on the agenda for this meeting. Citizens may speak on specific agenda items when that item is called for discussion. During the Citizens to Be Heard section no council action may take place and no council discussion or response is required of the speaker. A time limit of three minutes per speaker is permitted; the council may extend this time at their discretion.)

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. Approve minutes from the 01-19-23 Regular City Council Meeting
- B. Financials and Check Register for January 2023
- C. Approval of 4th Qtr Investment Report for 2022

Councilman Oates made a motion to approve the consent agenda as listed, seconded by Councilman Rabel, all in favor, MOTION PASSED

5. Presentations

- A. National Night Out 2022 award presentation
Chief Keil presented the award and spoke on the accomplishment

6. Ordinances

- A. Discuss and consider action on Ordinance No. 021523-01, to call a General Election for the City of La Vernia on May 6th, 2023 for the purpose of electing (3) Council Members.

Councilman Oates made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 021523-01, seconded by Councilman Rabel, all in favor, MOTION PASSED

- B. Discussion and action on Ordinance No. 021523-02 an Ordinance of the City of La Vernia, Texas amending La Vernia Code of Ordinances Chapter 6 Buildings and Building Regulations, Article IV. – Flood Damage Prevention
Councilwoman Recker made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 021523-02, seconded by Councilman Oates, all in favor, MOTION PASSED
- C. Discuss and consider action on Ordinance No. 021523-03 an Ordinance of the City of La Vernia, Texas amending the La Vernia Code of Ordinances Chapter 34 Traffic and Vehicles, Article III. Public Events
Councilman Rabel made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 021523-03, seconded by Councilman Oates, all in favor, MOTION PASSED

7. Resolutions

- A. Discuss and consider action on Resolution No. 021523-01 Interoperable Communications
Councilman Oates made a motion to approve Resolution No. 021523-01, seconded by Councilwoman Recker, all in favor, MOTION PASSED
- B. Discuss and consider action on Resolution No. 021523-02 appointing Gary Gilbert to the CRWA Board and the resignation of current representative Justin Oates
Councilwoman Recker made a motion to approve Resolution No. 021523-02, seconded by Councilman Rabel, all in favor, MOTION PASSED
- C. Discuss and consider action on Resolution No. 021523-03 a resolution authorizing the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with Southwest Engineers for the production of a new water, wastewater, and drainage capital improvements plan and impact fee study.
Councilwoman Recker made a motion to approve Resolution No. 021523-03, seconded by Councilman Oates, all in favor, MOTION PASSED
- D. Discuss and consider action on Resolution No. R021523-04 entering into a joint agreement with LVISD for the May 6 2023 election
Councilwoman Recker made a motion to approve Resolution No. R021523-04, seconded by Councilman Rabel, all in favor, MOTION PASSED
- E. Discuss and Consider action on Resolution No. 021523-05, a resolution authorizing the city administrator to execute a motorcycle officer agreement between La Vernia police officer Tony Garcia, La Vernia police officer Art DeHoyos, La Vernia police officer Roger Horner, and the City of La Vernia, Texas for police services.
Councilwoman Recker made a motion to approve Resolution No. 021523-05, seconded by Councilman Oates, all in favor, MOTION PASSED
- F. Discuss and Consider Action on Resolution No. 021523-06, a resolution authorizing the city administrator to execute a vehicle use agreement between La Vernia police officer Tony Garcia, La Vernia police officer Art DeHoyos, and the City of La Vernia, Texas for use of three motorcycles to be used for police service.
Councilwoman Recker made a motion to approve Resolution No. 021523-06, seconded by Councilman Rabel, all in favor, MOTION PASSED

8. Discussion/Action

- A. Discussion and action on using American Recovery Act funds to upgrade existing sewer equipment

The council agrees to cap the spending amount at \$85,000.

Councilwoman Recker made a motion to approve the sewer equipment purchases, seconded by Councilman Oates, all in favor, MOTION PASSED

- B. Discussion and action on approving the list of streets for FY 2023 street maintenance project

Council speaks on the fact that they would like staff to prioritize the streets listed in order of need, but that they approve the streets on the list

Councilman Oates made a motion to approve the street list, seconded by Councilwoman Recker, all in favor, MOTION PASSED

- C. Discussion and action regarding approving the plan to purchase and install isolation valves on city water lines

Reschedule; Josh was not able to be present at the meeting

9. Discussion Only

- A. Discussion on the ongoing preparation of a plan for emergency situation preparedness

Reschedule; Josh was not able to be present at the meeting

10. Items Specific to Future Line Items on the Agenda

None spoken on

11. Adjourn

Councilman Oates made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Rabel, all in favor, MOTION PASSED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 pm

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting of the governing body of the above-named La Vernia City Council is a true and correct copy of said Notice and that I posted a true and correct copy of said Notice on the bulletin boards of the City Hall of said La Vernia, Texas, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and said Notice was posted on **February 010, 2023, at 5:00 PM** and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 Hours proceeding the scheduled time of the said meeting.

Lindsey Wheeler, City Secretary

DECORUM REQUIRED

Any disruptive behavior, including shouting or derogatory statements or comments may be ruled out of order to the Presiding Officer. Continuation of this type of behavior could result in a request by the Presiding Officer that the individual leave the meeting, and if refused, an order of removal.

The City Council for the City of La Vernia reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Governmental Code §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), §551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), §551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), §551.074 (Personnel Matters), §551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), and §551.087 (Economic Development), and any other provisions under Texas law that permits a governmental body to discuss a matter in closed executive session.

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