

The La Vernia City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on April 9, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Hall, La Vernia, and Texas.

**Item No. 1. Call to Order** Mayor Robert Gregory called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were Marie Gerlich, Harold Schott, Eloi Cormier, Jennifer Moczygemba, and Mark Doege. Staff members present were Code Enforcement Bobby Caldwell, City Secretary Angela Cantu, City Administrator Yvonne Griffin, and Police Chief Bruce Ritchey.

**Item No. 2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation** The Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge were recited and Mayor Gregory gave the invocation.

**Item No. 3. Citizens to be heard** Ylina Flores with the San Antonio River Authority explained the Park Book and requested feedback on the future park projects.

**Item No. 4. Consent Agenda** Councilwoman Moczygemba made a motion to accept the consent agenda and Councilman Cormier seconded. **Motion carried 5 – 0.**

**Item No. 5.A. Discussion/Action and Ordinances** City Administrator Griffin explained the summary of the revenue and expense changes. She explained the sales tax summary and summarized the funds as follows:

- MDD - a wash account;
- Street Maintenance and Repairs – no changes;
- Debt Service – no changes;
- Courthouse Security – no changes;
- Court Technology – no changes;
- General – decrease fund balance by \$105,566; adding \$52,500 to the Police Department for unfunded items; and
- Utility – added to unfunded for two generators and utility software.

**Item No. 5.B. Discussion/Action and Ordinances** Mayor Gregory explained ORDINANCE NO. 040915-01 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LA VERNIA, TEXAS AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2014 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2015; AND OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. Councilman Cormier made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 040915-01 and Councilwoman Moczygemba seconded. City Administrator Griffin asked if that included the unfunded items. Councilman Cormier amended his motion to approve Ordinance No. 040915-01 including the unfunded items discussed in the review and Councilwoman Moczygemba seconded. The first **motion carried 5 – 0.** The second **motion carried 5 – 0.**

**Item No. 6.A. Resolution** Mayor Gregory explained RESOLUTION NO. R040915-01 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LA VERNIA, TEXAS TO CONTRIBUTE MATCHING FUNDS TO THE FLORESVILLE ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER SYSTEM FOR THE 2015 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM. City Secretary explained that this is the same thing we do every year. This year there are 415 electric meters and the City's donation would be \$830.00. The only stipulation would be that the program be a supervised youth program. Nannette Kilbey-Smith with the Wilson County News/La Vernia News suggested the summer library program. Councilwoman Moczygemba stated that the school would need to get involved and she would

be willing to reach out to them to see if they are interested. Mayor Gregory stated if the school is not interested then the donation could be used for the La Vernia Little League. Councilwoman Gerlich made a motion to approve Resolution No. R040915-01 with the funds to go to the summer library program or the La Vernia Little League and Councilman Doege seconded. **Motion carried 5 – 0.**

**Item No. 7.A. Discussion/Action** Mayor Gregory reminded everyone of the upcoming Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the well projects. He stated that all of the tests have been good and the well is in use. City Administrator Griffin stated that we only received complaints when it first went into use and nothing since. Mayor Gregory also stated that he is getting closer to negotiating the extension of the Callaway contract and it will appear on a future agenda when it needs to go before the Council.

**Item No. 7.B. Discussion/Action** City Administrator Griffin stated that there are only two banks to consider, Heritage Bank and Wells Fargo Bank. Of the two, she would suggest Wells Fargo Bank. Councilman Schott made a motion to approve Wells Fargo as the City's bank depository and Councilman Cormier seconded. **Motion carried 5 – 0.**

**Item No. 7.C. Discussion/Action** City Administrator Griffin stated that she has spoken with Lindsey Strickland who lives on McCoy and is a realtor to sit on the Impact Fee Advisory Committee and she has agreed. City Administrator Griffin also stated that she has not been able to find anyone in the ETJ and if we are going to collect fees in the ETJ then we need someone on the Committee to represent that area. Councilwoman Gerlich stated that she had someone in mind but would like to speak to them before just appointing them. Councilwoman Moczygemba made a motion to appoint Lindsey Strickland and someone from the ETJ to the Impact Fee Advisory Committee and Councilwoman Gerlich seconded. **Motion carried 5 – 0.**

**Item No. 7.D. Discussion/Action** City Administrator Griffin stated that we do not have to go for bids for a medical insurance broker.

**Item No. 7.F. Discussion/Action** City Secretary Cantu stated that the Greater La Vernia Chamber of Commerce has asked the Council to sponsor Rest Stop #1 for the La Vernia Wild West Hammerfest on Saturday, September 12, 2015. Councilwoman Moczygemba made a motion the La Vernia City Council to sponsor rest stop #1 of the La Vernia Wild West Hammerfest and Councilwoman Gerlich seconded. **Motion carried 5 – 0.**

**Item No. 7.G. Discussion/Action** Mayor Gregory that this is something the Council has seen before but wanted to give it a few months of letting people know about it before we started to prepare an ordinance to address it. Councilwoman Moczygemba asked if staff has been putting the word out and if it has helped. City Administrator Griffin stated that it was and Code Enforcement Caldwell stated it has not really helped. Councilwoman Moczygemba made a motion to direct staff to amend the fee schedule to require double building permit fees when work is begun on a project prior to the issuance of a permit and Councilman Cormier seconded. **Motion carried 5 – 0.**

**Item No. 7.H. Discussion/Action** City Administrator Griffin stated that we need to obtain a contract for fire plan review and inspection services. She stated that Bureau Veritas has given a quote however, they are very expensive. She has also contact the La Vernia Volunteer Fire

Department and they do not have anyone able to serve in this capacity and she will be having a meeting with Edwin Baker from Wilson County to discuss a possible contract. Councilwoman Moczygemba asked who was responsible for this and City Administrator Griffin stated she did not know. Councilwoman Moczygemba asked what other cities our size do and City Administrator Griffin stated either they have their own fire department or use Bureau Veritas. No action was taken on this item.

**Item No. 8. Items Specific to Future Line Items on the Agenda** The following items will appear on future agendas:

- 1) The speed limit on FM1346 between FM 775 & Hwy 87 is going to be reduced.
- 2) We need to appoint a member to the La Vernia Higher Education Fund Corporation.

**Item No. 9. Adjourn** With no further business Councilman Cormier made a motion to adjourn and Councilman Schott seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.



Robert Gregory, Mayor



Angela Cantu, City Secretary

