

The La Vernia City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on May 8, 2014 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, Randy Leonard, John Richter, Eloi Cormier, and Jennifer Moczygamba. Staff members present were City Secretary-Treasurer Angela Cantu, Public Works Director Jason Mills, and Police Chief Bruce Ritchey.

**Item No. 2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Councilman Richter gave the invocation.

**Item No. 3. Citizens to be heard** There were no citizens to be heard.

**Item No. 4. Consent Agenda** Mayor Gregory explained why there were certain overages and how other issues need to be researched and should have a better answer at an upcoming special meeting. Councilwoman Moczygamba made a motion to approve consent agenda as presented and Councilman Cormier seconded. **Motion carried 5 – 0.**

**Item No. 6.B. Proclamations** Mayor Gregory presented a proclamation in appreciation of D. Bradford Beck's service on the La Vernia Municipal Development District Board.

**Item No. 6.A. Proclamations** Mayor Gregory presented a proclamation proclaiming May Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month.

**Item No. 5.A. Staff/Council Updates** Staff updates were presented. There was discussion on how to communicate with citizens better in the future. Public Works Director Mills stated that he would like to look into updating the two inch line on DL Vest.

**Item No. 9.C. Discussion/Action** Mayor Gregory explained that the need to have a transportation and drainage study. Councilwoman Moczygamba asked if the studies would include a Capital Improvements Plan. Tom Turk, M & S Engineering stated that it does for transportation and drainage. Mayor Gregory asked Mr. Turk to have their legal department review the proposed contract and let us know if it is agreeable. Councilman Leonard stated that the Municipal Development District will fund up to \$30,000. Councilwoman Gerlich asked if there are anticipated overages, who approves them? Mr. Turk stated that the fee is not to exceed \$30,000 unless it is approved. He stated that if they feel that more work is involved they will give plenty of notice and it will be brought back to council before they can move forward. Councilwoman Moczygamba asked if she saw correctly that there are two proposed town hall meetings. Mr. Turk stated that yes there will be one at the beginning of the process. At that meeting they are looking for input from citizens regarding issues with traffic and drainage. They are looking for pictures and for the citizens to describe their experiences. Councilman Leonard asked if this would be a City wide town hall meeting and Mr. Turk stated that it is. They will provide maps with markers to draw on for the citizens to describe their experiences. The second town hall meeting will be to present the draft plan to the citizens and ask for their input on the proposed plan. Councilwoman Moczygamba asked what the timeline would be and Mr. Turk stated that it can be as little as six months or as slow as the Council desires. Mayor Gregory asked for a motion to approve the agreement with M & S Engineering pending legal approval. Councilwoman Moczygamba made a motion to approve moving forward with a



master transportation and drainage plan pending legal approval and Councilwoman Gerlich seconded. **Motion carried 5 – 0.**

**Item No. 7.A. Public Hearing and Ordinance** Mayor Gregory opened a public hearing to receive public comments regarding the proposed change of zoning district classification from present classification of C-2 (General Commercial) to C-1 (Retail) for City of La Vernia, Lot #349, located at 128 Bluebonnet Road, La Vernia, Texas 78121 at 7:05 p.m. With no citizens to be heard the public hearing was closed at 7:05 p.m.

**Item No. 7.B. Public Hearing and Ordinance** Mayor Gregory explained ORDINANCE NO. ORDINANCE NO. 050814-01 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LA VERNIA, TEXAS AMENDING ZONING CODE CHAPTER 38 AND THE CITY'S OFFICIAL ZONING MAP PROVIDING FOR THE CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION FROM PRESENT CLASSIFICATION OF GENERAL COMMERCIAL(C-2) TO RETAIL (C-1) 128 BLUEBONNET ROAD, CITY OF LA VERNIA, LOT 349, LA VERNIA, TEXAS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Mayor Gregory stated that P & Z has already approved the change. Councilman Cormier made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 050814-01 and Councilman Richter seconded. **Motion carried 5 – 0.**

**Item No. 9.A & B. Discussion/Action** Mayor Gregory stated that he would like to discuss these items together because they can be tied together. He stated that we have the opportunity to cash out the Water/Sewer CD with Generations Bank. He stated that we need to keep in mind that we will need additional funds to pay for the scata system for the well projects. We should also get estimates to upgrade the water line on DL Vest. Councilman Leonard suggested that we put the money from the CD into the savings account to use for well projects because we are going to need it. Councilwoman Gerlich made a motion to allow the CD at Generations FCU to mature and move to a savings account to be used at a later date. Councilman Richter second. Mayor Gregory explained that the contractors should be done with filtration plant ahead of schedule. **Motion carried 5 – 0.**

**Item No. 9.E. Discussion/Action** City Secretary-Treasurer Cantu explained that Wells Fargo Bank offers desktop deposit scanners and this would come in very handy when it comes to making deposits. After speaking with the City's bank representative Wells Fargo will split the cost of this scanner. She stated that when making deposits to the FELPS account for example a desktop deposit scanner would be extremely helpful. City Secretary-Treasurer Cantu also explained that Wells Fargo offers on-line check writing. Mayor Gregory stated that this feature is offered at an additional cost therefore we need to get a better idea of the cost before we can move forward with this option. Councilwoman Moczygemba made a motion to approve on-line check writing and desk top deposit scanners with the City of La Vernia's Wells Fargo FELPS, General, and Water/Sewer checking accounts. Mayor Gregory stated that all he is looking for Council to approve at this time is the desktop scanner. Councilwoman retracted her first motion and made a motion to approve a desktop deposit scanner. Councilman Cormier seconded. **Motion carried 5 – 0.**

**Item No. 9.D. Discussion/Action** The Council went into executive session at 7:22 p.m. Council returned from executive session at 8:02 p.m. Mayor Gregory announced that there will be no action taken at this time.



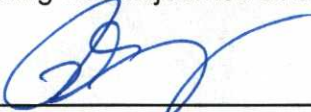
**Item No. 8.A. Ordinances** Mayor Gregory explained ORDINANCE NO. 050814-02 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF LA VERNIA, TEXAS FOR THE 2013 – 2014 FISCAL YEAR. Councilman Leonard made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 050814-02 as amended and Councilman Richter seconded. **Motion carried 5 – 0.**

**Item No. 10. Items Specific to Future Line Items on the Agenda** The following items will appear on future agendas:

- 1) creating a full time administrative position.

Mayor Gregory stated that this is the last regular meeting for this Council and he would like to thank everyone for all of their hard work and volunteerism. He also wished the candidates on the ballot for election day on Saturday good luck.

**Item No. 11. Adjourn** With no further business Councilman Cormier made a motion to adjourn and Councilman Richter seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

  
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Angela Cantu, City Secretary-Treasurer



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