



City of La Vernia
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
102 E. Chihuahua St.
La Vernia, Texas 78121

September 9, 2021
6:30 PM

Minutes

1. Call to Order – Mayor Gregory called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM and declared a quorum. All members were present.

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

3. 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 August 12, 2021 – Regular City Council Meeting
- B. Minutes from the August 16, 2021 – Joint City Council & MDD Meeting
- C. La Vernia Police Department – Reports, Traffic Violations & Arrests; and Number of Occurrences by Offense for the month of August
- D. Check Register and financial report for the month of August

MOTION – Councilwoman Recker made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilman Gilbert. **Motion passes: 5-0.**

4. Discussion/Action

- A. **Discuss and Approve date change for the November Regular City Council Meeting, currently on scheduled Veterans Day, November 11th.**

MOTION: Councilman Poore made a motion to approve the November Council meeting date change to Thursday, November 18th, seconded by Councilwoman Recker. **Motion passes: 5-0.**

- B. **Discuss and consider approval on approving the Wilson County Appraisal District FY 2022 Budget**

MOTION: Councilman Gilbert made a motion to approve the Wilson County Appraisal District FY 2022 budget, seconded by Councilwoman Recker. **Motion passes: 5-0.**

- C. **Discuss and consider action on FY 2022 Holidays**

MOTION: Councilman Gilbert made a motion to approve the FY 2022 Holiday schedule with amendments, to include December 23rd as a holiday and not include Juneteenth, seconded by Councilman Oates. **Motion passes: 4-1,** Councilman Poore

- D. Discuss and consider action on the purchase of the ES&S DS200 tote bin scanner for elections.**

Bring back to Novembers meeting.

- E. Discuss and consider action authorizing the Mayor to send a letter of support to San Antonio Water Systems Application to use Beds and Bank of streams in the San Antonio and Guadalupe River basins.**

MOTION: Councilman Oates made a motion to approve the Mayor to send a letter of support to San Antonio Water Systems application to use Beds and Bank of streams in the San Antonio and Guadalupe River basins, seconded by Councilwoman Hutchinson. **Motion passes: 5-0.**

5. Public Hearing & Adoption of Budget & Tax Rate

- A. Public hearing regarding the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget**

Public hearing opened up at 7:27 PM and with no public comments closed at 7: 29 PM

- B. Discuss and consider approval of an Ordinance No. 090921-01 adopting the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget**

MOTION: Councilwoman Recker made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 090921-01 adopting the 2021-2022 FY budget, seconded by Councilman Gilbert. **Motion passes: 5-0.**

- C. Discuss and consider Resolution 090921-01 ratification of the property tax increase reflected in the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget**

MOTION: Councilman Oates made a motion to approve Resolution 090921-01 ratification of the property tax increase reflected in the 2021-2022 FY budget, seconded by Councilwoman Recker. **Motion passes: 5-0.** (roll call)

- D. Public hearing regarding the 2021 Property Tax Rate.**

Public hearing was opened up at 7: 32 PM and with no public comments, closed at 7:34 PM.

- E. Discuss and consider approval of Ordinance No. 090921-02 adopting the 2021 Ad Valorem Tax Rate, consisting of Operation & Maintenance and Interest & Sinking (Debt Service) Tax Rate.**

MOTION: Councilman Gilbert made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 090921-02 adopting the 2021 Ad Valorem Tax Rate, consisting of Operation & Maintenance and Interest & Sinking (Debt Service) Tax Rate, seconded by Councilman Oates. **Motion passes: 5-0.** (roll call)

6. Resolution

- A. Discuss and consider approval of Resolution R090921-02 amending Personnel Policy to Establish a Mental Health Leave Policy for La Vernia Police Officers. (SB 1359)**

MOTION: Councilwoman Recker made a motion to approve Resolution 090921-02 amending Personnel Policy to establish a mental health leave policy for La Vernia Police Officers, seconded by Councilman Gilbert. **Motion passes: 5-0.**

- B. Discuss and consider approval of Resolution R090921-03 amending Personnel Policy to Establish a Paid Quarantine Leave Policy for First Responders. (HB 2073)**

MOTION: Councilman Gilbert made a motion to approve amending Resolution 090921-03 to establish a paid quarantine leave policy for first responders, seconded by Councilwoman Hutchinson. **Motion passes: 5-0.**

- C. Discuss and consider approval of Resolution R090921-04 awarding a contract to Fuquay, Inc. on the FY 2021 Street Project**

MOTION: Councilman Oates made a motion to approve awarding the contract to Fuquay, Inc. on the FY 2021 Street Project, seconded by Councilwoman Hutchinson. **Motion passes: 5-0.**

- D. Discuss and consider approval of Resolution 090921-05 Loop 321 Chihuahua St. takeback program with TxDOT.**

MOTION: Councilman Poore made a motion to approve Resolution 090921-05 Loop 321 Chihuahua St. takeback program with TxDOT, seconded by Councilwoman Recker. **Motion passes: 5-0.**

- E. Discuss and consider approval of Resolution 090921-06 joining with the State of Texas and Political Subdivisions of the State as a party in the Texas Opioid Settlement agreement secured by the Office of the Attorney General.**

MOTION: Councilman Oates made a motion to approve Resolution 090921-06 joining with the State of Texas and Political Subdivisions of the State as a party in the Texas Opioid Settlement agreement secured by the Office of the Attorney General, seconded by Councilwoman Recker. **Motion passed: 5-0**

7. Ordinance

- A. Discuss and consider approval of Ordinance No. 090921-01 amending the City of La Vernia Code of Ordinances Chapter 34- Traffic and Vehicles, Article 1 by adding Section 34-102 establishing restriction of U-Turns.**
Staff had a discussion with City Attorney in which he advised that the traffic code needed to be codified. Currently in the hands of the City Prosecutor.

8. Closed Session

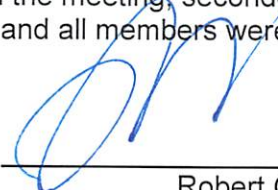
- A. The City of La Vernia City Council will adjourn into Executive Session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Governmental Code §551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), to discuss future locations of water utility improvements**
Council entered into executive session at 7:58 PM.

B. Reconvene into Regular Session and take action/or give direction, if necessary, on items discussed in Executive Session.

Council reconvened back in to regular session at 8:16 PM.

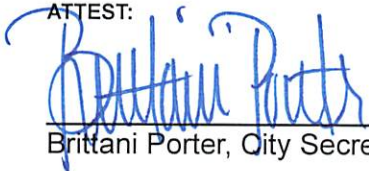
9. Items Specific to Future Line Items on the Agenda

10. Adjourn – Councilman Poore made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Hutchinson. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 and all members were in favor of adjournment.



Robert Gregory, Mayor

ATTEST:



Brittani Porter, City Secretary

