City of La Vernia

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

102 E. Chihuahua St., La Vernia, Texas 78121
September 10, 2026

6:30 PM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM

Mayor Gilbert, and Council members Recker, Rabel, Evans, Ingle and Oates were present.

2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Pastor Bobby Nixon lead the prayer and Mayor Gilbert lead the pledges.

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 to 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 the 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 08/13/2026 City Council Meeting
B. Minutes from the 08/24/2026 Joint City Council and MDD budget workshop
C. Minutes from the 09/02/2026 Joint City Council and MDD budget workshop

Motion made by Recker, seconded by Rabel to approve as listed, all in favor.

5. Proclamations

A. Proclamation regrading National Night Out
Mayor Gilbert read the Proclamation.
B. Proclamation regarding World Teachers Day
Mayor Gilbert read the Proclamation.

6. Public Hearing

A. The City of La Vernia City Council will hold a Public hearing regarding Ordinance No. 091026-01 adopting the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budget

A.1 Open Public Hearing

A.2 Staff Presentation

A.3 Receive Public Comments

A.4 Close Public Hearing

A.5 Discuss and consider action on Ordinance No. 091026-01 adopting the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budget

A.1 Open Public Hearing

The Public hearing was opened @6:35PM.

A.2 Staff Presentation

City Administrator Lindsey Wheeler presented a balanced budget, she stated no significant changes were made sense the last workshop on 09/02/2026.

A.3 Receive Public Comments

There were no public comments.

A.4 Close Public Hearing

The Public Hearing was closed @6:38PM.

A.5 Discuss and consider action on Ordinance No. 091026-01 adopting the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budget

Mayor Gilbert stated “I would like to entertain a motion on the FY 2026-2027 Budget”

Recker motioned “I move the City of La Vernia adopt Ordinance No. 091026-01 an ordinance approving and adopting a budget that will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year’s budget by an amount of $22,894.72, which is a 3.86% increase from last year’s budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is $22,894.72.” seconded by Oates.

City Secretary Madison Farrow took a roll call vote

Mayor Gilbert- for

Dianell Recker- for

Justin Oates- for

Katie Evans- for

Chelsey Ingle- for

Garrett Rabel- for

B. The City of La Vernia City Council will hold a Public hearing regarding Ordinance No. 091026-02 adopting the 2026 Ad Valorem Tax Rate, consisting of Operation and Maintenance and Interest and sinking (Debt Service) Tax Rate.

B.1 Open Public Hearing

B.2 Staff Presentation

B.3 Receive Public Comments

B.4 Close Public Hearing

B.5 Discuss and consider action on Ordinance No. 091026-02 adopting the 2026 Ad Valorem Tax Rate, consisting of Operation and Maintenance and Interest and sinking (Debt Service) Tax Rate.
B.1 Open Public Hearing
The Public hearing was opened @6:40PM.

B.2 Staff Presentation
City Administrator Lindsey Wheeler presented no changes 0.144658 M&O, 0.12780 P&I, 0.272538 total.

B.3 Receive Public Comments
A resident thanked everyone for all of the work done.

B.4 Close Public Hearing
The Public Hearing was closed @6:42PM.

B.5 Discuss and consider action on Ordinance No. 091026-02 adopting the 2026 Ad Valorem Tax Rate, consisting of Operation and Maintenance and Interest and sinking (Debt Service) Tax Rate.
Mayor Gilbert stated “I would like to entertain a motion on the Purpose of Maintenance and Operation rate”

Recker motioned “I move that out of the tax rate of $0.272538 per $100 valuation, the rate that, if applied to the total taxable value, will impose the amount of taxes needed to fund maintenance and operation expenditures of the City for the next year be adopted at $0.144658.” seconded by Oates.

City Secretary Madison Farrow took a roll call vote

Mayor Gilbert- for

Dianell Recker- for

Justin Oates- for

Katie Evans- for

Chelsey Ingle- for

Garrett Rabel- for

Mayor Gilbert stated “I would like to entertain a motion on the Principal and Interest on Debt”

Recker motioned “I move that out of the tax rate of $0.272538 per $100 valuation, the rate that, if applied to the total taxable value, will impose the total amount of principal and interest that will be paid to pay the City’s debts in the next year from property tax revenue, including adjustments for collection, be adopted at $0.127880 since the City has outstanding bonds or debts.” seconded by Oates.

City Secretary Madison Farrow took a roll call vote

Mayor Gilbert- for

Dianell Recker- for

Justin Oates- for

Katie Evans- for

Chelsey Ingle- for

Garrett Rabel- for

Mayor Gilbert stated “I would like to entertain a motion on the Total Tax Rate”
Recker motioned “I move that the City of La Vernia adopt Ordinance No. 091125-02, an ordinance adopting a tax rate of $0.272538 per $100 valuation for use and support of the municipal government of the City of La Vernia, Texas for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.” seconded by Oates.

City Secretary Madison Farrow took a roll call vote

Mayor Gilbert- for

Dianell Recker- for

Justin Oates- for

Katie Evans- for

Chelsey Ingle- for

Garrett Rabel- for

7. Discussion/Action

A. Discuss and consider action on the FY 26-27 Holiday schedule
City Administrator Lindsey Wheeler stated there are no proposed changes to last years.
Motion made by Recker, seconded by Rabel to approve the FY 26-27 Holiday schedule, all in favor.

B. Discuss and consider action on the 26-28 Pay Scale
City Administrator Lindsey Wheeler stated there are no changes from the workshop where it was reviewed.
Motion made by Recker, seconded by Evans to approve the 26-28 Pay Scale, all in favor.

C. Discuss and consider action on the Budget Policy
Finance Administrator Jennifer Mair stated there are no changes made to the Budget Policy.
Motion made by Oates, seconded by Recker to approve the Budget Policy, all in favor.

D. Discuss and consider action on the Fund Policy
Finance Administrator Jennifer Mair stated there are no changes made to the Fund Policy.
Motion made by Recker, seconded by Rabel to approve the Fund Policy, all in favor.

E. Discuss and consider action on the Investment Policy
Finance Administrator Jennifer Mair stated there are no changes made to the Investment Policy.
Motion made by Rabel, seconded by Recker to approve the Investment Policy, all in favor.

8. Discussion Only

A. Discussion surounding amendments to Ch. 38, Zoning regarding landscape standards and tree preservation
City Administrator Lindsey Wheeler spoke on the several proposed changes.
The council asked questions and state they would like to see this back on the next agenda for discussion.

9. Resolutions

A. Discuss and consider action on Resolution R091026-01 a Professional Services Agreement with King Fish Developmnt, LLC
Rob Killen presented on behalf of KIngFish, he stated this would give money to the city to pay for legal fees.
Oates asked if this would bind us to anything? Rob stated no.
Motion made by Oates, seconded by Evans to approve Resolution R091026-01 a Professional Services Agreement with King Fish Development, LLC , all in favor.

B. Discuss and consider action on Resolution No.091026-02 regarding the fee schedule for FY 26-27

City Administrator Lindsey Wheeler stated no changes have been made sense the 09/02/2026 workshop.

Motion made by Recker, seconded by Rabel to approve Resolution No.091026-02 regarding the fee schedule for FY 26-27, all in favor.

C. Discuss and consider action on Resolution No.091026-03 regarding Wells Fargo additional one-year extension

10. Ordinances

A. Discuss and consider action on Ordinance No. 091026-03 authorizing the city's combination tax and limited pledge revenue certificates of obligation, series 2026 in the maximum amount of $2,500,000, for the purposes set forth in the city's notice of intention, payable from the proceeds of an annual ad valorem tax levied, within the limitations prescribed by law, upon all taxable property in the city, and a pledge of certain revenues of the city's waterworks and sewer utility system; and other matters in connection therewith

Victor from Specialized Public Finance presented, he handed council a presentation as well. He gave results of the bid that opened today, with 4.16% being the lowest. He recommends the city accept this rate.

Motion made by Recker, seconded by Evans to approve Ordinance No. 091026-03 authorizing the city's combination tax and limited pledge revenue certificates of obligation, series 2026 in the maximum amount of $2,500,000, for the purposes set forth in the city's notice of intention, payable from the proceeds of an annual ad valorem tax levied, within the limitations prescribed by law, upon all taxable property in the city, and a pledge of certain revenues of the city's waterworks and sewer utility system; and other matters in connection therewith, all in favor.

11. Executive Session

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 Government 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 (Deliberation about Security Devices), and 551.087 (Economic Development), and any other provision under Texas law that permits a governmental body to discuss a matter in a closed executive session.

The City Council did not go into executive session.

12. Items Specific to Future Line Items on the Agenda

- Discuss the landscape Ordinance

- Tractor Supply replat/rezone

-PDD, council would like this in a workshop

13. Adjourn

Motion made by Oates, seconded by Rabel to adjourn at 7:29PM, all in favor.

DECORUM REQUIRED

Any disruptive behavior, including shouting or derogatory statements or comments may be ruled out of order by 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.

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The City of La Vernia Council meetings are available to all persons regardless of disability. The facility is wheelchair accessible and parking spaces are available. Request for accommodations, should you require special assistance, must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Braille is not available. Please contact the City Secretary at (830) 779-4541 or email mfarrow@lavernia-tx.gov

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 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 **September 04, 2026 at 5:00 PM** and remained so posted continuously for at least 3 business days proceeding the scheduled time of said meeting.

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Madison Farrow, City Secretary