



City of La Vernia  
**JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND MUNICIPAL  
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT MEETING**  
102 E. Chihuahua St., La Vernia, Texas 78121  
September 19, 2024  
6:30 PM

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## MINUTES

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Recker @6:30PM

Mayor Poore was absent, Council members Recker, Oates, Rabel, Gilbert, Evans were present, as well as MDD member Farmer were present. Hyland was absent.

### 2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Pastor Bobby Nixon lead the prayer, Mayor Pro Tem Recker lead the Pledge

### 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. Meeting Minutes from the 09-05-24 Regular Meeting
- B. Meeting Minutes from the 09-05-24 Joint MDD and City Council Meeting
- C. Approve the Wilson County Appraisal District 2025 Budget and Reappraisal Plan  
Motion made by Gilbert, Seconded by Oates to approve as listed  
Voting Yea: Recker, Evans, Rabel, Farmer

### 5. Presentations

- A. Presentation regarding the La Vernia Veterans Memorial

Walter scull gave a presentation on La Vernia veterans memorial on the monument, Obelisk. It is hoped for completion by Veterans Day 2024

## 6. Proclamations

### A. Proclamation for World Teachers Day

Mayor Pro Tem Recker read the Proclamation for World Teacher Day.

The City of La Vernia City Council encourages members of our community to personally express appreciation to our teachers and display a light blue ribbon outside your homes or businesses the week of October 5 as a symbol of support for our educators.

### B. Proclamation declaring September Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Mayor Pro Tem Recker read the Proclamation declaring September Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

## 7. Public Hearing

### A. The City of La Vernia City Council will hold a Public hearing regarding Ordinance No. 091424-01 adopting the 2024-2025 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. 091424-01 adopting the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Budget

A.1 Open Public Hearing

Public hearing was opened @ 6:42PM by Mayor Pro Tem Recker

A.2 Staff Presentation

City Administrator Lindsey Wheeler gave staff Presentation

A.3 Receive Public Comments

No public comments, Lindsey wheeler read a letter from Mayor Poore in his absence- He thinks the budget will be good for the city. He is in favor of adopting

A.4 Close Public Hearing

Public hearing was closed @6:50PM by Mayor Pro Tem Recker

A.5 Discuss and consider action on Ordinance No. 091424-01 adopting the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Budget

Oates motion Rabel second roll call vote was taken  
Mayor Poore- Abstain  
Mayor Pro Tem Recker- For  
Councilman Oates-For  
Councilman Rabel-For  
Councilman Gilbert-For  
Councilwoman Evans-For

- B. The City of La Vernia City Council will hold a Public hearing regarding Resolution No 091424-01, a resolution to ratify an increase in property tax revenues from last year's operating budget as reflected in the FY 24-25 budget

B.1 Open Public Hearing

B.3 Receive Public Comments

B.4 Close Public Hearing

B.5 Discuss and consider action on Resolution No 091424-01 a resolution to ratify an increase in property tax revenues from last year's operating budget as reflected in the FY 24-25 budget

B.1 Open Public Hearing

Public hearing was opened @ 6:51PM by Mayor Pro Tem Recker

B.3 Receive Public Comments

There were no public comments

B.4 Close Public Hearing

Public hearing was closed @6:52PM by Mayor Pro Tem Recker

B.5 Discuss and consider action on Resolution No 091424-01 a resolution to ratify an increase in property tax revenues from last year's operating budget as reflected in the FY 24-25 budget

Motion made by Gilbert, Seconded by Oates to approve as listed

Voting Yea: Recker, Evans, Farmer

- C. The City of La Vernia City Council will hold a Public hearing regarding Ordinance No. 091424-02 adopting the 2024 Ad Valorem Tax Rate, consisting of Operation and Maintenance and Interest and sinking (Debt Service) Tax Rate.

C.1 Open Public Hearing

C.2 Staff Presentation

C.3 Receive Public Comments

C.4 Close Public Hearing

C.5 Discuss and consider action on Ordinance No. 091424-02 adopting the 2024 Ad Valorem Tax Rate, consisting of Operation and Maintenance and Interest and sinking (Debt Service) Tax Rate.

C.1 Open Public Hearing

Public hearing was opened @ 6:53PM by Mayor Pro Tem Recker

C.2 Staff Presentation

City Administrator Lindsey Wheeler .138093 MO .04 I&S .178093 Total

C.3 Receive Public Comments

There were no public comments

C.4 Close Public Hearing

Public hearing was closed @6:54PM by Mayor Pro Tem Recker

C.5 Discuss and consider action on Ordinance No. 091424-02 adopting the 2024 Ad Valorem Tax Rate, consisting of Operation and Maintenance and Interest and sinking (Debt Service) Tax Rate.

Oates motion Rabel second roll call vote was taken

Mayor Poore- Abstain

Mayor Pro Tem Recker- For

Councilman Oates-For

Councilman Rabel-For

Councilman Gilbert-For

Councilwoman Evans-For

## **8. Discussion/Action**

- A. Discuss and consider action on Resolution No. 091924-02 regarding the personnel pay scale

Motion made by Gilbert, Seconded by Rabel to approve as listed

Voting Yea: Recker, Evans, Farmer

- B. Discuss and consider action on Resolution No. 091924-03 regarding the fee schedule for FY 24-25

Questions were asked on the Asbestos Survey (state cost), underline fire line (new cost).

25% - 35% split on the water/ sewer, will let residents know in the paper about local option for senior Tax rate

Motion made by Gilbert, Seconded by Rabel to approve as listed

Voting Yea: Recker, Evans, Farmer, Oates

## **9. Items Specific to Future Line Items on the Agenda**

10/08 Planning & Zoning Commission meeting to discuss re-zone request

10/10 MDD meeting to discuss Holidays, Updating sidewalks, Scenic City, Youth Empowerment Fund Program Application, Kids at the Park, Buffalo Joes Facade grant application

10/10 City Council meeting to discuss garbage rate for Seniors

## 10. Adjourn

Motion made by Oates, Seconded by Rabel to adjourn @7:17PM

Voting Yea: Recker, Gilbert, Evans, Farmer

### **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.*

*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 permit a governmental body to discuss a matter in closed executive session.*

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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 **Sept 16, 2024 at 5:00 PM** and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 Hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

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Madison Farrow, City Secretary