



City of La Vernia
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
102 E. Chihuahua St., La Vernia, Texas 78121
October 09, 2025
6:30 PM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 PM

Mayor Poore, and Council members Recker, Evans, Rabel, Gilbert were present, Oates was absent.

2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Pastor Bobby Nixon lead the prayer and Mayor Poore 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.)

Anna Nunez from U.S Small Business Administration spoke about natural disaster loan offered by SBA, states she will email Council and Administration.

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 09/11/2025 City Council Meeting

B. 3rd quarter 2025 Investment Report (July, Aug, Sept)

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

5. Presentations

A. Presentation introducing staff to City Council

Public Works Director Josh De La Zerda introduced his staff Zach, Frank, Marco, Tyler, as well as his parks staff Danny, and Tristan.

Chief Keil introduced new PD Admin Assistant Kasey.

Felicia introduced Community Engagement Coordinator Madeline.

Xavier introduced clerks Maria, Isabel, and Brie.

6. Proclamations

A. Proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Mayor Poore read Proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Bobbie Jo from Thriving Hearts Crisis Center was present to receive.

- B. Recognizing and Honoring the La Vernia Veterans Memorial Board
Mayor Poore read Proclamation for Recognizing and Honoring the La Vernia Veterans Memorial Board, Susan Richter, Walter Scull, and Elaine Stephens from the La Vernia Veterans Memorial Board were present to receive.

7. Public Hearing

- A. Public hearing regarding AMENDING LA VERNIA CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 38 ZONING

- A.1** Open Public Hearing

- A.2** Requestor presentation

- A.3** Staff presentation

- A.4** Receive Public Comments

- A.5** Close Public Hearing

- A.6** Discuss and consider action on Ordinance No. 100925-01

- AMENDING LA VERNIA CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 38 ZONING

- A.1** Open Public Hearing

- The Public hearing was opened at 6:58PM

- A.2** Requestor presentation

- There was no requester presentation

- A.3** Staff presentation

- Assistant City Administrator Xavier Millan states this was passed by the legislative and we need to pass in order to become compliant, he spoke on the grey area in the amendment that the Planning and Zoning Commission mentioned. We will review and come back with an amendment.

- A.4** Receive Public Comments

- There were no public comments.

- A.5** Close Public Hearing

- The Public Hearing was closed @6:51PM

- A.6** Discuss and consider action on Ordinance No. 100925-01 AMENDING LA VERNIA CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 38 ZONING

- Motion made by Recker, seconded by Evans to approve Ordinance No. 100925-01 AMENDING LA VERNIA CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 38 ZONING, all in favor.

8. Discussion/Action

- A. Discuss and consider action on the FY 2026 Holiday schedule

- Same as last years Holiday Schedule

- Motion made by Recker, seconded by Gilbert to approve the FY 2026 Holiday schedule, all in favor.

- B. Discuss and consider action on surplus items from the Police Department
Chief Keil spoke on surplus items from the Police Department, he would like to split the profits 1/2 1/2 with Public Works.
Motion made by Recker, seconded by Rabel to approve surplus items from the Police Department, and split the profits 1/2 1/2 with Public Works, all in favor.
- C. Discuss and consider action on the Nueces River Authority Desalination Project
Public Works Director Josh De La Zerda spoke on the Nueces River Authority Desalination Project. The water line from Corpus Christi to supply emergency back up water to northern counties, the reservation fee will cost 2 installments of \$6,844.18.
Motion made by Gilbert to approve \$13,688.36 for the Nueces River Authority Desalination Project, seconded by Recker, all in favor.
- D. Discuss and consider action on accepting the bid and possible award for the US Hwy 87 12" water line project
City engineer Morgen from southwest engineers spoke on the US Hwy 87 12" water line project.
This will relocate the waterline from FM 1346 to HWY 87, Pruski Hauling had the lowest bid. The cost of this will come from impact fees when they come in.
Motion made by Gilbert to accept and reward the bid for the full amount of \$359,243 to Pruski Hauling, seconded by Recker, all in favor.
- E. Discuss and consider action on the Boondockers
Assistant City Administrator Xavier Millan spoke on Planning and Zonings recommendation, they discussed a possible rezone.
No action was taken, Council is not in favor.

9. Ordinances

- A. Discuss and consider action on Ordinance No. 100925-02 Amending La Vernia code of Ordinances chapter 16 regarding mobile food vendors
Assistant City Administrator Xavier Millan spoke on the new law, we have to pass in order to become in compliance.
Council wants us to have inspectors of all food trucks, they want us to speak to our Attorneys about zoning, then have a workshop with planning and zoning.
Motion made by Gilbert to approve Ordinance No. 100925-02 Amending La Vernia code of Ordinances chapter 16 regarding mobile food vendors to be in compliance, but strongly opposed, seconded by Recker, all in favor.
- B. Discuss and consider action on Ordinance No. 100925-03 Fee Schedule amendment regarding trash and recycling fees

This will be a 2.66% increase as our trash and recycling provider Waste Connections went up by 2.66%, a notice will be going out on the next water bills.
Motion made by Gilbert, seconded by Rabel to approve Ordinance No. 100925-03 Fee Schedule amendment regarding trash and recycling fees, all in favor.

10. Resolutions

- A. Discuss and consider action on Resolution No. R100925-01 authorizing the Mayor to execute a Consulting Agreement for services to support the Interim City Administrator during the transition period

Mayor Poore discusses and states the agreement has been signed.

Motion made by Recker, seconded by Gilbert to approve R100925-01 authorizing the Mayor to execute a Consulting Agreement for services to support the Interim City Administrator during the transition period, all in favor.

- B. Discuss and consider action on Resolution No. R100925-02 regarding approving a City Administrator employment agreement

Mayor Poore discusses and states the agreement has been signed.

Motion made by Recker, seconded by Rabel to approve Resolution No. R100925-02 regarding approving a City Administrator employment agreement, all in favor.

- C. Discuss and consider action on Resolution No. R100925-03 regarding Conditional Water Service Agreement

Mayor Poore discusses well 9 by Witte's, City engineer Morgen from southwest engineers stating the city will give Rice 2 Go up to 12,000 gallons of free water a month for the sanitary control easement.

Motion made by Gilbert, seconded by Rabel to approve Resolution No. R100925-03 regarding Conditional Water Service Agreement, all in favor.

- D. Discuss and consider action on Resolution No. R100925-04 regarding Groundwater Lease

Mayor Poore discusses well 8, City engineer Morgen from southwest engineers explained radius and water rights.

Motion made by Gilbert, seconded by Recker to approve Resolution No. R100925-04 regarding Groundwater Lease , all in favor.

The City Council went into Executive Session at 8:24 PM Pursuant to Local

Government Code section §Sec. 551.072.(Deliberations about Real Property)

The City Council came out of Executive Session at 9:17PM No public action was taken.

11. Items Specific to Future Line Items on the Agenda

-Chief contract

- Zoning update from Attorney on food trucks

12. Adjourn

Motion made by Recker to adjourn at 9:26PM, seconded by Gilbert, 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.

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 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 **October 03, 2025 at 5:30 PM** and remained so posted continuously for at least 3 business days preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Xavier Millan, Assistant City Administrator