



City of La Vernia

**JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND MDD BUDGET
WORKSHOP AND NOTICE OF POSSIBLE
QUORUM AT POSTED TIME OR DIRECTLY
FOLLOWING MDD WORKSHOP**

102 E. Chihuahua St., La Vernia, Texas 78121

August 24, 2026

6:30 PM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:28PM By Mayor Gilbert for the City Council.

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:29PM By Recker for the MDD board.

Recker, Gilbert, and Oates were present. Hyland, and Farmer were absent.

2. 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.

3. Discussion Only

- A. Discussion regarding Ordinance No. 091026-01 adopting the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budget

City Administrator Lindsey Wheeler spoke, she went over the citywide budget overview. She went over each fund, what they are and what they do.

She then went over the general fund and new request items for the new budget year. Council then asked some questions and made cuts to some of the items.

She then went over the enterprise fund for the new budget year. Council then asked some questions and made cuts to some of the items.

MDD Executive Director Felicia Carvajal then went over the MDD fund and request items for the new budget year. Council/ MDD then asked some questions and made a cut to one of the line items.

Lindsey then went over the enterprise fund for the new budget year. Council then asked some questions.

- B. Discussion 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.

Mayor Gilbert tabled item, to be brought back at the 09/02/2026 Joint City Council and MDD budget workshop.

4. Items Specific to Future Line Items on the Agenda

-Ordinance No. 091026-01

-Ordinance No. 091026-02

-Fee Schedule

-Holiday schedule

- Pay Scale

5. Adjourn

Motion made by Oates to adjourn the City Council at 9:45PM, seconded by Rabel, all in favor.

Motion made by Oates to adjourn the MDD board at 9:45PM, 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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The MDD went into Executive Session at 9:00PM as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Governmental Code §551.074 (Personnel Matters)

The MDD came out of Executive Session at 9:45PM.

No public action was taken.

The City Council went into Executive Session at 9:00PM as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Governmental Code §551.074 (Personnel Matters)

The City Council came out of Executive Session at 9:45PM.

No public action was taken.

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 **August 18, 2026 at 9:00 AM** and remained so posted continuously for at least 3 business days proceeding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Madison Farrow, City Secretary