



City of La Vernia
**JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND MDD BUDGET
WORKSHOP AND PUBLIC HEARING**
102 E. Chihuahua St., La Vernia, Texas 78121
August 28, 2025
6:00 PM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order @ 6:00 PM

Mayor Poore, Council and MDD members Recker, Evans, Rabel, Oates, Gilbert, Hyland were present. Farmer was 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. Public Hearing

A.

The City of La Vernia City Council will hold a Public hearing regarding Ordinance No. 091125-02 adopting the 2025-2026 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. 091125-02 adopting the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget

A.1 Open Public Hearing

The Public hearing was opened at 6:01PM.

A.2 Staff Presentation

City Administrator Lindsey Wheeler presented slides on new expenses and proposed revenues.

A.3 Receive Public Comments

There were no public comments.

A.4 Close Public Hearing

The public hearing was closed at 6:21PM.

A.5 Discuss and consider action on Ordinance No. 091125-02 adopting the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget

Council would like Public Works Director Josh De La Zerda to provide estimates on outsourcing meter replacements.

looking into three PD units for the next fiscal year.

Motion made by Evans, to table to the 09/11/2025 Council meeting seconded by Rabel, all in favor.

- B. The City of La Vernia City Council will hold a Public hearing regarding Ordinance No. **091125 -03** adopting the 2025 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. **091125 -03** adopting the 2025 Ad Valorem Tax Rate, consisting of Operation and Maintenance and Interest and sinking (Debt Service) Tax Rate.

C.1 Open Public Hearing

The Public hearing was opened at 7:25PM.

C.2 Staff Presentation

There was no staff presentation.

C.3 Receive Public Comments

There were no public comments.

C.4 Close Public Hearing

The public hearing was closed at 7:26PM.

C.5 Discuss and consider action on Ordinance No. 091125 -03 adopting the 2025 Ad Valorem Tax Rate, consisting of Operation and Maintenance and Interest and sinking (Debt Service) Tax Rate.

Discussion was held about a MO tax rate of 0.144658, IS tax rate of 0.127880 totaling to 0.272538

With a 10% increase on water and sewer rates.

Motion made by Oates, to table to the 09/11/2025 Council meeting seconded by Rabel, all in favor.

4. Items Specific to Future Line Items on the Agenda

Budget and Tax adoption on 09/11/2025

5. Adjourn

Motion made by Oates to adjourn at 7:54 PM, seconded by Rabel, 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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City Council and MDD members went into Executive Session at 7:33PM and came out at 7:54PM as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Governmental Code §551.074 (Personnel Matters).

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 25, 2025 at 5:00 PM** and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 Hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Madison Farrow, City Secretary