



City of La Vernia

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

May 14, 2026

6:30 PM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM

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

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.)

Tommy Terry spoke for the Brahan Lodge. Inviting council to celebrate Memorial day, May 25th and 10:00AM.

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 04/09/2026 City Council Meeting

B. Financials for the month of March

Motion made by Rabel, seconded by Gilbert to approve as listed with correction to spelling errors in the minutes, all in favor.

5. Proclamations

A. National Public Works Week Proclamation

Mayor Poore read the Proclamation out loud for National Public Works Week.

B. National Economic Development Week Proclamation

Mayor Poore read the Proclamation out loud for National Economic Development Week.

6. Discussion/Action

A. Discuss and consider action on appointing an ADA Coordinator

Motion made by Recker, seconded by Rabel to appoint City Secretary Madison Farrow as La Vernia's ADA coordinator, all in favor.

- B. Discuss and consider action on a Sign Variance
Mayor Poore pulled the sign variance, to be added to the future ZBOA meeting.

7. Discussion Only

- A. Discussion regarding the monthly meter replacement report
Public Works Director Josh De La Zerda spoke on the monthly meter replacement report. He states no new meters have been installed as of last month. They are currently waiting on the meters they ordered to arrive.
- B. Discussion regarding lighting and glare standards
Interim City Administrator Xavier Millan spoke, he stated this would be a labor intensive effort. He recommends 5 years for everyone to be in compliance.
City Engineer Morgen Gore suggests a hybrid model, as existing businesses would have to comply if not.
Council would like to have a workshop, and invite a dark sky representative.

8. Ordinances

- A. Discuss and consider action on Ordinance No. 051426-01 Amending La Vernia code of Ordinances chapter 36 regarding meters and delinquent water bills
Council stated there are quite a few edits they would like to see to the amendment.
Mayor Poore tabled the Ordinance to be brought back at June's council meeting.

9. Resolutions

- A. Discuss and consider action on Resolution No. R051426-01 regarding a reimbursement for prior lawful expenditures
Lindsey Wheeler spoke on the Resolution.
Motion made by Gilbert, seconded by Recker to approve Resolution No. R051426-01 regarding a reimbursement for prior lawful expenditures at \$2.5 million, all in favor.

10. Elections

- A. Certificate of Election issued to newly elected officials Dianell Recker and Gary Gilbert
Mayor Poore read and issued the certificates to Recker, and Gilbert.
- B. Statement of Officer is completed by newly elected and appointed officials
Mayor Poore gave the statement of officer to Recker, and Gilbert.
- C. Newly elected and appointed officers take the oath of office
Mayor Poore gave the oath of office to Recker, and Gilbert.
- D. Newly sworn-in officers may assume the duties of their office
Recker, and Gilbert assumed their duties of their office.
- E. Discuss and consider the appointment of a Mayor Pro-Tem
Mayor Gilbert suggested Recker as Mayor Pro-Tem.
Motion made by Oates, seconded by Rabel to appoint Recker as Mayor Pro-Tem, all in favor.
- F. Discuss and consider recommending someone to fill the vacancy on City Council
Oates suggests to table to next month.
Mayor Gilbert tabled, to be brought back at June's council meeting.

11. Presentations

- A. Presentation regarding recognition of outgoing Mayor Poore
Mayor Gilbert presented outgoing Mayor Poore with a rememberable La Vernia street sign and thanked him for his service to the community.

12. 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.

- A. Pursuant to Local Government Code section §551.074 of the Open Meeting Act. Tex. Gov't Code, the City Council will meet in executive session to deliberate personnel matters.

The City Council went into Executive Session at 7:22PM.

The City Council came out of Executive Session at 8:06PM.

Motion made by Recker, seconded by Oates to approve Resolution No. R051426-02 appointing Lindsey Wheeler as City Administrator, all in favor.

Motion made by Recker, seconded by Oates to approve Resolution No. R051426-03 amending the City Administrator employment contract to April 27th, all in favor.

13. Items Specific to Future Line Items on the Agenda

- Workshop regarding Dark Skies

14. Adjourn

Motion made by Oates to adjourn at 8:10PM, 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.

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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 **May 08, 2026 at 5:00 PM** and remained so posted continuously for at least 3 business days preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Madison Farrow, City Secretary