



City of La Vernia
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
102 E. Chihuahua St., La Vernia, Texas 78121
November 14, 2024
6:30 PM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order @ 6:30 PM

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

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 10-10-24 City Council Meeting

B. Financials for the month of October

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

5. Presentations

A. Presentation introducing staff to City Council

Admin assistant Jennifer Mair introduced herself, her day to day include utilities and permitting. She enjoys what she does.

Municipal court clerk and code enforcement Alejandra Banda introduced herself, she is enjoying court, as well as learning code.

Public works associate Marco Valdez introduced himself, he has his 2-year mark coming up soon, and he is working on getting his C license. He came from our parks department and is very grateful to be here.

Public works associate Tyler Helgeson introduced himself, he is currently working on his waste water license, and is excited for the future.

Public works director Josh De La Zerda introduced himself, he has been in the field for 15 years, and is also currently working on his waste water license.

6. Proclamations

- A. Proclamation regarding National American Indian Heritage Month
Mayor Poore read the Proclamation for National American Indian Heritage Month.

7. Public Hearing

- A. The La Vernia City Council will hold a public hearing to discuss and consider action on Ordinance No. 111424-02 amending the permitted use chart
 - 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. 111424-02 amending the permitted use chart

A.1 Open Public Hearing
Public hearing was opened @ 6:45 PM

A.2 Staff Presentation
City Administrator Lindsey Wheeler presented, the City sent out letters as well as messages on the water bills. We have had the public requesting the changes, they have showed no concerns.

A.3 Receive Public Comments
There were no public comments.

A.4 Close Public Hearing
Public hearing was closed @7:46 PM

A.5 Discuss and consider action on Ordinance No. 111424-02 amending the permitted use chart

Motion made by Oates, seconded by Recker to approve edits to permitted use chart, all in favor.

8. Public Hearing

- A. Discuss and consider action on Ordinance No.111424-01 amending the fee schedule for FY 24-25

Motion made by Recker, seconded by Gilbert to approve edits to the fee schedule as listed, all in favor.

- B. Discuss and consider action on Ordinance No. 111424-03 creating the Parks and Recreation Commission

Gilbert states he likes that the Commission will be open to non-residents.

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

9. Public Hearing

- A. Discuss and consider action on Resolution 111424-01 extending the Local Disaster Declaration regarding fire prevention

Mayor Poore explained the Local Disaster Declaration regarding fire prevention, which he signed on November 1st 2024.

Motion made by Recker to extend for 60 days January 13th, 2024, seconded by Gilbert to approve as listed, all in favor.

- B. Discuss and consider action on Resolution 111424-02 extending the Local Disaster Declaration regarding Drought

Mayor Poore explained the Local Disaster Declaration regarding Drought, which he signed on November 1st 2024.

Motion made by Gilbert to extend for 60 days January 13th, 2024, seconded by Recker to approve as listed, all in favor.

10. Discussion/Action

- A. Discussion surrounding the purchase of a City admin vehicle

City Administrator Lindsey Wheeler provided information on the new City Admin vehicle, the City purchased a 2022 Chevrolet Equinox.

Council members agree to splitting the amount of the vehicle with the MDD. With the City paying maintenance and insurance.

Council members discussed getting magnet decals for the vehicle along with a light package for safety.

11. Items Specific to Future Line Items on the Agenda

Council members agree to no meeting in December unless needed.

For the January meeting discuss the Local Disaster Declaration regarding Drought, the Local Disaster Declaration regarding fire prevention, and water updates.

12. Adjourn

Motion made by Oates to adjourn @ 7:019 PM, seconded by Recker, 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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Madison Farrow, City Secretary