



City of La Vernia
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
102 E. Chihuahua St., La Vernia, Texas 78121
February 06, 2025
6:30 PM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order @ 6:32 PM

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

2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer was lead by Pastor Bobby Nixon, 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 01-09-25 City Council Meeting

B. Financials for the month of January

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

5. Ordinances

A. Discuss and consider action on Ordinance No. 020625-01, to call for a General Election for the City of La Vernia on May 3rd, 2025, for the purpose of electing two (2) Aldermen

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

- B. Discuss and consider action on Ordinance No. 020625-02, to call for a Special Election for the City of La Vernia on May 3rd, 2025, for the purpose of electing one (2) Alderman for an unexpired one (1) year term
Motion made by Recker, seconded by Rabel to approve as listed, all in favor.
- C. Discuss and consider action on Ordinance No. 020625-03 amending La Vernia code of Ordinances Chapter 30
City Administrator Lindsey Wheeler spoke, as this amendment would clearly state what was being amended the first time.
Motion made by Gilbert, seconded by Recker to approve as listed, all in favor.

6. Resolutions

- A. Discuss and consider action on Resolution No. 020625-01 Regarding sponsoring police cadets
Chief Keil Presented, stating the cadets would be City employees minus the Officer duties while in the academy. After completing the academy and passing everything we would hire them as an Officer and reimburse them for the academy.
Motion made by Gilbert, seconded by Rabel to approve but review each year, all in favor.

7. Discussion/Action

- A. Discuss and consider action on renewing the animal control contract with Wilson County No Kill Animal Shelter for the 2024-2025 fiscal year
Council would like us to meet annually to discuss.
Motion made by Gilbert, seconded by Recker to renew in the amount of \$5,000, all in favor.
- B. Discuss and consider action on appointing a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission
Motion made by Recker, seconded by Rabel to appoint Francine Antista as the ETJ representative of the Parks and Recreation Commission ,all in favor.
- C. Discuss and consider action on repair work and repainting City Hall
City Administrator Lindsey Wheeler spoke on repairs that our needed for the outside of City Hall, and we currently have two estimates and our currently talking to others to get more.
Motion made by Recker, seconded by Gilbert to table until next meeting when we have the other estimates, all in favor.

8. Discussion Only

- A. Update on the sidewalk project
City Administrator Lindsey wheeler spoke, the bridges have come in and are due to be complete by the end of March.
- B. Discussion regarding the street maintenance project for FY 2025

City Administrator Lindsey Wheeler spoke, the staff has done an assessment on streets and reviewed which are needing the most attention, we would like to do a few streets at a time as it warms up outside.

Council likes the idea of fixing a few streets at a time, they would like to add this to a future line item next month.

9. Executive Session

The Board of the La Vernia Municipal Development District 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.

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The City Council went into Executive Session at 7:00PM

B. The City Council will convene in regular open session and may seek action on the item and or items discussed during the executive session.

The City Council came out of Executive Session at 7:13PM

Motion made by Recker to go forward with the purchase as discussed in Executive Session, seconded by Gilbert, all in favor.

10. Items Specific to Future Line Items on the Agenda

Update with Public Works projects, Drainage project update, water/ waste water plant update, street maintenance update.

A. Workshop regarding Little League and the Parks and Recreation Commission
Will email LV Little League for meeting availability.

11. Adjourn

Motion made by Rabel to adjourn @ 7:19PM, 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.

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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 **February 03, 2025 at 5:00PM** and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 Hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Madison Farrow, City Secretary