



City of La Vernia

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

March 12, 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, and Oates were present. Evans 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.)

Cody Hamilton spoke, he states he is a representative for Carlos De La Cruz. He is representing small cities like La Vernia, and he is asking for our support.

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. Financials for the month of January

B. Minutes from the 02/12/2026 City Council Meeting

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

5. Presentations

A. Presentation swearing in new graduate as a La Vernia police officer
Chief Keil swore in officer John Goodwin.

Chief Keil states officer Goodwin was our cadet, the city sponsored him through the academy. He completed over 1,000 hours of training, and passed his test on the first attempt.

B. Presentation from staff on how the water bills are calculated

Public Works Director Josh De La Zerda spoke, he explained how the residential and commercial water bills are calculated.

C. Presentation from staff on new zoning map

Interim City Administrator Xavier Millan spoke on the new zoning map City Engineer Morgen Gore created. The map is now interactive, and can be updated in real time.

6. Proclamations

A. Women's History Month Proclamation

Mayor Pro-Tem Dianell Recker read the Proclamation out loud for Women's History Month.

7. Discussion/Action

A. Discuss and consider action on appointing a Trustee to the FELPS Board

City Secretary Madison Farrow spoke, she states our current trustee is Tommy Scogin and his term is ending. Tommy expressed he would like to serve another term.

Motion made by Oates, seconded by Recker to appoint Tommy Scogin for another term as La Vernia's trustee on the FELPS board, all in favor.

B. Discuss and consider action on ETJ release of Witte's subdivision

No action was taken.

8. 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 703 have been installed, they have 146 left to install.

B. Discussion regarding the Park restroom

Public Works Director Josh De La Zerda spoke on the park restrooms, public works is currently working on installing the fixtures.

Council states they would like to see lighting in the front of the restroom near the entrance.

C. Discussion regarding an update on the drainage project

City Engineer Morgen Gore spoke, she showed a graphic of how the drainage will flow. She states we have received 90% of the plans from South West Engineers.

9. Ordinances

A. Discuss and Consider action on Ordinance No. 031226-01 canceling the general election

City Secretary Madison Farrow spoke, she states we will be canceling the general election as our candidates ran unopposed. We will be swearing them in during the May council meeting.

Motion made by Recker, seconded by Rabel to approve Ordinance No. 031226-01 canceling the general election, all in favor.

10. Resolutions

A. Discuss and consider action on Resolution No. R031226-01 Settlement Regarding Meuth Tract

City Engineer Morgen Gore spoke, she states we have reached an agreement with SS Water. We will continue to serve the Meuth tract, but the tract will remain in SS Waters CCN.

Motion made by Gilbert, seconded by Recker to approve Resolution No. R031226-01 Settlement Regarding Meuth Tract, all in favor.

- B. Discuss and consider action on Resolution No. R031226-02 regarding Market Days
Interim City Administrator Xavier Millan spoke, he states we have reached an agreement with Market Days. This will be a one year agreement and we will revisit it each year. Market Days will be charged \$100 per event , with flexibility regarding the number and scheduling of events. The MDD will serve as the designated authority for this agreement.
Motion made by Recker, seconded by Oates to approve Resolution No. R031226-02 regarding Market Days, all in favor.
- C. Discuss and consider action on Resolution No. R031226-03 appointing Morgen Gore to the CRWA Board of Managers
Motion made by Recker, seconded by Rabel to approve Resolution No. R031226-03 appointing Morgen Gore to the CRWA Board of Managers , all in favor.
- D. Discuss and consider action on Resolution No. R031226-04 regarding the flood Response & Evacuation Plan
Chief Keil spoke, he states he has made the changes that were discussed in last months council meeting. He also states that Grace Church would like to review their MOU.
Motion made by Oates, seconded by Rabel to approve Resolution No. R031226-04 regarding the flood Response & Evacuation Plan, as long as Grace Church does not have any edits, all in favor.
- E. Discuss and consider action on Resolution No. R031226-05 Regarding Auto Check Service/ Law Enforcement Agreement
Chief Keil spoke, he states we work with LexisNexis quite often. They mail in request for crash reports with a check, and we mail them back. With this agreement we would be able to upload all of the reports, and the check will be deposited.
Motion made by Recker, seconded by Gilbert to approve Resolution No. R031226-05 Regarding Auto Check Service/ Law Enforcement Agreement , all in favor.
- F. Discuss and consider action on Resolution No. R031226-06 regarding the Amended and Restated Groundwater Lease
Motion made by Oates, seconded by Recker to approve Resolution No. R031226-06 regarding the Amended and Restated Groundwater Lease, all in favor.

11. 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 §551.071 Consultation with Attorney of the Open Meeting Act. Tex. Gov't Code, the City Council will meet in executive session
The City Council went into Executive Session at 6:42PM for §551.071 Consultation with Attorney, for items 8C and 10F.
The City Council came out of Executive Session at 7:23PM.

12. Items Specific to Future Line Items on the Agenda

- Appointing Mayor Poore to the to the CRWA Board of Trustees
- Recognition of Cub Scouts Arrow of Light Award recipients
- Dark sky proclamation
- SUP
- Rezone

13. Adjourn

Motion made by Oates to adjourn at 8:08PM, 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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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 **March 06, 2026 at 6:00 PM** and remained so posted continuously for at least 3 business days preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Madison Farrow, City Secretary