



City of La Vernia
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
102 E. Chihuahua St., La Vernia, Texas 78121
September 14, 2023
6:30 PM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

@ 6:30 pm

G Gilbert, D Recker, J Oates, G Rabel, and M Poore present, E Rauschuber absent

2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Pastor Nixon led the Prayer, and Mayor Poore led the pledge

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 on 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.)

None

4. Consent Agenda

(All consent agenda items are considered routine by 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. Check Register and financial report for the month of August
 - B. Approve the Meeting Minutes from the 08-10-23 Regular Meeting
 - C. Approve the Meeting Minutes from the 08-29-23 Special Meeting
 - D. Approve the Wilson County Appraisal District 2024 Budget
- Councilmember Oates made a motion to approve the consent agenda as listed, seconded by Councilmember Recker, all in favor

5. Proclamations

- A. Proclamation for World Teachers Day
Mayor Poore read aloud
- B. Proclamation for the Daughters of the American Revolution
Mayor Poore read aloud
- C. Proclamation declaring September Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
Mayor Poore read aloud
- D. Proclamation for the 40th Annual National Night Out on October 3rd 2023

Mayor Poore read aloud

6. Public Hearing- Budget

A. The City of La Vernia City Council will hold a Public hearing regarding Ordinance No. 091423-01 adopting the 2022-2023 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. 091423-01 adopting the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget

The City of La Vernia City Council held a Public hearing regarding Ordinance No. 091423-01 adopting the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget

A.1 Open Public Hearing

@6:44 pm

A.2 Staff Presentation

City Administrator presents the budget

A.3 Receive Public Comments

None

A.4 Close Public Hearing

@6:45 pm

A.5 Discuss and consider action on Ordinance No. 091423-01 adopting the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget

Roll Call:

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| M Poore | FOR |
| J Oates | FOR |
| G Gilbert | FOR |
| E Rauschuber | Not Present |
| D Recker | FOR |
| G Rabel | FOR |

Councilmember Gilbert made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 091423-01 adopting the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget, seconded by Councilmember Rabel, all in favor

- B. The City of La Vernia City Council will hold a Public hearing regarding Resolution No 091423-01 a resolution to ratify an increase of **2.04%** in property tax revenues from last year's operating budget as reflected in the FY 23-24 budget

- B.1 Open Public Hearing

- B.2 Staff Presentation

- B.3 Receive Public Comments

- B.4 Close Public Hearing

- B.5 Discuss and consider action on Resolution No 091423-01 a resolution to ratify an increase of **2.04%** in property tax revenues from last year's operating budget as reflected in the FY 23-24 budget

- B.1 Open Public Hearing

- @6:47 pm

- B.2 Staff Presentation

- City Administrator presents the proposed tax revenues

- B.3 Receive Public Comments

- None

- B.4 Close Public Hearing

- @6:48 pm

- B.5 Discuss and consider action on Resolution No 091423-01 a resolution to ratify an increase of **2.04%** in property tax revenues from last year's operating budget as reflected in the FY 23-24 budget

- Councilmemeber Osates made a motion to approve Resolution No 091423-01 a resolution to ratify an increase of **2.04%** in property tax revenues from last year's operating budget as reflected in the FY 23-24 budget , seconded by Councilmember Recker, all in favor

- C. The City of La Vernia City Council will hold a Public hearing regarding Ordinance No. 091423-02 adopting the 2023 Ad Valorem Tax Rate, consisting of Operation and maintenance and Interest & 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. 091423-02 adopting the 2023 Ad Valorem Tax Rate, consisting of Operation & Maintenance and Interest & Sinking (Debt Service) Tax Rate.

The City of La Vernia City Council held a Public hearing regarding Ordinance No. 091423-02 adopting the 2023 Ad Valorem Tax Rate, consisting of Operation and Maintenance and Interest & Sinking (Debt Service) Tax Rate.

C.1 Open Public Hearing

@6:50 pm

C.2 Staff Presentation

City Administrator presents the proposed tax rate

C.3 Receive Public Comments

None

C.4 Close Public Hearing

@6:51 pm

C.5 Discuss and consider action on Ordinance No. 091423-02 adopting the 2023 Ad Valorem Tax Rate, consisting of Operation and Maintenance and Interest & Sinking (Debt Service) Tax Rate.

Roll Call O+M RATE:

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| M Poore | FOR |
| J Oates | FOR |
| G Gilbert | FOR |
| E Rauschuber | Not Present |
| D Recker | FOR |
| G Rabel | FOR |

Roll Call DEBT RATE:

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| M Poore | FOR |
| J Oates | FOR |
| G Gilbert | FOR |
| E Rauschuber | Not Present |
| D Recker | FOR |
| G Rabel | FOR |

Roll Call TAX RATE:

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| M Poore | FOR |
| J Oates | FOR |
| G Gilbert | FOR |
| E Rauschuber | Not Present |
| D Recker | FOR |
| G Rabel | FOR |

Councilmember Recker made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 091423-02 adopting the 2023 Ad Valorem Tax Rate, consisting of Operation and Maintenance and Interest & Sinking (Debt Service) Tax Rate., seconded by Councilmember Rabel, all in favor

7. Discussion/Action

- A. Discuss and consider action on 2024 Holidays
Councilmember Oates made a motion to approve the 2024 Holidays as listed, seconded by Councilmember Recker, all in favor
- B. Discuss and consider action on the appointment of a new member to the Planning and Zoning Commission
Councilmember Recker made a motion to appoint Kyle Real to the Planning and Zoning Commission, seconded by Councilmember Oates, all in favor
- C. Discuss and consider action on the use of the American Recovery Act fund balance
 - Sewer plant needs
 - Public works vehicle

The purchase of a bar screen and other water and sewer fund balance needs were discussed to make use of the remaining funding, rather than the purchase of a public works vehicle

Councilmember Oates made a motion to approve the suggested items for spending, seconded by Councilmember Recker, all in favor

8. Staff Reports

- A. Staff Reports
 - A1. City Administrator
 - A2. Police Chief
 - A3. Public Works
 - A1. City Administrator
 - We need to focus on nominating someone to serve on the appraisal district
 - The street project has started
 - RPPC Master plan for parks meeting was attended
 - Sales tax is up
 - We are working on updating our comprehensive plan
 - A2. Police Chief
 - Hired 3 new officers, and we are now fully staffed
 - All SRO positions are full
 - NNO advertisements are starting to go out
 - Update on crime: recent uptick in burglaries

A3. Public Works

- All leaks are up to date as of now
- Request for a truck for parks and public works to use
- The major leak at the corner of Chihuahua and Seguin has been fixed post building demo
- The Council requests a better job with clean up post leaks start to occur
- The Council requesters estimated dates for repairs of leaks to be emailed to the City Asmnistrator regularly

9. Items Specific to Future Line Items on the Agenda

- Agreement between Council and teh MDD regarding a cost share for the purchase of the tables and chair, the Council would like to see on the next agenda
- Update on plan for drainage

10. Adjourn

Councilmember Oates made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 pm, seconded by Councilmember Rabel, all in favor

DECORUM REQUIRED

Any disruptive behavior, including shouting or derogatory statements or comments may be ruled out of order to the Presiding Officer. Continuation of this 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 previsions under Texas law that permits a governmental body to discuss a matter in closed executive session.

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Lindsey Wheeler, City Secretary