



City of La Vernia
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
102 E. Chihuahua St., La Vernia, Texas 78121
July 09, 2026
6:30 PM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:31PM

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

2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Pastor Bobby Nixon lead the prayer and Mayor Gilbert 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.)

Blake Taylor spoke on Flock cameras and how they invade your privacy. He stated he has a petition that 42 people have signed.

Julia MaGee and Elaine Stephens spoke as members of the Sticker Bur book club, the invited Council and City staff to a grassroots meeting about Library options.

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 06/11/2026 City Council Meeting

B. Financials for the month of May

C. Quarterly Investment Report 2nd Quarter April-June 2026

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

5. Presentations

A. Presentation of Floresville's Peanut Festival Royal Court

The Floresville's Peanut Festival Royal Court introduced themselves and invited Council to the Peanut Festival.

B. Presentation of Annual Donation to Children's Alliance of South Texas

Christina Martinez accepted the donation on behalf of the Children's Alliance of South Texas. She stated how she appreciates the city and working with LVPD.

Mayor Gilbert presented her with the \$5,000 donation.

- C. Presentation of Annual Donation to Wilson County Library
Nicki Stohr accepted the donation on behalf of the Wilson County Library.
Mayor Gilbert presented her with the \$1,000 donation.

6. Discussion/Action

- A. Certificate of Election issued to newly elected official Chelsey Ingle
Mayor Gilbert read and issued the certificate to Chelsey Ingle.
- B. Statement of Officer is completed by newly appointed official
Mayor Gilbert gave the statement of officer to Chelsey Ingle.
- C. Newly appointed officer takes the oath of office
Mayor Gilbert gave the oath of office to Chelsey Ingle.
- D. Newly sworn-in officer may assume the duties of their office
Chelsey Ingle assumed her duties of her office.
- E. Discuss and consider action on the appointments of members to the Municipal Development District Board of Directors
Mayor Gilbert recommends the reappointment of the current members.
Motion made by Oates, seconded by Recker to re-appoint all current members, all in favor.
- F. Discuss and consider action on the proposed engagement letter from Armstrong and Vaughn regarding the FY 2026 Audit
Motion made by Recker, seconded by Rabel to move forward with the proposed engagement letter from Armstrong and Vaughn regarding the FY 2026 Audit, all in favor.
- G. Discuss and consider action on surplusings miscellaneous city-owned property
City Engineer Morgen Gore spoke on surplusings the current public works trailer, the trailer has too much wear and tear for their equipment.
Motion made by Recker, seconded by Evans to approve surplusings miscellaneous city-owned property, all in favor.
- H. Discuss and consider action on landscaping bid
City Administrator Lindsey Wheeler spoke, she stated she reached out to 6 local landscaping businesses and only received 2 bids. One from All Seasons for \$72,360, and the other from The Lawn Medic for \$57,720.
Council states they would like to accept All Seasons bid but for \$65,000.
Motion made by Oates, seconded by Recker to accept All Seasons bid for \$65,000 contingent upon All Seasons acceptance of the revised bid amount, all in favor.

7. Discussion Only

- A. Discussion regarding the monthly meter replacement report
City Engineer Morgen Gore spoke, she stated she received a quote from Core & Main for \$22,307.93 to replace all remaining meters. Core & Main will be able to replace all meters in one week.
- B. Discussion regarding update on park restroom
Parks Director Xavier Millan spoke, he gave updates of corrections that were made to the restroom. Trashcans have been purchased and he is working on getting them installed.

8. Ordinances

- A. Discuss and consider action on Ordinance No. 071026-01 amending the FY 2026 Budget for Midyear review (No. 2)
City Administrator Lindsey Wheeler spoke, she went over the mid year budget amendment.
Motion made by Recker, seconded by Evans to approve Ordinance No. 071026-01 amending the FY 2026 Budget for Midyear review (No. 2), all in favor.

9. Resolutions

- A. Discuss and consider action on Resolution No. R070926-01 regarding financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board
City Engineer Morgen Gore spoke, she states we are applying for a grant for well 9 as well as an additional filter. This grant is a no match grant.
Motion made by Recker, seconded by Evans to approve Resolution No. R070926-01 regarding financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board, all in favor.
- B. Discuss and consider action on Resolution No. R070926-02 authorizing and approving publication and posting of notice of intention to issue combination tax and revenue certificates of obligation in the maximum amount of \$2,500,000 and other matters in connection therewith
City Engineer Morgen Gore spoke, she went over the water/wastewater estimates. Edwardo from specialized public finance gave a presentation.
Motion made by Oates, seconded by Evans to approve Resolution No. R070926-02 authorizing and approving publication and posting of notice of intention to issue combination tax and revenue certificates of obligation in the maximum amount of \$2,500,000 and other matters in connection therewith, all in favor.

10. 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 §Sec. 551.072. DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY of the Open Meeting Act. Tex. Gov't Code, the City Council will meet in executive session to deliberate on proposed development taking place at a property legally known as A0015 F HERRERA SUR, TRACT 38, 38A, 39, ACRES 215.787, (A-290 TRACT 4 & A-33 TRACT 6)
The City Council went into Executive Session at 7:39PM.
The City Council came out of Executive Session at 8:51PM.
No public action was taken.

11. Items Specific to Future Line Items on the Agenda

- PID
- Bond
- MI Homes

12. Adjourn

Motion made by Oates, seconded by Rabel to adjourn at 8:54PM, 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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The City of La Vernia Council meetings are available to all persons regardless of disability. The facility is wheelchair accessible and parking spaces are available. Request for accommodations, 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 **July 03, 2026 at 4:30 PM** and remained so posted continuously for at least 3 business days proceeding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Madison Farrow, City Secretary