



City of La Vernia

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT POSTED TIME OR
DIRECTLY FOLLOWING ZBOA MEETING**

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

June 11, 2026

6:30 PM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:36PM

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

2. 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.

3. 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 05/14/2026 City Council Meeting
 - B. Minutes from the 05/18/2026 City Council, MDD, and Planning & Zoning Workshop
 - C. Financials for the month of April
- Motion made by Recker, seconded by Evans to approve as listed, all in favor.

4. Discussion/Action

- A. Discuss and consider action on surplusings miscellaneous city-owned property
Police Chief Keil spoke, he stated he would like to surplus the 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV. This is their oldest Tahoe and it is at its end of its lifespan for patrol, he would like for the bid to start at \$3,000.
Parks Director Xavier Millan spoke, he stated the city would like to surplus the Christmas tree. He would like for the bid to start at \$1,000.
Motion made by Oates, seconded by Recker to approve surplusings miscellaneous city-owned property, all in favor.
- B. Discuss and consider action on the appointment of a new member to the Parks and Recreation Commission
Motion made by Recker, seconded by Rabel to appoint Martin Poore to the Parks and Recreation Commission, all in favor.

- C. Discuss and consider action on the appointment of a new member to the Municipal Development District Board of Directors
Mayor Gilbert stated he will be staying on the Municipal Development District Board, him and Martin Poore spoke and we will keep his application on file. No action was made.
- D. Discuss and consider action on appointing Dawn Polasek Barnett, Wilson County Tax Assessor-Collector, as the designated officer to calculate the “no-new revenue tax rate” and “voter-approval tax rate” for the 2026 tax year, in accordance with Chapter 26 of the Texas Tax Code
Motion made by Recker, seconded by Rabel to appoint Dawn Polasek Barnett, Wilson County Tax Assessor-Collector, as the designated officer to calculate the “no-new revenue tax rate” and “voter-approval tax rate” for the 2026 tax year, all in favor.
- E. Discuss and consider action regarding the building acquisition resolution proposed by the Wilson County Appraisal District
Jenny Coldewey from the Wilson County Appraisal District spoke. She stated they have edits that need to be made to the Resolution, they are hoping to have the edits complete and brought back to council in July.
- F. Discuss and consider action on the appointment of a new Council member
Chelsey Ingle submitted an application to fill the vacancy on the City Council.
Oates stated he has know Chelsey for many years, she has done good things for the community. He thinks she will bring value.

Evans stated that she agreed with Oates, she knows Chelsey loves the city and wants to make it better.

Motion made by Recker, seconded by Gilbert to appoint Chelsey Ingle as council member, all in favor.

5. Discussion Only

- A. Discussion surrounding amending duties related to the maintenance of the dog park

Parks Director Xavier Millan spoke regarding amending duties related to the maintenance of the dog park. He stated currently the coalition is maintaining the dog park, they recently came to the city asking if we can take it over.
Julia from the coalition spoke she stated they would like to hand it over to the city.
Mayor Gilbert stated city staff will rework the agreement before city takes over the maintenance. He also stated a member of the coalition should be appointed to the parks and recreation commission.
- B. Discussion regarding an update on the park restrooms
Parks Director Xavier Millan spoke regarding the park restrooms. He stated the issues that were brought up about the restrooms have been addressed, he is currently talking to a plumber to come look at the plumbing.
- C. Discussion regarding the monthly meter replacement report
City Engineer Morgen Gore spoke regarding the monthly meter replacement report. She stated there are 157 meters that need to be replaced, all meters needed have been ordered but some are on backorder. She stated she is currently reaching out to contractors to complete the replacement of the new meters.

6. Ordinances

- A. Discuss and consider action on Ordinance No. 061126-01 Amending La Vernia code of Ordinances chapter 36 regarding meters and delinquent water bills
City Engineer Morgen Gore spoke she stated the edits discussed in May's council meeting were made.
Motion made by Recker, seconded by Rabel to approve Ordinance No. 061126-01 Amending La Vernia code of Ordinances chapter 36 regarding meters and delinquent water bills, all in favor.

7. Resolutions

- A. Discuss and consider action on Resolution No. R061126-01 regarding Operation Lone Star
Police Chief Keil spoke he stated they will be applying for the Operation Lone Star grant.
Motion made by Oates, seconded by Rabel to approve Resolution No. R061126-01 regarding Operation Lone Star, all in favor.

8. 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 551.072 (*Deliberations about Real Property*) of the Open Meeting Act. Tex. Gov't Code, the City Council will meet in executive session to deliberate real property relating to 13794 US HWY 87 W
The City Council went into Executive Session at 7:08PM.
The City Council came out of Executive Session at 8:00PM.
No public action was taken.

9. Items Specific to Future Line Items on the Agenda

- Update on park restrooms
- Update on contracting a company to finish the install of water meters
- Amending the dog park contract
- Wilson county appraisal district Resolution

10. Adjourn

Motion made by Oates, seconded by Rabel to adjourn at 8:04PM, 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 **June 08, 2026 at 4:30 PM** and remained so posted continuously for at least 3 business days preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Madison Farrow, City Secretary