

**Official Minutes
City Of Lorenzo, TX
September 12, 2022**

**PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL ROOM - LORENZO, TX 7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Tim Tiner called the Public Hearing to Order at 7:00 p.m. with the following Council Members present: Aldermen Mayor ProTem Cheryl Birdwell, Karla Tiner, Janet Peterson-Gonzales, Rhonda Cypert and Hilda Castillo. Also present were City Administrator Michael Chambers, City Secretary Lisa Hernandez, Public Works Director Chad Mobbs, City Clerk Isabel Martinez, Crosby County Sheriff Ethan Villanueva, Deputy Matthew Martinez, Fire Chief Mark Majors, Fire Department Volunteers Celeste Rackler and Jacob Brown, and Ralls EMS Dennis Williams.

City Administrator Michael Chambers gave the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Tim Tiner.

PUBLIC HEARING: Public Hearing on the City of Lorenzo governing body's proposed tax rate of \$0.858309 per \$100 valuation creating a tax levy of \$296,583; collecting no-new-revenue taxes from the previous year. The proposed tax rate does not exceed the lower no-new-revenue tax rate or the voter-approval tax rate.

PUBLIC HEARING: Public Hearing on the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program-Community Development Fund. Mayor Tim Tiner opened the public hearing at 7:01 p.m. asked if anyone had any questions over public hearing items no patron input was made. Council Member Rhonda Cypert made a motion to close Public Hearing at 7:31 p.m. Council Member Cheryl Birdwell seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.

Mayor Tim Tiner opened the Regular Meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Proclamations

- A. **Proclamation Declaring the Week of October 5th, 2022 as "World Teacher Day" in Lorenzo, Texas.** - Council Member Rhonda Cypert made a motion to approve the Week of October 5th, 2022 as "World Teacher Day" in Lorenzo, Texas. Council Member Cheryl Birdwell seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.

Public Comment: No Comment was received.

Public Hearing Items

Public Hearing and possible action regarding:

- A. **City of Lorenzo governing body's proposed tax rate of \$0.858309 per \$100 valuation creating a tax levy of \$296,583; collecting no-new-revenue taxes from the previous year. The proposed tax rate does not exceed the lower no-new-revenue tax rate or the voter-approval tax rate.** - Council Member Cheryl Birdwell motions, I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.858309 which is effectively a 5.53 percent increase in the tax rate. Council Member Hilda Castillo seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.
- B. **Texas Community Development Block Grant Program – Community Development Grant** - Council Member Cheryl Birdwell motioned to approve the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program. Council Member Rhonda Cypert seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.

Consent Agenda:

All consent items are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion and vote.

11. Approve August 8, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. - Council Member Rhonda Cypert motioned to approve the minutes of August 8, 2022 Regular Meeting. Council Member Janet Peterson-Gonzales seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.

12. Approve Financial Statements/Accounts Payable for August 8, 2022. - Council Member Rhonda Cypert motioned to approve the Financial Statements/Account Payable for August 8, 2022 Regular Meeting. Council Member Karla Tiner seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.

13. Staff Reports:

{Staff reports are for discussion only. No Motion.}

- a. **City Administrator Report:** _____ Michael Chambers
- b. **City Secretary Report:** _____ Lisa Hernandez
- c. **Public Works Report:** _____ Chad Mobbs
- d. **Crosby County Sheriff Report:** _____ Ethan Villanueva
- e. **Fire Department Report:** _____ Mark Majors
- f. **EMS Report:** _____ Dennis Williams

Discuss and Take Action Regarding:

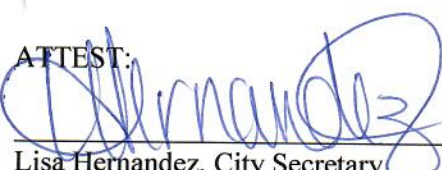
- 14. **A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lorenzo Authorizing and Providing for the Incurrence of Indebtedness for the Purpose of Providing a Portion of the Cost of Acquiring, Constructing, Enlarging, Improving, and/or Extending its Provide Water Service Facility to Serve an Area Lawfully within its Jurisdiction to Serve.** - Council Member Janet Peterson-Gonzales motioned to approve the Resolution Authorizing and Providing for the Incurrence of Indebtedness for the Purposed of Providing a Portion of the Cost Acquiring, Constructing, Enlarging, Improving, and/or Extending its Provide Water Service Facility to Serve an Area Lawfully within its Jurisdiction to Serve. Council Member Cheryl Birdwell seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.
- 15. **Resolution 080822 – A Resolution by the City of Lorenzo, Texas (“City”) Denying Southwestern Public Service Company’s Purposed Surcharge in Connection with Final Rates Approved Related to its Statement of Intent Submitted on about February 8, 2021** - Council Member Rhonda Cypert motioned to Deny the Resolution 080822 from Southwestern Public Service Company’s Purposed Surcharge in Connection with Final Rates approved related to its statement of intent submitted in or about February 8, 2021. Council Member Janet Peterson-Gonzales seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.
- 16. **Resolution 090122: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lorenzo, Texas, approving a Negotiated Settlement Between the Executive Committee of Cities Served by Atmos West Texas (“Cities”) and Atmos Energy Corp., West Texas Division Regarding the Company’s 2022 Rate Review Mechanism Filing.** - Council Member Cheryl Birdwell motioned to approve Resolution 090122: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lorenzo, Texas approving a Negotiated Settlement between the executive committee of cities served by Atmos West Texas and Atmos Energy Corp., West Texas Division Regarding the Company’s 2022 Rate Review Mechanism Filing. Council Member Rhonda Cypert seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.
- 17. **Consider approving TAX DEED Parcel R10579: A 0.057-acre tract of land located in Block 25-B of Tract Eight (8), Original Town Addition to the City of Lorenzo, Crosby County, Texas – bid from Skyline Real Estate Services, LLC in the amount of \$502.00** - Council Member Cheryl Birdwell motioned to approve Skyline Real Estate Services, LLC bid of \$502.00 for the Tax Deed Parcel R1579: A 0.057-acre tract of land located in the Block 25-B of Tract Eight (8), Original Town Addition to the City of Lorenzo, Crosby County, Texas. Council Member Karla Tiner seconded. VOTE: Four (4) in favor, one (1) against, motion passed.

Convene into Executive Session in accordance with Texas Government Code §551.072, “Deliberations regarding Real Property” to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property. - Council convened into executive session at 8:01 p.m.

Reconvene into Open Session to take action, if necessary, regarding matters discussed in Executive Session. - Council reconvened in open sessions at 8:07 pm. No Action Taken.

- 18. **Adjournment** - Council Member Rhonda Cypert motioned to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Karla Tiner seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

ATTEST:



Lisa Hernandez, City Secretary



Tim Tiner, Mayor