

**Official Minutes
City Of Lorenzo, TX
March 13, 2023**

**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, City Clerk Isabel Martinez, Fire Chief Josh King, and Fire Department Volunteers Celeste Rackler, Jacob Brown.

Council Member Karla Tiner gave the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Tim Tiner.

PUBLIC HEARING: Public Hearing on the 2023-2024 Annual Budget. Mayor Tim Tiner opened the public hearing at 7:00 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 7:11 p.m. Council Member Cheryl Birdwell seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.

Mayor Tim Tiner opened the Regular Meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Public Comment: No Comment was received.

Consent Agenda:

Consent Items 2-5: All consent items are considered to be routine and each will be enacted by one motion and vote.

1. Approve February 13, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. - Council Member Karla Tiner motioned to approve the minutes of February 13, 2023 Regular Meeting. Council Member Janet Peterson-Gonzales seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.

2. Approve February 23, 2023 Budget Workshop Minutes. - Council Member Karla Tiner motioned to approve the minutes of February 23, 2023 Budget Workshop and adding Council Member Cheryl Birdwell to the members present. Council Member Rhonda Cypert seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.

3. Approve March 7, 2023 Budget Workshop Minutes. - Council Member Rhonda Cypert motioned to approve the minutes of March 7, 2023 Budget Workshop and adding Council Members Cheryl Birdwell and Janet Peterson-Gonzales to the members present. Council Member Hilda Castillo seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.

4. Approve Financial Statements/Accounts Payable for February 2023. - Council Member Rhonda Cypert motioned to approve the Financial Statements/Accounts Payable of February 2023. Council Member Karla Tiner seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.

5. 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:** _____ Michael Chambers
- d. **Crosby County Sheriff Report:** _____ ~Report in Packet~
- e. **Fire Department Report:** _____ Josh King

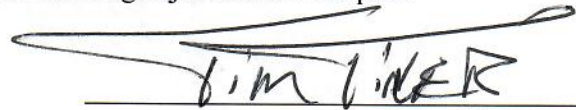
Discuss and Take Action Regarding:

6. Consider & Approve the Budget for FY 2023-2024 - Council Member Karla Tiner motioned to approve the Budget for FY 2023-2024 beginning April 1st. Council Member Janet Peterson-Gonzales seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.

7. Resolution 031323 by the City of Lorenzo, Texas ("City") Denying Southwestern Public Service Company's Proposed Rate Increase Request in Connection with its Statement of Intent Submitted on About February 8, 2023. - Council Member Cheryl Birdwell motioned to Deny the Resolution 031323 from Southwestern Public

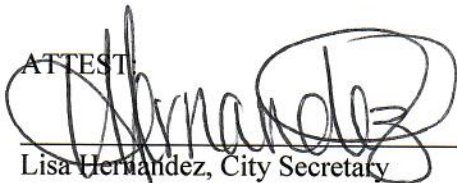
Service Company's Purposed Rate Increase Request in Connection with its statement of Intent submitted on about February 8, 2023. Council Member Hilda Castillo seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.

8. **Order of Cancellation for the May 6, 2023 General City Election** - Council Member Rhonda Cypert motioned to approve the Order of Cancellation for the May 6, 2023 General City Election. Council Member Hilda Castillo seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.
9. **Resolution 031323 A Resolution Declaring Unopposed Candidates in the May 6, 2023 General City Election, Elected to Office and Cancelling the Election.** - Council Member Cheryl Birdwell motioned to approve Resolution 031323 A Resolution Declaring Unopposed Candidates in the May 6, 2023 General City Election, Elected to Office and Cancelling the Election. Council Member Rhonda Cypert seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.
10. **Consider adoption of Ordinance authorizing the issuance of \$999,000 City of Lorenzo, Texas, Water System Revenue Bonds, Series 2023 and ordaining other matters relating to the issuance of the bonds.** - Council Member Cheryl Birdwell motioned to Adopt the Ordinance authorizing the issuance of \$999,000 City of Lorenzo, Texas, Water System Revenue Bonds, Series 2023 and ordaining other matters relating to the issuance of the bonds. Council Member Janet Peterson-Gonzales seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.
11. **Convene into Executive Session in accordance with Texas Government Code §551.074, "Personnel Matters" to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.** - Council convened into executive session at 7:39 p.m.
Reconvene into Open Session to take action, if necessary, regarding matters discussed in Executive Session.
 - Council reconvened in open sessions at 7:55 pm.
 - Council Member Cheryl Birdwell motioned to approve to extend the contract for another year on the City Administrator Michael Chambers contract. Council Member Karla Tiner seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.
12. **Adjournment** - Council Member Cheryl Birdwell motioned to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Rhonda Cypert seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.



Tim Tiner, Mayor

ATTEST



Lisa Hernandez, City Secretary