

Official Minutes
City Of Lorenzo, TX
September 11, 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 Manager Michael Chambers, City Secretary Lisa Hernandez, Public Works Director Chad Mobbs, Crosby County Sheriff Ethan Villanueva, Fire Chief Josh King, and Fire Department Volunteers Celeste Rackler, Jacob Brown.

City Mayor Tim Tiner 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 \$0.951756 per \$100 valuation creating a tax levy of \$320,636; The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. 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 Cheryl Birdwell made a motion to close Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m. Council Member Karla Tiner seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.

Mayor Tim Tiner opened the Regular Meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Public Comment: No Comment was received.

8. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS:

Public Hearing and Possible Action Regarding:

- A. **Public Hearing on the City of Lorenzo governing body's proposed tax rate of \$0.951756 per \$100 valuation creating a tax levy of \$320,636.** Council Member Cheryl Birdwell motions to move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.951756, which is effectively a 6.73 percent increase in the tax rate. Council Member Rhonda Cypert seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.

Consent Agenda:

Consent Items 9-11: All consent items are considered to be routine and each will be enacted by one motion and vote.

9. Approve August 14, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. - Council Member Karla Tiner motioned to approve the minutes of August 14, 2023 Regular Meeting. Council Member Cheryl Birdwell seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.

10. Approve Financial Statements/Accounts Payable for August 2023. - Council Member Janet Peterson-Gonzales motioned to approve the Financial Statements/Accounts Payable of August 2023. Council Member Karla Tiner seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.

11. 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:** _____ Josh King

Discuss and Take Action Regarding:

12. Consider/Approve date in October for Regular Council Meeting. - Council Member Cheryl Birdwell motioned to approve Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 6:30pm for the Regular Council Meeting in October. Council Member Karla Tiner seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.

13. Consider Increasing Reconnect Fees. - Council Member Rhonda Cypert motioned to increase the Reconnect Fee to \$100.00. Council Member Cheryl Birdwell seconded. VOTE: Three (3) in favor, Two (2) opposed, motion passed.

14. Consider & Approve Resolution 10523 for Teacher Day on October 5 in the City of Lorenzo - Council Member Cheryl Birdwell motioned to approve the Resolution 10523 for Teacher Day on October 5th. Council Member Rhonda Cypert seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.

15. 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.

a. City Manager

- Council convened into executive session at 8:02 p.m.

Reconvene into Open Session to take action, if necessary, regarding matters discussed in Executive Session.

- Council reconvened in open sessions at 8:16 pm.

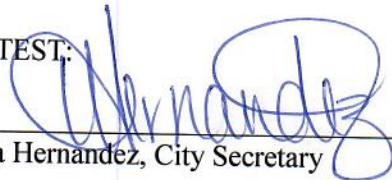
- No Motion, Discussion Only

16. Adjournment - Council Member Karla Tiner motioned to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Rhonda Cypert seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.



Tim Tiner, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lisa Hernandez, City Secretary