

**Official Minutes
City Of Lorenzo, TX
August 14, 2024**

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

Mayor Lori Landin called the Regular Meeting to Order at 7:01 p.m. with the following Council Members present: Aldermen, Earlene Rampy, Cheryl Birdwell, Janet Peterson-Gonzales, Rhonda Cypert and Hilda Castillo. Also present were City Manager Michael Chambers, City Secretary Lisa Hernandez, Public Works Director Chad Mobbs, City Utility/Court Clerk Isabel Salazar, Crosby County Deputy Clay Ragland, Fire Chief Josh King, and guests.

Lorenzo City Council Member Rhonda Cypert gave the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Lori Landin.

Public Comment:

Karin Furnish addresses concerns with the glitch from the water bills and thanked Mike for correcting her account.

Josh King addresses concerns about the doors getting installed and that there are fire hydrants that need to get repaired and the fire department roof.

Gilbert Carrizales addresses concerns about the doors getting installed and that there are other more important issues to correct.

Consent Agenda:

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

1. Approve July 8, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. - Council Member Rhonda Cypert motioned to approve the minutes of July 8, 2024 Regular Meeting. Council Member Cheryl Birdwell seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.

2. Approve Financial Statements/Accounts Payable for July 2024. - Council Member Janet Peterson-Gonzales motioned to approve the July 2024 Financial Reports. Council Member Hilda Castillo seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.

3. Staff Reports:

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

- a. **City Administrator Report:** _____ Michael Chambers _____
- b. **Crosby County Sheriff Report:** _____ Clay Ragland _____
- c. **Fire Department Report:** _____ Josh King _____

Discuss and Take Action Regarding:

1. Consider and approve the audit presentation from Terry & King of FY 23-24. - Council Member Janet Peterson-Gonzales motioned to approve the July 2024 Financial Reports. Council Member Hilda Castillo seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.

2. Consider and approve placing a 30 MPH speed limit sign on North Monroe Ave.
- *No Motion. Discussion Only.* -

3. Consider and approve Resolution 081224: 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 2024 rate review mechanism filing. - Council Member Rhonda Cypert motioned to approve Resolution 081224 regarding the 2024 rate review mechanism filing for Atmos Energy. Council Member Janet Peterson-Gonzales seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.

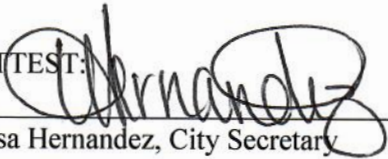
4. **Consider and approve quote from CanTex to install an emergency back door at City Hall.**
– *No Motion. Discussion Only.* –
5. **Consider and discuss getting quotes to have an emergency exit door on the north side of the council room.** – *No Motion. Discussion Only.* –
6. **Consider proclamations to recognize historic, special days, events and business, etc.**
– *No Motion. Discussion Only.* –
7. **Consider to propose tax rate for 2025-2026.** - Council Member Janet Peterson-Gonzales motioned to approve a proposed tax rate of 0.909170 the fiscal year 2025-2026. Council Member Cheryl Birdwell seconded. VOTE: Four (4) in favor, one abstained, motion passed.
8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: An Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 to consult with and seek advice from an attorney on legal matters. No final, action or vote will be taken in executive session.:**
 - a. **Personnel Matters**

TIME IN: 8:02 pm
TIME OUT: 8:23 pm
9. **Reconvene into session and take action on items discussed in executive session.**
– *No Motion. Discussion Only.* –
10. **Discuss and consider authorizing city manager to initiate appraisal process for roof damage claims under property insurance policy.** – *No Motion. Discussion Only.* –
11. **Discuss and consider authorizing city manager to engage legal counsel for roof damage claims.** - Council Member Cheryl Birdwell motions to approve authorization for the city manager Michael Chambers to engage legal counsel for the roof damage claims and get estimates to get a new roof for the Fire Department. Council Member Janet Peterson-Gonzales seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.
12. Mayor Lori Landin adjourns meeting at 8:26 p.m.



Lori Landin, City Mayor

ATTEST:



Lisa Hernandez, City Secretary