

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
COUNTY OF DAWSON }  
CITY OF LAMESA }

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULARLY CALLED MEETING:**

**September 1, 2020**

On this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 2020, at 5:30 P.M., there came on and was held a regularly called meeting of the City Council of the City of Lamesa, Dawson County, Texas. Notice of such meeting having been posted at the City Hall at 601 South First Street in the City of Lamesa, Texas in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act (Texas Govt. Code, Chapter 551). The following items were listed on the notice and the following proceedings were had, viz.:

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Stevens announced that the meeting was being held in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act (Texas Govt. Code, Chapter 551), and that discussion and actions are limited to the agenda items as posted. A quorum being present as evidenced by the presence of 7 City Council Members were present:

JOSH STEVENS	Mayor
BRANT STEWART	Council Member – District 1
MARIE. BRISENO	Council Member – District 2
LUCIANO REYES	Council Member – District 3
DORE EVAN RODRIQUEZ	Council Member -- District 4
BOBBY G. GONZALES	Council Member – District 5
DOUG MORRIS	Council Member – District 6

City staff members present at the meeting:

SEAN OVEREYNDER	CITY MANAGER
BETTY CONDE	CITY SECRETARY
RUSSELL CASSELBERRY	CITY ATTORNEY (ABSENT)

Members of the press present at the meeting:

Mary Elizabeth

Members of the Public present at the meeting

Leticia Dimas	Sandy Trevinio.....	Larry Duyck	Joshua Peterson
Wayne Chapman	Robert Ramirez	Irma Ramirez	Ron Smith
Ernest Ojeda	Deedra Cope	Ashley Clement	Laura Pratt
Fred Vera	Lee Peterson		
Robin & Ken Wiley			

**INVOCATION:** Josh Stevens

**MEET AND GREET WITH LOCAL ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS:** City Council to meet and greet with local Law Enforcement Officers. (*City Manager*)

**BUDGET AMENDMENT # IX:** Consider amending Ordinance O-17-19 on second reading with respect to October 1, 2019.

Motion by Council Member Morris to consider amending Ordinance No.O-17-19 on second reading with respect to October 1, 2019. Motion seconded by Council Member Gonzales and upon being put to a vote the motion passed.

**VOTING:**                      "AYE" 7                      "NAY"                      "ABSTAIN"

**2020 GENERAL ELECTION:** City Council to consider passing an ordinance on first reading declaring the election cancelled and the unopposed candidate for the 2020 City of Lamesa General Election, to be held on November 3, 2020 elected to office.

Motion by Council Member Gonzales to pass an ordinance on first reading declaring the election cancelled and the unopposed candidate for the 2020 City of Lamesa General Election, to be held on November 3, 2020. **Council Member District 2, Fred Vera**, elected to office. Motion seconded by Council Member Briseno and upon being put to a vote the motion passed.

**VOTING:**                      "AYE" 7                      "NAY"                      "ABSTAIN"

**CONSIDER PASSING AN ORDINANCE CLOSING, ABANDONING AND VACATING AN ALLEY IN THE CITY OF LAMESA (REQUEST BY KENNETH & ROBIN WILEY)**

City Council to consider passing an Ordinance on first reading to close, abandon and vacate that portion of the alley in Block 19 of the College Addition to the Town of Lamesa, Dawson County, Texas, which lies East of the West 15 feet of Lots 5 and 8, in Block 19, of the College Addition.

Motion by Council Member Rodriguez to consider passing an Ordinance on first reading to close, abandon and vacate that portion of the alley in Block 19 of the College Addition to the town of Lamesa, Dawson County, Texas, which lies East of the West 15 feet of Lots 5 and 8, in Block 19, of the College Addition. Motion seconded by Council Member Morris and upon being put to a vote the motion passed.

**VOTING:**

"AYE" 7

"NAY"

"ABSTAIN"

**PUBLIC HEARING TAX ABATEMENT:** Public hearing on Tax Abatement in accordance with

The Chapter 380/ Tax Abatement Guidelines for Vista Park Lamesa, LLC.

*Attorney Laura Pratt spoke.*

**TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF LAMESA, TEXAS, AND VISTA PARK LAMESA, LLC:** City Council to consider passing a resolution authorizing the City of Lamesa to enter into a Tax Abatement Agreement with Vista Park Lamesa, LLC. (*City Manager*)

*Passed*

**REQUEST OF REPLAT:** City Council to consider approving an Ordinance on First reading approving a replat for the following described property located in Lamesa, Texas: (*City Manager*)

All of Blocks 7, 8 and 9, of the Forrest Hills Addition to Town of Lamesa, Dawson County, Texas, as per Plat recorded in Volume 3, Page 254, of the Deed Records, of Dawson County, Texas; and

Motion by Council Member Gonzales to consider approving an Ordinance on First reading approving a replat for the following property: All of Blocks 7, 8 and 9, of the Forrest Hills Addition to Town of Lamesa, Dawson County, Texas, as per Plat recorded in Volume 3, Page 254, of the Deed Records, of Dawson County, Texas. Motion seconded by Council Member Rodriguez and upon being put to a vote the motion passed

**VOTING:**

"AYE" 7

"NAY"

"ABSTAIN"

**FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 2020-2021 BUDGET - ADOPTION:** Consider passing an ordinance on First reading with record vote in accordance with State Law (Local Government Code, Chapter 102, Section 102.007) providing funds for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2020, and ending September 30, 2021, by approving the budget for said period and appropriating and setting aside the necessary funds out of the General Fund, Water/Wastewater, Solid Waste funds for the maintenance and operation of the various departments and for various activities and improvements to the City. (*City Manager*)

**THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE LESS REVENUE FROM PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY AN AMOUNT OF \$ -2,153, WHICH IS A -0.09% PERCENT DECREASE FROM LAST YEAR'S BUDGET. THE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR IS \$75.**

Motion by Council Member Morris to adopt on first reading the Proposed 2020-2021 Annual Budget, including the following statement (to be read aloud):

**THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE LESS REVENUE FROM PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY AN AMOUNT OF \$ -2,153, WHICH IS A -0.09% PERCENT DECREASE FROM LAST YEAR'S BUDGET. THE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR IS \$75.**

Motion seconded by Council Member Gonzales and upon being put to a vote the motion passed.

RECORD VOTE REQUIRED: VOTE BY SHOW OF HANDS

VOTING	"AYE"	"NAY"	"ABSTAIN"
Josh Stevens	√		
Brant Stewart	√		
Marie A. Briseno	√		
LUCIANO REYES	√		
DORE EVAN RODRIQUEZ	√		
BOBBY G. GONZALES	√		
Doug Morris	√		

**RATIFY THE PROPERTY TAX DECREASE REFLECTED IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 BUDGET:** Consider ratifying the property tax decrease reflected in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget that raises less property taxes than the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget.  
(City Manager)

***THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE LESS REVENUE FROM PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY AN AMOUNT OF \$ -2,153, WHICH IS A -0.09% PERCENT DECREASE FROM LAST YEAR'S BUDGET. THE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR IS \$75.***

Motion by Council Member Rodriguez to ratify the property tax decrease reflected in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget that raises less property tax rate than the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget. This year's proposed tax rate of \$0.823236 does not exceed the effective tax rate. Motion seconded by Council Member Stewart and upon being put to a vote the motion passed

**RECORD VOTE REQUIRED: VOTE BY SHOW OF HANDS**

VOTING	"AYE"	"NAY"	"ABSTAIN"
Josh Stevens	√		
Brant Stewart	√		
Marie A. Briseno	√		
LUCIANO REYES	√		
DORE EVAN RODRIQUEZ	√		
BOBBY G. GONZALES	√		
Doug Morris	√		

***THIS YEAR'S LEVY TO FUND MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS EXPENDITURES DOES NOT EXCEED LAST YEAR'S MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS TAX LEVY***

**AD VALOREM TAX RATE – 2020 (DEBT SERVICE TAX RATE):** Consider establishing an ad valorem tax rate for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 by passing on first reading an ordinance establishing the ad valorem tax rate which will raise the amount of revenue required to pay Debt Service at a rate of **\$0.0000** per hundred dollar assessed valuation for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021.

Motion by Council Member Gonzales must be stated as; **THIS YEAR'S PROPOSED TAX RATE DOES NOT EXCEED THE NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE**

Motion seconded by Council Member Morris and upon being put to a vote the motion passed.

**RECORD VOTE REQUIRED: VOTE BY SHOW OF HANDS**

VOTING	"AYE"	"NAY"	"ABSTAIN"
Josh Stevens	√		
Brant Stewart	√		
Marie A. Briseno	√		
LUCIANO REYES	√		
DORE EVAN RODRIQUEZ	√		
BOBBY G. GONZALES	√		
Doug Morris	√		

**AD VALOREM TAX RATE – 2020 (MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION TAX RATE):** Consider establishing an ad valorem tax rate for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 by passing on first reading an ordinance establishing the ad valorem tax rate which will raise the amount of revenue needed to fund Maintenance and Operation expenditures at a rate of **\$0.823236** for fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2020, and ending September 30, 2021.  
(City Manager)

**THIS YEAR'S LEVY TO FUND MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS EXPENDITURES DOES NOT EXCEED LAST YEAR'S MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS TAX LEVY**

Motion by Council Member Rodriguez must be stated as; **THIS YEAR'S PROPOSED TAX RATE DOES NOT EXCEED THE NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE**

Motion seconded by Council Member Stewart and upon being put to a vote the motion passed.

**RECORD VOTE REQUIRED: VOTE BY SHOW OF HANDS**

VOTING	"AYE"	"NAY"	"ABSTAIN"
Josh Stevens	√		
Brant Stewart	√		
Marie A. Briseno	√		
LUCIANO REYES	√		
DORE EVAN RODRIQUEZ	√		
BOBBY G. GONZALES	√		
Doug Morris	√		

**AD VALOREM TAX RATE – 2020:** Consider establishing an ad valorem tax rate for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 by passing on first reading an ordinance establishing the ad valorem tax rate of **\$0.823236** per hundred dollar assessed valuation for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021, and adopting the provisions of Section 31.05 of the State Property Tax Code to provide for discounts under certain conditions. *(City Manager)*

***THIS YEAR'S LEVY TO FUND MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS EXPENDITURES DOES NOT EXCEED LAST YEAR'S MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS TAX LEVY***

***THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE LESS REVENUE FROM PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY AN AMOUNT OF \$-2,153, WHICH IS A -0.09 PERCENT DECREASE FROM LAST YEAR'S BUDGET. THE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR IS \$75.***

Motion by Council Member Stewart must be stated as; **THIS YEAR'S PROPOSED TAX RATE DOES NOT EXCEED THE NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE**

Motion seconded by Council Member Rodriguez and upon being put to a vote the motion passed.

**RECORD VOTE REQUIRED: VOTE BY SHOW OF HANDS**

VOTING	"AYE"	"NAY"	"ABSTAIN"
Josh Stevens	√		
Brant Stewart	√		





**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A COMMUNICATIONS AND JAIL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH DAWSON COUNTY:** City Council to approve the execution of a Communications and Jail Service Agreement with Dawson County, Texas, and authorizing the mayor of the City of Lamesa to execute such communications and jail service agreement on behalf of the city. (*City Manager*)

Motion by Council Member Gonzales to. approve a Resolution for the execution of a Communications and Jail Service Agreement with Dawson County, Texas, and authorizing the mayor of the City of Lamesa to execute such communications and jail service agreement on behalf of the city. Motion seconded by Council Member Morris and upon being put to a vote the motion passed.

**VOTING:**                      "AYE" 7                      "NAY"                      "ABSTAIN"

**CITY MANAGER REPORT:** City Manager to report on current activities and answer questions from the City Council.

**MAYORS REPORT:** Mayor to report on future plans and goals.

**ADJOURNMENT:** *The next regularly scheduled meetings of the City Council of the City of Lamesa will be September 8, 2020 at 5:30 P.M.*

## ***Upcoming Meetings***

- **September 8, 2020 (Tuesday) Regular Council Meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance for Tax Rate with **Record Vote** (I&S, M&O and Total)**
- **September 15, 2020 (Tuesday) Regular Council Meeting to be canceled**

• ATTEST:

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• Betty Conde  
• City Secretary

APPROVED:

  
Josh Stevens  
Mayor