

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

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING:

September 7, 2021

On this the 7th day of September 2021, 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 7 City Council Members were present:

JOSH STEVENS	Mayor
MORGAN VERMILLION	Council Member – District 1
FRED VERA	Council Member – District 2 MAYOR PRO-TEM
GLORIA V. RODRIGUEZ	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:

WAYNE CHAPMAN	INTERIM CITY MANAGER
BETTY CONDE	CITY SECRETARY
RUSSELL CASSELBERRY	CITY ATTORNEY

Members of the press present at the meeting:

Mary Elizabeth

Members of the public present at the meeting:

Larry Duyck	Clarisse Morris	Danny Love
Josh Peterson	Brian Beck	Sandy Trevino
Irma Ramirez	Lee Peterson	Heather Love
John Weatherman	John Farris	Robert Ramirez
Leticia Dimas		

INVOCATION: Bobby Gonzales

AD VALOREM TAX RATE – 2021 (DEBT SERVICE TAX RATE): Consider establishing an ad valorem tax rate for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 by passing on second 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, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022. (City Manager)

Motion by Council Member Doug Morris must be stated as; **I MOVE THAT THE CITY ESTABLISH 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 DOLLARS ASSESSED VALUATION FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022."**

Motion seconded by Council Member Bobby 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	√	—	—
MORGAN VERMILLION	√	—	—
FRED VERA	√	—	—
GLORIA V RODRIGUEZ	√	—	—
DORE RODRIQUEZ	√	—	—
BOBBY GONZALES	√	—	—
DOUGLAS MORRIS	√	—	—
VOTING:	"AYE" 7	"NAY"	"ABSTAIN"

AD VALOREM TAX RATE – 2021 (MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION TAX RATE): Consider establishing an ad valorem tax rate for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 by passing on second 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 \$0.853826 for fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022. (City Manager)

Motion by Council Member Bobby Gonzales must be stated as; **"I MOVE THAT THE PROPERTY TAX RATE BE INCREASED BY THE ADOPTION OF A TAX RATE \$0.853826 WHICH IS EFFECTIVELY A 4.92 PERCENT INCREASE IN THE TAX RATE.**

Motion seconded by Council Member Doug 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	<u> √ </u>	_____	_____
MORGAN VERMILLION	<u> √ </u>	_____	_____
FRED VERA	<u> √ </u>	_____	_____
GLORIA V RODRIGUEZ	<u> √ </u>	_____	_____
DORE RODRIQUEZ	<u> √ </u>	_____	_____
BOBBY GONZALES	<u> √ </u>	_____	_____
DOUGLAS MORRIS	<u> √ </u>	_____	_____
VOTING:	"AYE" 7	"NAY"	"ABSTAIN"

AD VALOREM TAX RATE – 2021: Consider establishing an ad valorem tax rate for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 by passing on second reading an ordinance establishing the ad valorem tax rate of **\$0.853826** per hundred dollar assessed valuation for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022, and adopting the provisions of Section 31.05 of the State Property Tax Code to provide for discounts under certain conditions. *(City Manager)*

City of Lamesa ADOPTED A TAX RATE THAT WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR’S TAX RATE.

THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR’S TAX RATE. THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 4.13 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$30.59. {Section 26.05(b)1(A&B) OF THE PROPERTY TAX CODE}.

THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR’S BUDGET BY AN AMOUNT OF \$96,360, WHICH IS A 4.13 AND OF THAT AMOUNT \$0 IS TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR.

Motion by Council Member Doug Morris must be stated as; ***“I MOVE THAT THE PROPERTY TAX RATE BE INCREASED BY THE ADOPTION OF A TAX RATE OF \$0.853826, WHICH IS EFFECTIVELY A 4.92 PERCENT INCREASE IN THE TAX RATE.***

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THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 4.13 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$30.59.

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Motion seconded by Council Member Bobby 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	√	_____	_____
MORGAN VERMILLION	√	_____	_____
FRED VERA	√	_____	_____
GLORIA V RODRIGUEZ	√	_____	_____
DORE RODRIGUEZ	√	_____	_____
BOBBY GONZALES	√	_____	_____
DOUGLAS MORRIS	√	_____	_____
VOTING:	"AYE" 7	"NAY"	"ABSTAIN"

AUTHORIZE WARRANTS - GENERAL OPERATIONS: Consider passing resolution authorizing the issuance of interest-bearing warrants, payable from the anticipated collections of the current fiscal year, not to exceed five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00), to be used where funds are necessary and needed to meet current expenses of the city for the current fiscal year. *(Finance Director)*

Motion by Council Member Fred Vera to pass a resolution authorizing the issuance of interest-bearing warrants, payable from the anticipated collections of the current fiscal year, not to exceed five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00), to be used where funds are necessary and needed to meet current expenses of the city for the current fiscal year. Motion seconded by Council Member Dore Rodriguez and upon being put to a vote the motion passed.

VOTING:	"AYE" 7	"NAY"	"ABSTAIN"
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APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR TXDOT RAMP GRANT FUNDING: City Council to consider approving the Lamesa Municipal Airport Board to apply for TxDOT RAMP Grant funding for up to \$50,000 (no grant match required from the City). *(John Farris)*

Motion by Council Member Bobby Gonzales to approve the Lamesa Municipal Airport to apply for TxDOT RAMP Grant funding for up to \$50,000. Motion seconded by Council Member Morgan Vermillion and upon being put to a vote the motion passed

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

ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF JACKIE BACHELOR: City Council to accept resignation of Jackie Bachelor from the Municipal Golf Advisory Board and appoint Cindy Hatchett to fill the unexpired term ending on December 31, 2025.

Passed on agenda item #8

DISCUSSION – SOLID WASTE LANDFILL FEES: City Council to discuss Solid Waste Landfill Fees. *(City Manager)*

Add to October agenda for approval of fees discussed.

DISCUSSION – HARVEST FESTIVAL: City Council to discuss. *(City Manager)*

Clarissa Morris and Danny Love presented plans for the Harvest Festival.

BUDGET AMENDMENT XIV: City Council to consider amending Ordinance O-20-20 on first reading with respect to the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021. *(Pathfinder) (Finance Director)*

Motion by Council Member Doug Morris to consider amending Ordinance O-20-20 on first reading with respect to the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021. Motion seconded by Council Member Morgan Vermillion and upon being put to a vote the motion passed

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

BUDGET AMENDMENT XV: City Council to consider amending Ordinance O-20-20 on first reading with respect to the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021. *(Police Vehicle Repair) (Finance Director)*

Motion by Council Member Bobby Gonzales to consider amending Ordinance O-20-20 on first reading with respect to the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021. Motion seconded by Council Member Gloria Rodriguez and upon being put to a vote the motion passed.

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

APPOINTMENT – CITY MANAGER: City Council to Consider taking action regarding the appointment of City Manager. *(City Council)*

Motion by Council Member Bobby Gonzales to approve Joe Hines as the City Manager. Motion seconded by Council Member Doug Morris and upon being put to a vote the motion passed.

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

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES: City Council to approve a resolution designating authorized signatories. The approved signatories on each account will include: Joe Hines, City Manager, Josh Stevens, Mayor, Josh Peterson, Police Chief and Betty Conde, City Secretary. *(Finance Director)*

Motion by Council Member Doug Morris to approve resolution designating authorized signatories. The approved signatories on each account will include: Joe Hines, City Manager, Josh Stevens, Mayor, Josh Peterson, Police Chief and Betty Conde, City Secretary. Motion seconded by Council Member Morgan Vermillion and upon being put to a vote the motion passed.

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

PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL: City Council to consider passing a resolution approving Section 7:14 Mental Health Leave for Peace Officers of the City of Lamesa. *(Personnel Director)*

Motion by Council Member Morgan Vermillion to approve the personnel policy of the City of Lamesa. Motion seconded by Council Member Dore Rodriguez and upon being put to a vote the motion passed.

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

PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL: City Council to consider passing a resolution amending Section 2:04.02 On Call Time for the of City of Lamesa. *(Personnel Director)*

Motion by Council Member Fred Vera to approve amending the personnel policy of the City of Lamesa. Motion seconded by Council Member Doug Morris and upon being put to a vote the motion passed.

VOTING: "AYE" 6 "NAY" 1 "ABSTAIN"

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A SOLID WASTE LANDFILL ACCESS AGREEMENT WITH DAWSON COUNTY: City Council to approve the execution of a Solid Waste Landfill Agreement with Dawson County, Texas, and authorizing the mayor of the City of Lamesa to execute such solid waste landfill access agreement on behalf of the city. *(City Manager)*

Motion by Council Member Bobby Gonzales to. approve a Resolution for the execution of a Solid Waste Landfill Agreement with Dawson County, Texas, and authorizing the mayor of the City of Lamesa to execute such solid waste landfill access agreement on behalf of the city. Motion seconded by Council Member Dore Rodriguez and upon being put to a vote the motion passed.

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

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)*

Passed on item # 21

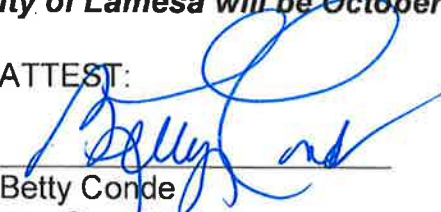
CITY MANAGER REPORT: City Manager to report on current activities and answer questions from the City Council.

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

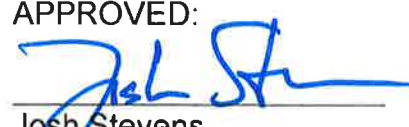
Special called meeting on Friday to order Special Election to fill unexpired term ending in 2023 in District 4.

ADJOURNMENT: *The next regularly scheduled meetings of the City Council of the City of Lamesa will be October 19, 2021 at 5:30 P.M.*

ATTEST:


Betty Conde
City Secretary

APPROVED:


Josh Stevens
Mayor