

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

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING:

September 20, 2022

On this the 20th day of September 2022, 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
GLORIA V. RODRIGUEZ	Council Member – District 3 Mayor Pro Tem
DANNY JACOBS	Council Member - District 4
BOBBY G. GONZALES	Council Member – District 5
RUDY SAUSEDA JR.	Council Member – District 6

City staff members present at the meeting:

JOE HINES	CITY MANAGER
BETTY CONDE	CITY SECRETARY
RUSSELL CASSELBERRY	CITY ATTORNEY

Members of the press present at the meeting:

Russel Skiles

Members of the public present at the meeting:

Wayne Chapman	Robert Ramirez	John Farris
Josh Peterson	Irma Ramirez	Joe Dimas
Larry Duyck	Brian Beck	Norma Garcia
Ernest Ogeda	Lee Peterson	

INVOCATION: Bobby Gonzales

CONSENT AGENDA: All consent agenda items listed are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda. Information concerning consent agenda items is available for public review.

- a. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Approval of the minutes of the City Council regular meeting held on July 19th, August 16th, August 22nd and September 6th
- b. **BILLS FOR AUGUST 2022:** Approval of the bills paid by the City of Lamesa for the month of August 2022.

Motion by Council Member Morgan Vermillion to approve items 3a and b. Motion seconded by Council Member Danny Jacobs and upon being put to a vote the motion passed.

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

OPEN CITY AUDIT SERVICES PROPOSALS: City Council to open and review Audit Services proposals and give staff direction to review and rank proposals according to RFP guidelines.

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

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

AWARD BID ON LEASE OF CITY PROPERTY: Consider awarding bid for a lease of two (2) years beginning May 1, 2022 and ending March 31, 2024 with up to three (3) one-year options, for the following City-owned property. (*Finance Director*)

Motion by Council Member Bobby Gonzales to award bid to Sam Leal for a lease of two (2) years beginning May 1, 2022 and ending March 31st, 2024 with up to three (3) one year options, for the following City-owned property:

Tract "A": Approximately 168 acres of land surrounding the city's sewer treatment plant, lagoons, and sanitary landfill; and

Tract "B": Approximately 34 acres out of the West 120 acres of the South ½ of Section 17, Block 35, T-5-N, off of Radio Road. Motion seconded by Council Member Rudy Sauseda and upon being put to a vote the motion passed.

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 Danny Jacobs 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 Morgan Vermillion and upon being put to a vote the motion passed.

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

APPROVAL 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 Rudy Sauseda and upon being put to a vote the motion passed.

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAMESA, TEXAS FINDING THAT ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY LLC'S ("ONCOR" OR "COMPANY") APPLICATION TO CHANGE RATES WITHIN THE CITY SHOULD BE DENIED:

Consider passing a Resolution denying Oncor application to change rates as recommended by Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor (City Manager)

Motion by Council Member Morgan Vermillion to pass a Resolution denying Oncor application to change rates as recommended by Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor. Motion seconded by Council Member Danny Jacobs and upon being put to a vote the motion passed.

VOTING:

"AYE" 7

"NAY"

"ABSTAIN"

CITY STAFF REPORTS:

c. UTILITIES DIRECTOR REPORT: Utilities Director to report on the city's recent events

FINANCIAL REPORT: Finance Director to report on the city's finances.

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

MAYORS REPORT: Mayor to report on current activities and to answer questions from City Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Consider convening into closed Executive Session with the City Council of the City of Lamesa, Texas for the following:

Sec. 551.071, Texas Government Code Consultation with Attorney regarding contemplated litigation under the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act).

Motion by Council Member Morgan Vermillion to enter into executive session. Motion seconded by Council Member Rudy Sauseda and upon being put to a vote the motion passed.

VOTING:

"AYE" 7

"NAY"

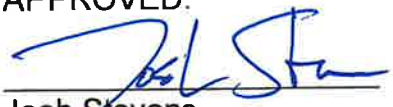
"ABSTAIN"

ADJOURNMENT: *The next regularly scheduled meetings of the City Council of the City of Lamesa will be October 18, 2022 at 5:30 P.M.*

ATTEST:


Betty Conde
City Secretary

APPROVED:


Josh Stevens
Mayor