

Official Minutes  
City Of Lorenzo, TX  
August 14, 2023

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

**Mayor Tim Tiner called the Regular Meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m.** with the following Council Members present: Aldermen, Cheryl Birdwell (Mayor ProTem), Karla Tiner, Janet Peterson-Gonzales, Rhonda Cypert and Hilda Castillo. Also present were City Administrator Michael Chambers, City Secretary Lisa Hernandez, City Utility/Court Clerk Isabel Martinez, Public Works Director Chad Mobbs, Crosby County Sheriff Ethan Villanueva, Crosby County Sheriff Deputy Ashley Martinez, Fire Dept. Volunteers Celeste Rackler, and Jacob Brown and City Auditors Ryan King and Randal Terry

**City of Lorenzo City Council Member Rhonda Cypert gave the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Tim Tiner.**

**Public Comment:**

No public comment was received.

**Consent Agenda:**

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

**5. Approve July 10, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes.** - Council Member Karla Tiner motioned to approve the minutes of July 10, 2023 Regular Meeting. Council Member Rhonda Cypert seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.

**6. Approve Financial Statements/Accounts Payable for July 2023.** - Council Member Rhonda Cypert motioned to approve the July 2023 Financial Reports. Council Member Cheryl Birdwell seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.

**7. 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:**

**8. Consider and approve the audit presentation from Terry & King of FY 22-23** - Council Member Rhonda Cypert motioned to approve the audit from Terry & King for the Fiscal Year of 2022-2023. Council Member Janet Peterson-Gonzales seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.

**9. Consider/Approve a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lorenzo, 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 2023 rate review mechanism filing** – Council Member Janet Peterson-Gonzales motioned to approve the Resolution 081423 from Atmos Energy for the 2023 rate review mechanism filing. Council Member Hilda Castillo seconded. VOTE: Two (2) in favor, Three (3) not in favor, motion does not pass.

**10. Consider changing City Administrator title to City Manager** – Council Member Cheryl Birdwell motioned to approve to change the title from City Administrator to City Manager. Council Member Karla Tiner seconded. VOTE: Four (4) in favor, One (1) not in favor, motion passed.

**11. Executive Session Disclosure Statement: An Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section § 551.072. Deliberation Regarding Real Property to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.** -

**A. Propose the Tax Rate for 2023-2024**

Council convened into executive session at 7:39 p.m.

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


- Council reconvened in open sessions at 8:12 pm.
- Council Member Cheryl Birdwell motioned to approve to set the tax rate of 0.951756 for 2023-2024. Council Member Janet Peterson-Gonzales seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.

- 12. Adjournment** - Council Member Cheryl Birdwell motioned to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Karla Tiner seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.



Tim Tiner, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lisa Hernandez, City Secretary