

**Official Minutes
City Of Lorenzo, TX
August 10, 2026**

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

Call to Order

Mayor **Gilbert Carrizales** called the Regular Meeting to order at **7:00 p.m.** with the following Council Members present:

- **Earlene Rampy**
- **Cheryl Birdwell**, Mayor Pro-Tem
- **Janet Peterson-Gonzales**
- **Rhonda Cypert**

Also present were **City Administrator Lisa Hernandez**, **Public Works Director Chad Mobbs**, **City Secretary Isabel Salazar**, **Fire Chief Joe Caballero**, **County Sheriff Corey Nunley**, and guests.

Council Member **Janet Peterson-Gonzales** gave the **Invocation**, followed by the **Pledge of Allegiance**, led by Mayor **Gilbert Carrizales**.

Public Comment:

No Public Comment was given.

Regular Agenda

Items 1–3 are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and vote.

1. Review/Approval of the minutes of August 10, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes.

Council Member **Rhonda Cypert** made a motion to approve **August 10, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes**.

Council Member **Janet Peterson-Gonzales** seconded the motion.

Vote: Four (4) in favor, **Motion carried.**

2. Approval of Financial Statements/Accounts Payable for August 10, 2026.

Council Member **Janet Peterson-Gonzales** made a motion to approve the **Financial Statements/Accounts Payable for August 10, 2026**.

Council Member **Cheryl Birdwell** seconded the motion.

Vote: Four (4) in favor, **Motion carried.**

3. Staff Reports

Staff reports are for discussion only. No action was taken.

a. **City Administrator Report** – Lisa Hernandez

b. **Crosby County Sheriff Report** – Corey Nunley

c. **Fire Department Report** – Joe Caballero

Discussion/Action Items:

1. Consider and Approve the Audit Presentation from Terry & King of FY 25-26.

Council Member **Cheryl Birdwell** made a motion to approve the audit for FY 25-26 .

Council Member **Janet Peterson-Gonzales** seconded the motion.

Vote: Four (4) in favor, **Motion carried.**

2. Discussion of Farmers Market with Laura Higgs.

No Motion –Discussion Only

3. Consider and Accept Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Application Development and administration services community development block grant program.

Council Member Cheryl Birdwell made a motion to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Application Development and administration services community development block grant program.

Council Member Janet Peterson-Gonzales seconded the motion.

Vote: Four (4) in favor, **Motion carried.**

- 4. Consider and Approve Ordinance No. 081026 A settlement between the executive committee of cities served by Atmos energy regarding the company's 2026 rate review mechanism.**

Council Member Janet Peterson-Gonzales made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 081026 A settlement between the executive committee of cities served by Atmos energy.

Council Member Rhonda Cypert seconded the motion.

Vote: Four (4) in favor, **Motion carried.**

- 5. Consider and Approve the Crosby County Sheriff Department to sell a 2018 Chevy Silverado 4x4 crew cab to the Lorenzo Volunteer Fire Department for \$1.00**

Council Member Cheryl Birdwell moved to approve for the LVFD to buy the 2018 Chevy Silverado from the Sheriffs office for \$1.

Council Member Janet Peterson-Gonzales seconded the motion.

Discussion Only – Motion to Table.

- 6. Consider and appoint someone for the Crosby County Appraisal District City of Lorenzo Board.**

Vote: Four (4) in favor, **Tabled**

- 7. Consider a Proposed Tax Rate for 2027.**

Council Member Cheryl Birdwell moves to raise our tax rate to 0.900680

Council Member Janet Peterson-Gonzales seconded the motion.

Vote: Four (4) in favor, **Motion carried.**

- 8. Consider and discuss options for DHS Building.**

Vote: Four (4) in favor, **Tabled**

- 9. Convene into Executive Session in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code 551.074 for Personnel Matters:**

A) Council Member Ward 5 interview Individually for :

a. Willie Elizardo

b. James Salazar

c. Joe Caballero

d. Robert Ramos

Time Into Executive Session: 7:43 .m.

Time Out of Executive Session: 8:21 .m.

- 10. Reconvene into open session and take action, if necessary, on items discussed in Executive Session.**

Adjournment

Council Member Janet Peterson-Gonzales makes motion to adjourn the meeting.

Council Member Rhonda Cypert seconded the motion.

Meeting Adjourns at 8:21p.m.

City Secretary, Isabel Salazar

City Mayor, Gilbert Carrizales