



THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF FANNIN §

July 12, 2022

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT the City Council of the City of Leonard, Fannin County, Texas held in the Council Chambers of City Hall on July 12, 2022, a Public Hearing and Regular Meeting at 6:30 P.M.

Members Present: Mayor Michael Pye, Mayor Pro Tem Noel Nixon, Councilmembers Garry Doyle, Billy Wayne Martin, Al Stephens, and Debra Wilcox

Staff present: City Administrator George Evanko, City Secretary Melissa Verde, Utility Billing Clerk Kim Davis, Police Chief Brian Meserole and Public Works Director Woody Patrick

Registered Guests: Janie Ware, Margy Hall, Becky Trevino, Jackie Carroll, Teresa Nixon, Bethani Knight, Doug & Debbie Morfeld.

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR SESSION

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Invocation, Pledges of Allegiance to the United States and Texas Flags, Call to Order, Verification of Quorum

Mayor Michael Pye called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

2. Presentation, Public Hearing regarding possible amendments to the Zoning Ordinance

a. Planning and Zoning Comments

Planning and Zoning recommended the amendments to the Zoning Ordinance

b. Public Comments

No comments.

3. Adjourn Public Hearing

Councilmember Stephens moved to adjourn. Second by Councilmember Martin. Mayor Michael Pye called for a vote – all were in favor and the motion carried.

REGULAR SESSION

4. Call Regular Meeting to Order

5. Discussion and possible action: Ordinance 071222-10 Amending Zoning Ordinance

Mayor Pro Tem Nixon moved to approve the amended zoning ordinance. Second by Councilmember Stephens. Mayor Michael Pye called for a vote – all were in favor and the motion carried.

6. Discussion and possible action: Approval of June 14, 2022 Minutes

Councilmember Doyle moved to approve. Second by Councilmember Wilcox. Mayor Michael Pye called for a vote – Councilmembers Doyle, Stephens and Wilcox were in favor, Mayor Pro Tem Nixon and Councilmember Martin abstained stating they were absent at that meeting. The motion carried.

7. Department Reports

- a. Police Department
- b. Public Works
- c. Administrative

8. Financial Report

9. Open Forum:

Comments are limited to three (3) minutes. Council is not required to comment or deliberate regarding such statements or comments during this period. Sec. 551.007 of Open Meeting Act 2020.

No speakers.

10. Presentation, discussion, and possible action: Mike Ward presented the annual audited financial report for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2021, making note that the financial reports were vastly improved from the previous years and that he would be lowering his fee.

11. Presentation, discussion, and possible action: Jackie Carroll presented the idea of the Blessing Box and discussed its possible installation on city grounds. Council expressed some concerns of having it situated on city property. No action.

12. Presentation, discussion, and possible action: Bethani Knight raised some concerns regarding the charging of a permit fee for a plumbing repair. Staff reiterated to the audience that per city ordinance, a plumber must be licensed to replace plumbing lines in the city and the work must be inspected. No action.

13. Consider and approve appointments to the Planning and Zoning Commission for successive terms: Place 1 Peyton Webster, Place 2 Jerald Johnson, Place 3 Rob Lyday, Place 4 Josh Davis, Place 5 James Watson, Alternate Darrell Grintz.

Councilmember Wilcox moved to approve. Second by Councilmember Martin. Mayor Michael Pye called for a vote – Councilmembers Martin, Stephens, and Wilcox were in favor, Mayor Pro Tem Nixon and Councilmember Doyle opposed. The motion carried.

14. Discussion and possible action: Ordinance 071222-20 Waive Churches and Schools Building Permit Fees

Councilmember Martin moved to approve. Second by Councilmember Doyle. Mayor Michael Pye called for a vote – all were in favor and the motion carried.

15. Announcements

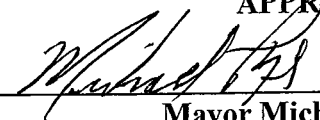
Councilmember Wilcox announced that tomorrow, July 13th, is her mother Margy Hall's 80th birthday. Councilmember Martin announced that the Fireman's BBQ will be at the school Saturday, July 16th, and Mayor Michael Pye stated the picnic will include an auction, BBQ, and games and it will be fun.

16. Adjournment

Councilmember Doyle moved to adjourn. Second by Councilmember Stephens. Mayor Michael Pye called for a vote – all were in favor and the motion carried at 8:18 P.M.

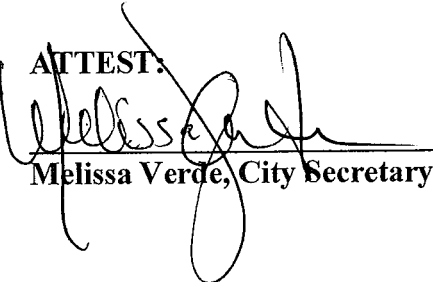
CITY OF LEONARD, TEXAS

APPROVED:



Mayor Michael Pye

ATTEST:



Melissa Verde, City Secretary