CITY OF LAVONIA COUNCIL

CALLED MEETING – MINUTES

AUGUST 20, 2026

6:00 PM

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Present: Mayor Courtney Umbehant
Councilman – Eddie Floyd
Councilman – Michael Schulman
Councilman - Jeremy Madden
Councilman - Andrew Murphy

Staff: City Manager - Robert Ogburn
City Clerk (Interim) – Barbara Busby

Item 1. **Call to Order**:
Mayor Courtney Umbehant called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Item 2. **Invocation and Pledge of Alliance to the American flag:** led by Mayor Umbehant.

Item 3. **Confirmation of a Quorum:**
Mayor Umbehant confirmed that all members were **present**, and a quorum was established.

Item 4. **Approval of August 20, 2026 Agenda:**
Motion to approve the agenda was made by Councilman Michael Schulman and seconded by Councilman Jeremy Madden. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 5. **2027 Millage Rate:**

The Mayor discussed the proposed 2027 millage rate. The City had advertised a millage rate of 8.107 mills, which is the same millage rate used by the City the previous year. He explained that the City was required to advertise the 8.107 millage rate because otherwise the City would have been subject to the rollback millage rate.

The City had held three public hearings regarding the proposed millage rate. No citizens attended the second or third hearings. Two citizens attended the first hearing and asked questions regarding the proposed millage rate. It was noted that the primary concerns expressed by those citizens were related to the Board of Education rather than the City of Lavonia, and the citizens were encouraged to direct those concerns to the Board of Education during its public hearings.

There were no questions or comments from Council.

Motion to approve the 2027 millage rate of 8.107 mills was made by Councilman Andrew Murphy and seconded by Councilman Eddie Floyd. motion carried unanimously.

Item 13. **Adjourn:**
With no other business on the agenda, Mayor Umbehant adjourned the meeting @ 6:05 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings:

September 7, 2026 – Regular Council Meeting @ 5:30 P.M.

September 22, 2026 - Work Session (If needed)

October 13, 2026 – Regular Council Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.

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Courtney Umbehant, Mayor Barbara Busby, City Clerk