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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
LORENA CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019 6:30 P.M.
LORENA CITY HALL
107-A S. FRONTAGE ROAD, LORENA, TEXAS**

Minutes

1. Call to Order.

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Texas Pledge
- c. Moment of silence

Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.

Mayor Protem Bill Coleman called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Council members present were Bill Coleman, J. Fagner, Jennifer Grimm and Jeff Linnstaedter. Kelly Yarbrough arrived at 6:44 p.m. Mayor Chuck Roper was absent.

City Staff present were Joseph Pace, Monica Hendrix, Kevin Neal and Tom Dickson.

2. Visitor and Citizens Forum

At this time any person with business before the Council not scheduled on the agenda may speak to the Council. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes, and this time is not transferable. No formal action may be taken on any of these items at the meeting. This forum is limited to a total of 30 minutes.

Citizen Rene Weir of 700 Gibraltar spoke about the zoning ordinances and regulations and the sense behind them. Weir has been in discussion on social media about a property owner that is currently under court action about an improvement. Weir was asking about the process of being placed on the agenda for discussion. Weir also stated that she would like to become more involved in the city.

Donna Benton of 902 Evelyn spoke and pointed out all of the ordinance violations around the home that has been discussed on the Next Door App on social media. Benton says there are 6 gravel driveways before the home in question and 3 gravel driveways after the home in question along with a burnt home that has yet to be torn down and a gravel street in the same area. Benton also said there are two homes in the Thompson Circle area that have gravel yards and she realizes that they were done before the new zoning ordinance was passed. Benton feels the city is a "town" and not a "city" because of the size. Benton moved to Lorena 40 years ago and hasn't seen much improvements in the 40 years. Benton also questioned how rules can be made without the citizens voting for them.

3. Approval of Minutes:

- a. February 26, 2019

A motion was made by Jeff Linnstaedter and seconded by Jennifer Grimm to approve the minutes as submitted. All in favor, motion carried.

4. Public Hearing: Mayor Protem called the public hearing to order at 6:42 p.m.

First public hearing on the proposed annexation of the following area of land:

All that certain tract or parcel of land located in McLennan County, Texas, being 57.759 acres, more or less, out of the Erastus Yeaman Survey, Abstract Number 956, said property being generally located between the east side of IH-35 Frontage Road to Barnes Road.

Close Public Hearing: No one spoke and the public hearing closed at 6:43 p.m.

5. Discussion and possible action on authorizing the City Manager to enter into and inter-local agreement with the McLennan County PCT1-Road and Bridge to reclaim, set up, and chip seal 1000' of North Houston and reseal 2000' of North Old Temple Road.

Joseph Pace explained in the past the city has utilized the County to chip seal the City's part of North Houston and the time has come to resurface said road. Therefore, City staff would like to enter into an inter-local agreement with the County to reclaim, set up, and chip seal 1000' of North Houston. The city would also like to enter into an inter-local agreement with the County to reseal a 2000' section of road on North Old Temple that existing business located off the road privately paid in fiscal year 2017/2018. There was discussion on the cost and materials.

After discussion, a motion was made by J. Fagner to authorize the inter-local agreement. Jennifer Grimm seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

6. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 2019-0318-01 cancelling the May 4, 2019 General Election.

Monica Hendrix explained this ordinance is to cancel the election due to candidates running unopposed. Jennifer Grimm motioned and Kelly Yarbrough seconded to approve the ordinance. All in favor, motion carried.

7. Police Department Report.

a. Activity report

Chief Tom Dickson reviewed activity report for February 2019. Also, the police department received a check from the District Attorney's Office for \$2813.11 for seizure money for the stop made in January when drugs were found. Dickson also reported that he has located a property owner on the west side of interstate 35 that the city can install an emergency siren for emergency notifications.

8. Public Works Report.

Kevin Neal reported the TIRZ #2 lift station is completed and functional. Neal also reported the hard drive for the computer for the SCADA system has crashed. The cost to replace the computer is \$8000.00 and will come out of the Capital Project Fund. Neal reported this has been replaced and is up and running. Neal will bring updated Drought Contingency Plan to council next month.

9. City Manager Report.

a. Attended Advanced CDI training in the Woodland, Texas

Pace attended his training and passed the test for certification at the Community Development Institute. Pace is now a professional Community and Economic Developer. Pace reminded council this was a part of his contract with the city.

b. Loera Development Annexation/Update

A second proposal has been submitted to the City of Waco for the ETJ swap.

c. Update on WMARSS

City of Waco is still planning to take over WMARSS and the city has attended several workshops with our attorneys concerning the takeover. This is still on-going.

d. Update on TIRZ #2 East: Post Construction Meetings-None

No meeting project is complete.

e. STAG Grant Update-TWDB Update

All paper work has been submitted. Waiting on final payment from EPA.

f. PUC Update

Still working with PUC on the service of the three customers on Pilgrim Lane. Waiting on PUC to accept or deny the paperwork that was submitted at their request.

g. City Policy Manual Update

Still waiting for update from attorney.

h. Development in The City of Lorena

Still meeting regularly with different developers.

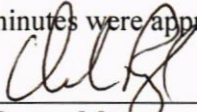
i. Meetings Since Last City Council Meeting/ Future Meetings (Appendix "A")

10. Future Agenda Items.

11. Adjourn.


Due to no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

These minutes were approved this 15th day of April 2019.



Chuck Roper, Mayor

Attest:



Monica Hendrix, City Secretary

