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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
LORENA CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021– 6:30 P.M.
LORENA CITY HALL
107-A S. FRONTAGE ROAD, LORENA TEXAS**

MINUTES

In accordance with social distancing guidelines, the City Council meeting will not be open to the public. Some council and commission members may attend, while others may call to participate. To help contain and mitigate the spread of COVID-19, participation by the public may be done remotely in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act or pursuant to the Action issued by the Governor of Texas on March 16, 2020.

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Questions and comments on items listed on the agenda may be emailed no later than NOON on the day of the meeting to the City Secretary via email to mhendrix@lorenatx.gov

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Mayor Roper called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were Mayor Chuck Roper, Mayor Protem Bill Coleman, Jeff Linnstaedter and Tommy Ross. Kelly Yarbrough was present via Zoom. Emily McKenzie was absent.

City Staff present were Tom Dickson, Monica Hendrix, Linda Klump, Kevin Neal and Peter Rivas. Joseph Pace was absent.

2. Citizens questions or comments.

No questions or comments were received.

3. Approval of Minutes:

a. January 18, 2021

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

4. Presentation of Police Department Service Awards.

Chief Tom Dickson recognized three police officers for reaching ten years of service with the Lorena Police Department. Sergeant Kraig Disney hit the 10-year mark in

September 2020 along with Officer Peter Rivas in January 2021 and Officer Shawn Board in February 2021. Dickson explained this is unique for a department our size. Sergeant Disney and Officer Rivas were present to receive their award. Shawn Board had to go on a call. Dickson thanked the officers for their hard work and dedication to the city and said they make his job easy. Rivas and Disney both thanked the council for their support. Jeff Linnstaedter along with Mayor Roper and Kelly Yarbrough thanked the guys for their service

5. Discussion and possible action on 2020 Racial Profile report.

Tom Dickson presented the 2020 Racial Profile report to the council and reminded them this is an annual report that is required by the state. Dickson informed council that Dr. Robert Peevey takes the information from the traffic data base and analyzes it and compiles the report. The report is very lengthy and shows that the Lorena Police Department is in compliance with the state. After discussion, a motion was made by Jeff Linnstaedter to accept the 2020 Racial Profile report. Kelly Yarbrough seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

6. Discussion and possible action on Emergency Management Plan.

Tom Dickson presented the Emergency Management Plan to the council and said there are no substantive changes. Dickson says the city has been a part of the Waco-McLennan County Emergency Management Plan since 1988. This plan is reviewed on an annual basis.

Kelly Yarbrough motioned to accept the plan. Bill Coleman seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

7. Presentation of Summary of Cash and Investments and quarterly budget report ending 12/31/2020.

Linda Klump explained the Cash and Investments report and stated again that the interest rate income is nothing. Klump noted that the TexPool pooled investments change was for the annual sanitation fund transfer. Klump also reviewed the Budget report with council and explained the large payments in the first quarter are for annual insurance premiums. Mayor Chuck Roper questioned the amount of money the city has to pay for recycle and wanted to make sure that the city is not losing money by recycling. Kevin Neal explained the process for recycling.

8. Public Works Report

a. TECQ inspection

Kevin Neal explained he was notified on January 11th that TCEQ would be performing a virtual comprehensive compliance inspection. Neal explained he had to spend hours at the copier scanning reports for the inspection. Neal was then provided items/locations to take pictures and send to the TCEQ. After a thorough review of the submitted information to TCEQ, Neal is happy to report that there were no violations found. Neal commended the guys in his department for all the hard work they do on a daily basis to keep the city in compliance. Neal says they make his job easier. Council thanked Neal for all he does.

9. Police Department Activity Report

a. Monthly stats

Tom Dickson presented the stats to the council and answered any questions that might have. Tommy Ross questioned the hours the police department patrols at night and Dickson explained. Ross questioned about thefts of catalytic convertors and Dickson explained there have been a couple. Dickson says the PD has a wonderful relationship with the recyclers in the area and hopes that will help to find the people that are behind the thefts. Ross questioned backing up the county on calls and Dickson explained they do. There is an interlocal agreement for this backup. Monica Hendrix questioned the petition for the intersection for Old Lorena Road and Chapel Road. Dickson explained this intersection is outside the city limits