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**NOTICE OF MEETING
LORENA CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2021- 6:30 P.M.
LORENA CITY HALL
107-A S. FRONTAGE ROAD, LORENA TEXAS**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Roll Call.

Mayor Ross called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Council members present were Mayor Tommy Ross, Mayor Protem Kelly Yarbrough, Katrina George and Shane Phillips. Constituting a quorum.

Council members absent were Jeff Linnstaedter and Emily McKenzie.

City Staff present were Tom Dickson, Monica Hendrix, Kevin Neal and Peter Rivas.

2. Approval of Minutes:

a. October 18, 2021

Motion by Kelly Yarbrough to approve the November 15, 2021 minutes.

Katrina George seconded the motion.

FOR: George, Yarbrough, and Phillips.

AGAINST: None

ABSENT: Linnstaedter and McKenzie

Motion carried.

3. Citizens questions or comments.

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. Under the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Council is prohibited from discussing, responding, or acting on any comments or items that have not been properly posted on the agenda. This forum is limited to a total of 30 minutes.

None

4. Discussion and possible action on Resolution 2021-1115-01 authoring participation with the State of Texas, through the Office of the Attorney General, in the Global Opioid Settlement and approving the term; authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary related documents.

City Attorney Marianne Banks spoke and explained on May 13, 2020, the State of Texas, through the Office of the Attorney General, and a negotiation group for Texas political subdivisions entered into an Agreement entitled Texas Opioid Abatement Fund Council and Settlement Allocation Term Sheet approving the allocation of any and all opioid settlement funds within the State of Texas. By participating, the city will receive approximately \$4138.00 and this amount is based on the number of cities that participate. Banks explained there are no strings attached to participate. Shane Phillips asked if a citizen would still be able to file a lawsuit on their own by the city participating and Banks stated the city would not be waiving any individual rights.

Motion by Katrina George to approve the resolution 2021-1115-01 authorizing participation in the Global Opioid Settlement.

Kelly Yarbrough seconded the motion.

FOR: George, Yarbrough, and Phillips.

AGAINST: None

ABSENT: Linnstaedter and McKenzie

Motion carried.

5. Discussion and possible action to re-appoint David Anderton, Mark McLean, and Bill Taverner to 2-year terms on the Lorena EDC Board of Directors; and to appoint Brad Wetzel to a 2-year term on the Lorena EDC Board of Directors.

Motion by Kelly Yarbrough to re-appoint David Anderton, Mark McLean, and Bill Taverner to 2-year terms on the Lorena EDC Board of Directors; and to appoint Brad Wetzel to a 2-year term on the Lorena EDC Board of Directors.

Shane Phillips seconded the motion.

FOR: George, Yarbrough, and Phillips.

AGAINST: None

ABSENT: Linnstaedter and McKenzie

Motion carried.

6. Discussion and possible action on Resolution 2021-1115-02 casting votes to elect Directors for the McLennan County Appraisal District for the years 2022-2023.

Mayor Tommy Ross informed council he was asked to consider support for Jonathon Green and Mildred Watkins. Kelly Yarbrough suggested Scott Salmans.

Kelly Yarbrough motioned to cast 3 votes for Scott Salmans, 3 votes for Mildred Watkins and 1 vote for Jonathon Green.

Katrina George seconded the motion.

FOR: George, Yarbrough, and Phillips.

AGAINST: None

ABSENT: Linnstaedter and McKenzie

Motion carried.

7. Discussion and possible action allowing Project Graduation the use of the McBrayer Park trail on the evenings of December 18th and 19th 2021 from 6pm to 10pm for a Christmas light walk-through for a fundraising event.

Kelly Yarbrough explained the plan for this event is to decorate the park trail with Christmas lights and decorations and citizens can walk through and enjoy the displays. There will also be hot chocolate sold and pictures with Santa. Yarbrough also explained that Project Graduation is a non-alcohol event for graduating seniors to spend the night together and celebrate graduation. Lorena ISD is planning to hold their Project Graduation on May 20th at the Main Event and Top Golf.

Mayor Ross asked Police Chief Tom Dickson if he had any issues with holding this event and Chief said no. Dickson mentioned the property owner adjacent to the park wants to be notified of the events because part of the trail is on his property.

Katrina George motioned to allow Project Graduation the use of the McBrayer Park trail on the evenings of December 18th and 19th 2021 from 6pm to 10pm for a Christmas light walk-through for a fundraising event.

Shane Phillips seconded the motion.

FOR: George, Yarbrough, and Phillips.

AGAINST: None

ABSENT: Linnstaedter and McKenzie

Motion carried.