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MINUTES

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
LORENA CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2016 6:30 P.M.
LORENA CITY HALL
107-A S. FRONTAGE ROAD, LORENA, TEXAS**

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 Roper called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. gave the open meeting statement and announced that a quorum of the council was present. Council members present were Bill Coleman, J. Fagner, Jennifer Grimm, Jeff Linnstaedter and Kelly Yarbrough arrived at 6:40 p.m. Jeff Linnstaedter left at 6:49 p.m.

2. Visitor and Citizens Forum

- a. *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.*

No visitors were present.

3. Approval of Minutes:

- a. **October 17, 2016**

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

4. Discussion and possible on an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of City of Lorena, Texas, Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2016; levying an annual ad valorem tax and providing for the security for and payment of said certificates; approving an official statement; providing an effective date; and enacting other provisions relating to the subject.

Bill Coleman moved to table and reschedule adoption of the ordinance authorizing the issuance of the certificates of obligation to the December City Council meeting. J. Fagner seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Bill Coleman motioned to move the December council meeting date to December 12, 2016. J. Fagner seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

5. Discussion and possible action to consider a variance to the Lorena subdivision ordinance Section 10.01 (a) for lotting requirements specific to each lot fronting a public or private street as requested by 1519 Surveying, LLC on behalf of the property owners of the Glidewell Addition, Lots 1-4, Block 1.

This variance will allow property owners in the subdivision the right to an ingress/egress easement on a proposed replat of this property. The current plat shows a road that was platted and never built. The subdivision ordinance requires each lot to front a public or private street unless council grants a variance.

The replat request will be heard at the December council meeting. After discussion, a motion was made by J. Fagner to grant the variance. Bill Coleman seconded the motion. Jennifer Grimm and Jeff Linnstaedter voted in favor to the motion. Kelly Yarbrough abstained. Motion carried.

6. Discussion and action on Ordinance 2016-1114-01 imposing a moratorium on water connections outside the city limits of Lorena.

Kevin Neal explained the purpose for the moratorium is to help insure there is water for customers inside the city limits for future growth. This will be the third year of the moratorium. Neal explained if someone is outside the city limits but in the City of Lorena CCN, the city has to provide water to that customer. If there are existing connections outside the city limits that request service, they will not be affected by this moratorium, this only applies to new connections. After lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Bill Coleman and seconded by J. Fagner to approve the ordinance and continue the moratorium. All in favor, motion carried.

7. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 2016-1114-02 increasing the speed limits on IH-35 from 70 mph to 75 mph as requested by Texas Department of Transportation.

Joseph Pace informed council that he received notice from TxDOT that the speed limit will be increased on IH-35 and is requesting the city to update the ordinance. Pace doesn't have a copy of the recommended ordinance but is requesting permission to approve. Chief Tom Dickson would like to see a notice to reduce speeds ahead headed south near Bruceville due to unfinished construction. Kelly Yarbrough spoke and doesn't like to approve something without seeing it in writing. After discussion, a motion was made by Bill Coleman to table until we have the ordinance. Kelly Yarbrough seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

8. Police Department Activity Report.

There were 338 total calls in October and 278 citations issued. Tom Dickson reported that after two days of testing for the Sergeant position, Kraig Disney came out on top. Dickson also reported about attending the 911 area meeting and the discussion of issuing new addresses.

9. Public Works Report.

a. Chloramine update

Kevin Neal reported that project is moving forward as scheduled. Neal also reported that City of Waco and City of Robinson will be doing a free chlorine burnout next month which will delay our LAS system start date. TCEQ is aware of this delay and has granted the City of Lorena an extension to June 2017. Neal says we could convert to the LAS system in January. The original deadline was December 1, 2016.

10. City Manager Report.

a) Working with Financial Advisor to obtain a bond Rating of "A+"

Says the A+ bond rating is outstanding and is happy to report it.

b) Update on Center Street

Pace spoke to TxDOT about the finish project where turn off the Frontage Road and the road is built to the specs from TxDOT and built to their standards.

c) Developing Capital Improvement Plan and Personnel Improvement Plan

Pace has begun work on developing a CIP and PIP and has them drawn up and Linda is reviewing them.

d) Met with Dorthy at HOTCOG about receiving a grant to offset cost of a Strategic Plan

A strategic plan could cost upwards of \$70,000.00 and Pace is looking for grants to offset the cost. Dorthy gave him names of grant writers to help with this.

e) Developing/establishing a ETJ and Annexation Plan

Working on a plan for land outside the city limits to get property owners to join Lorena ETJ or voluntarily annex.

f) Discussion with EDC about updating Parks Master Plan, approximately \$18,000

EDC is planning to update the Parks Master Plan.

g) Christmas Party: December 13, 2016


Just a reminder the party will be held at LaFiesta at 6:30 p.m.

h) Meetings attended on behalf of the City of Lorena.

Attended Grand Opening of Animal Shelter in Waco; the Active Shooter Planning Session involving School, City, Volunteer F.D.; Area EDC Meeting, MPO Board Meeting; WMARSS Board Meeting; and a couple of developers meetings. Pace reported that WMARSS is about to make changes due to City of Waco absorbing too much of the burden and he will keep council informed of the changes.


11. Adjourn. 7:58 p.m.

These minutes were approved this 12th day of December 2016.


Chuck Roper, Mayor

Bill Colena, Mayor Pro-tem

Attest:


Monica Hendrix, City Secretary

