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MINUTES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
LORENA CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2017 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

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

c. Moment of silence

Mayor Roper called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. gave the open meeting statement and announced that a quorum of the council was present. Council members present were Mayor Chuck Roper, Mayor Pro tem Bill Coleman, J. Fagner, Jennifer Grimm and Jeff Linnstaedter. Kelly Yarbrough was absent.

City Staff present were City Manager Joseph Pace, Police Chief Tom Dickson, Public Works Director Kevin Neal and City Secretary Monica Hendrix.

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.

No visitors spoke.

3. Approval of Minutes:

a. March 20, 2017

Bill Coleman motioned and Jeff Linnstaedter seconded to approve the minutes as submitted. All in favor, motion carried.

4. Commission and Corporation Reports.

a. Planning and Zoning

No meeting.

b. Economic Development Corporation

Joseph Pace reported that EDC met and will be donating \$500 to the Chamber of Commerce for the Wine and Cheese Tasting Event.

5. Public Hearing: Postponed at the request of the property owner representative.

Consider a request for an amendment to the Future Land Use Plan from Low Density Residential designation to High Density Commercial designation, specifically on the east side of IH-35 at FM 2837 East and South Old Temple Road and northbound Frontage Road south of Lorena. (The Planning and Zoning Commission voted unanimously to deny the request.)

Close Public Hearing:

- 6. Discussion and possible action on the request for an amendment to the Future Land Use Plan from Low Density Residential designation to High Density Commercial designation on the east side of IH-35 at FM 2837 East and South Old Temple Road and northbound Frontage Road south of Lorena.**

Postponed at the request of the property owner representative.

- 7. Discussion and possible action by the City Council to City staff on whether to authorize the city manager to enter into an agreement with Extraco Bank for only the ATM space after the expiration, of the current lease, on September 30, 2017.**

Joseph Pace presented a new contract from Extraco Bank for ATM leasing space. Pace informed council the date will need to be corrected to October 1, 2017 when the current lease ends. Pace also suggest adding “and Landlord shall have the right to terminate this lease” to the Section 10 if the city should ever want to get out of the lease early.

Jennifer Grimm likes the 5 year length and the service it provides to the community.

Bill Coleman motioned to approve the lease with amendments. J. Fagner seconded the motion! All in favor, motion carried.

- 8. Discussion and possible direction from the City Council to City staff on whether to pursue a rental agreement with Shane Dabney to rent tower space at 45 Mattson Lane for the purpose of placement of Wireless Internet Connectivity equipment.**

Mr. Dabney would like to rent the space to provide internet service for customers in the area that are not able to get Time Warner. Dabney says he can go three to five miles but prefers to stay under three miles. The cost will be \$50.00 a month and up depending on speed. Chuck Roper is concerned about renting space to other businesses and feels the city should reserve the space for city emergency communications only. Jennifer Grimm had numerous questions about the speed and cost. J. Fagner would like to see more data and research on this item. Council is concerned about interference with radio frequency for emergencies. After lengthy discussion, the council chose to postpone to next month to give Jennifer Grimm an opportunity to check on availability with Time Warner for service.

9. Police Department Activity Report.

There were 203 citations issued and 197 calls for service. Chief Dickson informed council that Dr. Peevey and himself attended the Texas Police Chief Association training conference. There was a lot of training on the Recognition Program and with the being said the Best Practices audit will be on May 17th and 18th. There will also be a Color Fun Run on May 20th as well as the Wine and Cheese Tasting. Dickson also reported the purchase of two new Tahoes and the sale of the old Tahoes. Dickson explained the cost of the Tahoes has come back down and there is more room and better resale value in a Tahoe.

10. Public Works Report.

a. Chloramine update

Matt Huffhines reported that TCEQ was here and tested the water for the trihalomethanes and the test results have not yet been received. There will be another violation letter mailed out on April 20th for the first quarter of 2017.

11. City Manager Report.

a. Update on WMARSS: Debt Services

Attended meeting on 4/5/17.

b. TIRZ update: Upsize of Pipe

TIRZ agreed to spend an additional \$75,000 to upsize the pipe on the east side near the Quarry Subdivision for future development.

c. Capital Improvement Plans/Personal Improvement Plans

Started budget process today.

d. New Church and Dentist in town as of April 7, 2017

Journey Lorena has moved into the old Raymond's building. Also, the new dentist office on Old Lorena Road is now open.

e. Meetings attended since March council meeting

- TAWWA and WEAT Meeting, March 22, 2017
- Attended School Board Meeting with Chief Dickson, March 27, 2017
- Multiple Meetings with Civic Plus pertaining to the Website, including training
- Area Economic Development Training, March 31, 2017
- Jack Harper Jr. Coach/Mentor Meeting
- PUC Conference Call, April 11, 2017

12. Items for future agendas.

13. Adjourn. 7:23 p.m.

These minutes were approved this 15th day of May 2017.



Mayor Pro tem, Bill Coleman

Attest:



City Secretary, Monica Hendrix

