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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
LORENA CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2017 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**

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 6:35 p.m. Council members present were Bill Coleman, J. Fagner, Jeff Linnstaedter and Kelly Yarbrough. Jennifer Grimm 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. Discussion and action on appointing Mayor Pro tem for one year term.

J. Fagner motioned to nominate Bill Coleman for Mayor Pro tem. Kelly Yarbrough seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

3. 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.

4. Approval of Minutes:

- a. May 15, 2017**

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

5. Commission and Corporation Reports.

- a. Planning and Zoning**

No meeting.

- b. Economic Development Corporation**

EDC met and discussed updates on the city website and the Wine and Cheese Tasting Event and TIRZ #1 East. There was also discussion on transferring the land adjacent to McBrayer Park from Lorena EDC to the City of Lorena. TxDOT has approved the Logo (blue sign) permits for IH-35 and they will be installed soon. There has also been a 10% response from the public input survey of Lorena Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Master Plan.

6. Presentation from Texas Police Chief Association to the Lorena Police Department for achievement of being awarded as a “Recognized Agency”.

Police Chief Tom Dickson introduced Chief Mike Gentry of Harker Heights Police Department. Chief Gentry is a member of the Texas Police Chief Association and presented the Lorena Police Department a Certificate of Recognition for meeting the requirements to be a “Recognized Agency”. Chief Gentry explained there are 2400 law enforcement agencies in Texas and only 139 agencies have been awarded this status. There are 168 standards that must be met in order to achieve this status.

Mayor Roper thanked the Police Department for all their hard work and dedication to the city and recognized what an honor it is to receive this award.

Chief Dickson introduced all the officers and staff in the Police Department and thanked them all for their hard work and service to the city. They are Shawn Board, Rick Becknauld, Kraig Disney, Terri Magee, Dr. Robert Peevey and Peter Rivas. Dickson recognize that these employees are the backbone of the department and this task could not be possible without their hard work and dedication.

7. Resolution honoring Dr. Robert Peevey as program manager for Best Practices at the Lorena Police Department.

Mayor Roper read the resolution honoring Dr. Robert Peevey and presented him with a sealed copy. Dr. Peevey spoke and recognized all the police and staff of the Lorena Police Department and spoke of how proud he is to know each and every one of them. Peevey says they are all hard workers and compassionate individuals as well. Peevey also gave great accolades to Chief Tom Dickson and says he is the one to be recognized. Peevey thanked everyone for the resolution.

8. Discussion and possible action on an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lorena, Texas, approving a negotiated settlement between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee (“ACSC”) and Atmos Energy Corporation, Mid-Tex Division, regarding the company’s 2017 Rate Review Mechanism filings.

Michael Street with Atmos Energy spoke and explained the process. Kelly Yarbrough had questions about the fluctuations in the cost over the years and Mr. Street explained it is due to fuel cost.

J. Fagner motioned to adopt the ordinance approving a negotiated settlement between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee (“ACSC”) and Atmos Energy Corporation, Mid-Tex Division, regarding the company’s 2017 Rate Review Mechanism filings. Jeff Linnstaedter seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

9. Discussion and possible action on approval of expenditure from Lorena TIRZ #1 East Operating Account in the amount of \$12,000 for sanitary sewer utility easement payment to Malia Fry plus McLennan County recording fees not to exceed \$50.

Bill Coleman informed council this is the only property that is holding up the TIRZ project and the board has finally come to an agreement with the property owner. Jeff Linnstaedter motioned to approve the expenditure from the Lorena TIRZ #1 East operating account. Kelly Yarbrough seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

10. Discussion and possible direction by the City Council to the City Manager regarding Food Trucks in Lorena.

Joseph Pace presented a slide show to the council and discussed all the options and types of food trucks that are available. Pace informed council the State of Texas regulates in allowing the County/City to enforce the Health and Safety Code Chapter 437 on all food trucks in their jurisdiction. The mandates include but are not limited to cleaning stations and commissary use. Pace would like the City Council to give the direction on whether Food Trucks should be allowed in Lorena for events only, or on a daily, weekly, monthly, or yearly basis. Should the City allow only manufactured food trucks or food trucks that are modified to serve food? Would the City like to allow food trucks only on private land, public land, or both? What operating times would city council like to see the food truck operating in the City of Lorena?

There was discussion on possibly trying a pilot program with temporary washing stations. Another suggestion was to try them first during events and possibly creating new events monthly for the different food trucks. Council also feels there should be a Town Hall meeting to get input from the citizens. Kelly Yarbrough questioned if any of the other eating establishments have been contacted about food trucks. Pace explained he is just gathering information on what councils desires are for food trucks at this point. Pace received directions from council and will proceed with feedback from the public through Town Hall meetings and surveys.

11. Police Department Activity Report.

There were 175 calls by type in May along with 145 citations issued. Chief Dickson also reported there were car break-ins around Lee Lane and reminded everyone to lock their vehicles and take their valuables inside.

12. Public Works Report.

a. Chloramine update

Public Works Director Kevin Neal reported that the Chloramine Project is finally complete and everything is running smoothly. Neal is completing the 36 page letter of compliance to TCEQ to finalize the project.

13. City Manager Report.

a. Update on WMARSS: Still Awaiting Budget Numbers, Possible Decrease

Still waiting on budget numbers from WMARSS and anticipating lower rates.

b. Capital Improvement Plans/Personnel Improvement Plans

Still working on these for budgeting.

c. Update on Development in the City of Lorena.

TIRZ is working on a developer's agreement with a developer and will have a called meeting on 6-21-2016. May need a possible called council meeting next week.

d. PUC Update: Provided in an Informational Item

Public Utility Commission is trying to dictate our CCN in wanting us to serve a customer outside our CCN. Lorena is meeting with Spring Valley Water Supply on Thursday to discuss the issue.

e. Lorena Wine and Cheese Festival

Turnout was good. No numbers to report on funds raised.

f. Meeting Since Last City Council Meeting:

- **WMARSS, May 17, 2017**
- **KSG Engineering Proposal to map water and sewer lines, May 22, 2017**
- **Meeting with PUC, May 24, 2017**
- **Area Economic Development Meeting, May 26, 2017**

- Meeting with Levi Water Supply, May 31, 2017
- Chamber of Commerce meeting: Cancelled
- TIRZ Board Meeting, June 5, 2017
- EDC meeting: June 12, 2017

14. Items for future agendas.

15. Adjourn.

Due to no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

These minutes were approved this 17th day of July 2017.



Chuck Roper, Mayor

Attest:



Monica Hendrix, City Secretary

