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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING & PUBLIC HEARINGS
LORENA CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 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**
- 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 6:33 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 Protem Bill Coleman, J. Fagner, Jennifer Grimm and Jeff Linnstaedter. Kelly Yarbrough was absent. Constituting a quorum.

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

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. **July 17, 2017**

Bill Coleman motioned to approve the minutes. J. Fagner seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

4. Second Public Hearing of the citizens on the 2017 Proposed Tax Rate.

Mayor Roper opened the public hearing on the 2017 proposed tax rate at 6:33 p.m. and no visitors spoke. The public hearing closed at 6:34 p.m.

5. Public Hearing on the 2017-2018 Proposed Fiscal Year Budget.

Mayor Roper opened the public hearing on the 2017-2018 proposed fiscal year budget at 6:34 p.m. and no visitors spoke. The public hearing closed at 6:34 p.m.

6. Discussion and possible action to accept conveyance of the property from the LEDC to the City, and to authorize Mayor Roper to execute the deed.

EDC consultant Jason Mundo explained this is a housekeeping item as a part of the grant application on the McBrayer Park improvements from a couple of years ago. These properties are on the north side of McBrayer Park, lots 1-17 Block Eleven (11) of the Town of Lorena, McLennan County,

Texas, according to the plat of said addition recorded in Volume 87, Page 100 of the Deed Records of McLennan County, Texas. This land is federal designated flood plain so it can only be designated as parkland. This will be an in-kind donation to the city from the EDC.

Bill Coleman motioned to accept conveyance of the property from the LEDC to the City, and to authorize Mayor Roper to execute the deed. J. Fagner seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

7. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 2017-0821-01 abandoning .0137 acres which is the entire 20 foot alley located between the streets of Walter and Larkins in Lorena Texas and repealing Ordinance 2015-0518-02 that previously abandoned a portion of the alley described herein.

City Secretary Monica Hendrix explained the purpose of the ordinance is to abandon the entire alley and not a portion of the alley that was initially abandoned in 2015.

J. Fagner motioned to approve Ordinance 2017-0821-01 abandoning .0137 acres which is the entire 20 foot alley located between the streets of Walter and Larkins Streets in Lorena.

Jennifer Grimm seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

8. Presentation of June 30, 2017 Financial Statements and Summary of Cash and Investments.

Finance Officer Linda Klump reviewed the Summary of Cash and Investments and pointed out the Tex Pool interest rates continue to increase very slightly. In the quarterly Financial Statement there should be 75% of the budget left at this point. Klump noted there is nothing that stands out and all funds are on track at this time. Klump also pointed out a power outage at one of the well sites could reflect the budget if insurance doesn't pay for this.

Public Works Director Kevin Neal explained there was an electrical outage on July 24th that caused a single phase outage and the city lost a well pump motor that is approximately 950 feet in the ground. An insurance claim has been filed for \$69,340.00 for materials and labor. There was also an exhaust fan that burnt up and this has already been replaced. This fan was approximately \$200.00.

9. Police Department Activity Report.

There were 259 calls by type and 225 citations issued in July 2017 compared to 344 in 2016.

Chief Tom Dickson shared with council a resolution presented to the department by State Presentative Doc Anderson. Dickson also said with school back in session the traffic around the schools has been hectic for the first week but will eventually get better. Dickson also reported there was a car burglary at Brookshire Brothers on July 4th and the department has issued 7 warrants on two people responsible. J. Fagner had questions about the potential barrier he received on the TxDOT right of way by Tommy's Convenience Store and Dickson explained. Bill Coleman questioned the differences in the number of citations issued compared to last year.

10. Public Works Report.

See item 8. Kevin Neal reported the water system is running efficiently.

11. City Manager Report.

a. Update on WMARSS:

b. Update on TIRZ East #1

Wrapping up final details on design and hope to break ground in November.

c. Update on Development in the City of Lorena.

Meeting to sign development agreement Loera Construction on 8/24/17 at 6:00 p.m.

d. PUC Update: Work in conjunction with Spring Valley Water Supply, Met with customers on July 18, 2017 and via the telephone July 19, 2017.

Pace spoke with Larry Hobbs with Spring Valley Water Supply and Spring Valley won the appeal, however the PUC has informed Spring Valley Water Supply that they are going to work to decertify their CCN. More information to come once Pace knows more.

e. Meeting Since Last City Council Meeting:

- Garden Club, Lorena, Texas, July 20, 2017
- TCMA meeting in Austin, Texas, July 21, 2017
- Lunch with Joe Kucera, Lorena ISD, July 26, 2017
- Chamber of Commerce meeting: Cancelled
- TML Dinner in Hewitt, Texas; July 27, 2017
- Area EDC Meeting in Beverly Hills: July 28, 2017
 - Next meeting, August 25, 2017 in West, Texas
- TIRZs meeting with Waco Officials and TIRZs representatives, August 1, 2017
- TIRZs Meeting, August 7, 2017
- EDC Meeting (Unable to attend), August 8, 2017
- Fathom Water Utility Webinar, August 8, 2017
- Planning Meeting with Mitchell Planning, August 11, 2017
- MPO Meeting (Missed-out sick), August 17, 2017

f. Future Meetings:

- Spring Valley Water Supply Company: August 22, 2017
- Signing Loera Development Agreement, August 24, 2017
- County Discussion on the Landfill, August 29, 2017
- Water Resource Group on August 31, 2017

12. Adjourn.


Due to no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

These minutes were approved this 18th day of September 2017.



Chuck Roper, Mayor

Attest:



Monica Hendrix, City Secretary

