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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
LORENA CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2017 6:30 P.M.
LORENA CITY HALL
107-A S. FRONTAGE ROAD, LORENA, TEXAS**

OFFICIAL 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 6:30 p.m. Council members present were Mayor Protem Bill Coleman, J. Fagner, Jennifer Grimm, Jeff Linnstaedter and Kelly Yarbrough. Constituting a quorum. City Staff present were Tom Dickson, Monica Hendrix, Joseph Pace 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. October 16, 2017

A motion was made by Bill Coleman and seconded by Kelly Yarbrough to approve the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

4. Discussion and possible action on an Interlocal Agreement between McLennan County and the City of Lorena for routine maintenance of patching roads throughout the city.

Kevin Neal informed council this is the same agreement as last year. The county will help to patch the chip seal roads inside the city limits. Jennifer Grimm motioned to approve the interlocal agreement. J. Fagner seconded the motion. All in favor, motioned carried.

5. Discussion and possibly receive direction from City Council regarding the condition and possible improvements to North Old Temple Road.

Joseph Pace informed the council the condition of the road has deteriorated and no longer has enough gravel on it. The county is refusing to grade the road unless the city adds more gravel. Kevin Neal informed the council that the road has widened due to the county grading the road too wide and causing the gravel to go to the ditch. Pace and Neal have met with County Commissioner Kelly Snell at the site and Mr. Snell doesn't feel that the grading is the issue but the truck traffic on the road. Mayor Roper questioned why the county cannot pull the gravel out of the ditch and Neal explained they have in the past. Pace received an estimate from the County to chip seal the road at a cost of \$49,055.00. Jeff Linnstaedter asked if there is a plan for street improvements or a list of streets that are a bigger

priority than others. After further discussion, staff will prepare a list of streets that are priority and get bids/quotes for repairs and bring back to council for approval.

6. Discussion and possible action to authorize the City Manager of the City of Lorena to execute an extension of the Waco Metropolitan Area Regional Sewer System ("WMARSS")' 2013 Agreement Number 2 for the operation and Management of Facilities.

Joseph Pace explained this amendment will extend the original agreement to the end of the year. City of Waco is still indecisive on whether they want to take over WMARSS operations and management or keep the WMARSS board that is currently in place or create something new.

Kelly Yarbrough motioned to approve the extension agreement. Billy Coleman seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

7. Police Department Report.

a. Activity report

216 Calls in October, 214 Citations issued.

P.D. responded to a fatality accident on 11/8/2017. Chief Dickson wanted to commend Police Department Chaplain Steve Abbe and First Baptist Church Lorena Pastor Heath Kirkwood for their help with the families that arrived at the scene of the accident. Chief Dickson is also monitoring the ambulance service and the bids that the City of Waco will be receiving at the end of December or beginning of January due to East Texas Medical not renewing their contract. East Texas Medical is getting out of the ambulance service. Dickson also informed council of the new police officer that has been hired. Ethan Pavlas is from West and Lorena Police Department sponsored him in the police academy. Pavlas will take his state test on 11/21/17 and will be sworn in next month.

8. Public Works Report.

Kevin Neal reported that water leaks have been low this summer. Water sampling for Lead and Copper is coming up and Neal doesn't expect anything out of the ordinary as a result of the testing. Neal explained the rigorous testing is due to the changing of disinfection system to chloramines. This rigorous testing will continue for about 8 months.

9. City Manager Report.

a. Update on WMARSS: Workshop Attended

Joseph Pace, Kevin Neal and Linda Klump attended the WMARSS workshop and City of Waco is still bouncing back and forth on whether to take over the operations of WMARSS or create a PUC. Pace will continue to keep council informed on the outcome.

b. Update on TIRZ #1 East: Pre Construction Meetings

Two preconstruction meetings have been held and equipment is already onsite. There will be a ribbon cutting but Pace isn't sure of the date yet. Contractor is excited and confident that construction will be completed in less than 300 days.

c. STAGG Grant Update: Bids Received and Opened

Bids were received and opened on November 7, 2017. Pace requested BSP to complete background checks on the three lowest bidders and he will bring them to council in December to award the bid.

d. PUC Update

PUC sent certified letter giving Lorena the option to change its CCN to serve the three customers we are currently serving or to give them to Spring Valley Water Supply and be done with the issue. Pace has instructed the City Attorney to contact Spring Valley Water Supply to see if they are okay with changing their CCN.

e. City of Lorena Summary of Cash and Investments

Interest accrual rates are increasing slightly.

f. Hazardous Materials Event

Pace informed council that due to lack of participation and treatment of employees during the event, he hasn't decided not to participate.

g. Water Policy

Still gathering information and will bring back after first of the year.

h. Development in The City of Lorena

Still some interest but has slowed a little.

i. Meetings Since Last City Council Meeting/ Future Meetings (Appendix "A")

10. Adjourn.


Due to no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

These minutes were approved this 12th day of December 2017.



Chuck Roper, Mayor

Attest:



Monica Hendrix, City Secretary

