

**City of Lorena**  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING**  
**LORENA CITY COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY, MAY 21, 2018 6:30 P.M.**  
**LORENA CITY HALL**  
**107-A S. FRONTAGE ROAD, LORENA, TEXAS**

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order.**

Mayor Roper called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were Mayor Chuck Roper, Mayor Protem Bill Coleman, Jennifer Grimm and Kelly Yarbrough. Council members absent were J. Fagner and Jeff Linnstaedter.

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

- 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.

**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. April 24, 2018**
- b. May 1, 2018**

Bill Coleman motioned to approve the April 24 and May 1 2018 minutes. Jennifer Grimm seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**4. Discussion and possible action on award of Lorena TIRZ #1 East Phase II Wastewater Improvements Construction Contract to Bell Contractors, Inc. of Belton, Texas in the amount of their low bid, \$844,483.76**

Jason Mundo informed council that eight bids were received and Bell Contractors, Inc. of Belton Texas was the low bidder with an amount of \$844,483.76 for the TIRZ #1 East Phase II Wastewater construction contract. Lorena TIRZ Board of Directors is recommending awarding the contract to Bell Contractors, Inc. Jennifer Grimm had questions about timeline for the signing of easement agreements and Mundo said mid-June. TRIZ Chairman Bill Coleman will sign the resolution for notice to proceed. After further discussion, a motion was made by Kelly Yarbrough to award the contract of Lorena TIRZ #1 East Phase II Wastewater Improvements Construction to Bell Contractors, Inc. of Belton, Texas in the amount of their low bid, \$844,483.76. Jennifer Grimm seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

5. **Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 2018-0521-01 annexing a certain tract or parcel of land located in McLennan County, Texas, being 220.377 acres, more or less, out of the Erastus Yeamen Survey, Abstract Number 956 and being all of that certain tract of land described in deed to Cory Don Priest, Trustee of the Mary Robertson Priest Trust, as recorded in M.C.C. number 2008036595 of the Official Public Records of McLennan County, Texas (O.P.R.M.C.T), said property being generally located abutting and to the north of Rosenthal Parkway and abutting and to the west of Birdie Lane.**

Joseph Pace informed council that the two required public hearings have been held and now the ordinance will be read twice for adoption. This is the requirement for voluntary annexation.

A motion was made by Jennifer Grimm and seconded by Kelly Yarbrough to approve the ordinance for annexation of said property. All in favor, motion carried.

6. **Discussion and possible action amending Ordinance 03-1028-02 Lorena Plumbing Code amending the Cross-Connection Control Program as required by TCEQ.**

Kevin Neal informed council of the changes and explained that the current ordinance does not match what is being enforced by TCEQ.

Bill Coleman motioned to approve Ordinance 03-1028-02 Lorena Plumbing Code as amended and the changes to the Cross-Connection Control Program required by TCEQ. Jennifer Grimm seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

7. **Police Department Report.**

a. **Activity report**

There were 400 calls by type in April 2018 and 483 citations issued.

Chief Tom Dickson reported that the drug K-9 Zeta passed her narcotic detection training.

Dickson attended the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Sign of the Times which is an interpreting service for the Waco Association for the Deaf. Lorena Councilwoman Kelly Yarbrough was the Master of Ceremonies. Lorena Police Department and Dr. Peevey were recognized. Dr. Peevey teaches a course at the MCC Police Academy in dealing with the deaf and hard of hearing that peace officers may encounter during their job duties.

Dickson also reported that 7 puppies were abandoned at the Lorena Post Office over the weekend. After posting this on the Police Facebook page, retired Justice Phillipe Reyna volunteered to pay for the shots, spaying and neutering on the puppies. KXXV News 25 came out and did a story today and the puppies were taken to Fuzzy Friends rescue. Kevin Neal added that Mr. Reyna is also paying the adoption fees for the puppies.

8. **Public Works Report.**

a. **Update on STAG project**

Kevin Neal reported that the STAG replacement is in the 500 block of N. Houston. The replacement so far has gone according to plan but not as smoothly as they had hoped for. There have been some minor utility interruptions and some street closures. The rain on Sunday 5/20/18 slowed down the construction a little. Asphalt should be here on Wednesday to repair the road cuts on Center Street. The next big hurdle will be to drill under the gas pipe line. Neal explained that S. Front Street will be repaired by the County once the project is complete.

9. **City Manager Report.**

a. **Loera Development Annexation/Update**

First reading of the ordinance tonight, 2<sup>nd</sup> reading next month. Still waiting on City of Waco Lawyers for piece of Loera property in Waco's ETJ.

b. **Update on WMARSS**

Still discussing whether City of Waco wants to run the plant.

c. **Water Policy Update**

Still working on this.

d. **Update on TIRZ #1 East: Pre Construction Meetings**

Validation of pipe issues were resolved and everything is going according to plan.


- e. **STAGG Grant Update**  
Kevin Neal gave update.
- f. **PUC Update**  
Agreement was signed last month and Spring Valley has signed as well. Waiting on the City of Waco to sign.
- g. **City Policy Manual Update**  
Still working on this and will possibly present this with the CIP and PIP's. Staff is currently working on the new budget and this will be a part of the budget.
- h. **Development in The City of Lorena**  
Staff has met with different developers and this has spawned a study of how many meters are available. Pace will discuss the study further with the Mayor and decide whether to hold a workshop in the future.
- i. **Meetings Since Last City Council Meeting/ Future Meetings (Appendix "A")**  
See attachment
- j. **TCMA Conference June 18, 2018 thru Jun 21, 2018**  
Pace received a scholarship through the TCMA and will attend in June.


**10. Future Agenda Items.**

**11. Adjourn.**

Due to no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

These minutes were approved this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 2018.

  
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Bill Coker, Mayor  
Attest:

  
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Monica Hendrix, City Secretary

