



**City of Lorena**  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**  
**LORENA CITY COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2018 6:30 P.M.**  
**LORENA CITY HALL**  
**107-A S FRONTAGE RD., 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 6:30 p.m. Council members present were Mayor Chuck Roper, Mayor Pro tem Bill Coleman, J. Fagner, Jennifer Grimm and Jeff Linnstaedter. Kelly Yarbrough arrived at 6:43 p.m.

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

**2. Visitors 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 were present to speak. Mayor Roper invited Bruce and Beverly Bowman of the Village Lamp Lighter to come up and presented them with a plaque from the city celebrating 50 years of business in Lorena. Bruce Bowman thanked the council for the plaque and invited everyone to attend a celebration on September 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at the Village Lamp Light store. Mr. Bowman also stated "there is not another place I would put my store even if they give it to me".

**3. Approval of Minutes:**

- a. **August 9, 2018**
- b. **August 20, 2018**

J. Fagner motion to approve the August 9<sup>th</sup> and August 20<sup>th</sup> minutes. Jennifer Grimm seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**4. 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 2018 Rate Review Mechanism filings.**

Tammie Bowman with Atmos Energy was present and explained the purpose of the ordinance is to approve the negotiated rates. The proposed new rates requested by Atmos Energy were approximately \$1.80 a month for the average residential customer and approximately \$5.39 for the average commercial customer. After negotiating with the ACSC the final rate are \$1.06 a month for the average residential customer and approximately \$3.20 for the average commercial customer.

Jennifer Grimm motioned to approve the negotiated settlement between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee (“ACSC”) and Atmos Energy Corporation, Mid-Tex Division, regarding the company’s 2018 Rate Review Mechanism filings. Bill Coleman seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**5. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 2018-0917-01 adjusting basic and incremental water and sewer rates.**

Linda Klump explained the increase is for water rates only. There is no sewer rate increase. Jennifer Grimm questioned what the rates were for and was told operating expense increases in the water operations. The increase is 2.7% across the board on water rates only.

Bill Coleman motioned to approve the ordinance adjusting only the basic and incremental water rates. J. Fagner seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**6. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 2018-0917-02 adjusting garbage rates and special service rates related to garbage pickup.**

Linda Klump explained this is a 2.7% increase for operating expenses. Bill Coleman had questions about the life cycle of bins and canisters. Kevin Neal explained it depends on the wear and tear of the bins and the amount and weight of the trash. Neal averages changing out ten canisters a year. Jeff Linnstaedter asked if there was a budgeted surplus built in for major capital garbage truck replacement type items. Linda Klump explained we do a 90% end of year transfer for any surplus of the budgeted line item and put into the TexPool account for truck replacement. Linda Klump explained the city is still paying for the truck that it was not purchased up front. Linnstaedter asked if at the point the truck is paid off, do we anticipate having enough money to purchase a new truck and the answer was yes.

J. Fagner motioned to approve Ordinance 2018-0917-02 adjusting garbage rates and special service rates related to garbage pickup. Bill Coleman seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**7. Discussion and possible action appointing Brad Wetzel to the Lorena Planning and Zoning Commission.**

Joseph Pace informed council that Bobby Meador has resigned from P&Z and Brad Wetzel will be replacing him. Mr. Wetzel was recently appointed to the Board of Adjustment and has graciously agreed to serve of the Lorena Planning and Zoning Commission. He will resign from the Board of Adjustment upon appointment to the P&Z.

J. Fagner motioned and Jeff Linnstaedter seconded to appoint Brad Wetzel to the Lorena Planning and Zoning Commission. All in favor, motion carried.

**8. Discussion and possible action on an interlocal agreement with McLennan County for road grading for N. Old Temple and Callan Ranch Road for FY 2018-2019.**

Kevin Neal informed council this is the annual routine maintenance agreement.

Jennifer Grimm motioned to approve the interlocal agreement with McLennan County. Bill Coleman seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**9. Discussion and possible action on applying Wastewater Impact Fees to the City’s matching contribution for the STAG project.**

**Joseph Pace explained there is a balance of collected wastewater impact fees that can be used towards the city’s matching contribution for the STAG project.**

Bill Coleman motioned to apply wastewater impact fee balance to the matching contribution for the STAG project. Jennifer Grimm seconded the motion. Linda Klump informed council there is a final report that will need to be filed to the Texas Water Development Board for the match and the EPA to receive reimbursement and she is working on that report. There were other reports that were filed up to this point and the city has not seen funds from either side. All in favor, motion carried.

**10. Discussion and possible action on approving an agreement to extend the current Water Treatment and Transportation Contract with the City of Robinson until September 24, 2019.**

Joseph Pace explained history of contract. In September 1998 the City of Robinson entered into a contract with the City of Lorena to treat Lorena’s water from the Brazos River. The initial contract is a 20 year period with a clause stating that the contract may be renewed for an additional 20 years, if both parties agree. The original contract is set to expire on September 24, 2018. Lorena Staff met with staff from the City of Robinson, and it is their desire to have the City of Robinson continue to treat the water for the City of Lorena. Robinson staff is concerned the current contract does not account for all the cost involved to

divert and treat the water from the Brazos River. Lorena is contractually obligated to take 500,000 gallons of water a day from Robinson and any amount taken over 500,000 gallons is billed per gallon. With both cities in agreement that the contract could be more equitable all around, the City of Robinson and City of Lorena staff agreed that the best solution moving forward is to have a third party determine a cost analysis. However, the original contract, a twenty year term, is set to expire on September 24, 2018. The original contract allows for the two cities to sign for an additional 20 years; however, time did not permit for a cost analysis study to be completed before the end of the original 20 year term. Therefore, this agreement will extend the current contract for one additional year to allow for the completion of such a study and the negotiation of a new long term contract.

After discussion, a motion was made by Bill Coleman to approve the contract agreement that was reviewed by and approved by the City of Lorena attorneys. Jeff Linnstaedter seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

#### **11. Discussion and possible action on establishing the Lorena Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and Personnel Improvement Plan (PIP).**

Joseph Pace explained purpose of PIP and CIP and the future needs of each department. After discussion no action was taken on this agenda item.

#### **12. Police Department Activity Report**

There were 332 calls and 390 citations issued in August 2018. Chief Tom Dickson reported the Lorena ISD homecoming parade was last week and by far the largest since it started 3 or 4 years ago. The School Resource Officer Program is going well at the school. There will be in-service training in the month of October for Officers and Staff. There will also be court security training in November. The Genco Federal Credit Union bank was robbed back in March and the robber plead guilty in Federal Court and will be sentenced in November.

#### **13. Public Works Report.**

##### **a. Update on Municipal Solid Waste repairs**

Repair to the garbage truck was \$1021.00, the overtime to pick up the garbage after hours was \$564.00 and the rental was \$6300.00 for a total of \$7885.00.

##### **b. Update on Westbrook addition**

This is the new subdivision going in on Old Lorena Road just past Pilgrim. Water mains and service connections were filled today for testing.

##### **c. Update on TIRZ #1 East startup**

Startup for the TIRZ was last week and everything went well. Few items on the punch list that are being worked out. The communication between the Lorena SCADA system and WMARSS SCADA system has a bad component and is being replaced.

#### **14. City Manager Report.**

##### **a. Lorea Development Annexation/Update**

This is on hold for surveying of property completion and should be completed this week. The pipe is in the ground for this development.

##### **b. Update on WMARSS**

No changes since last meeting.

##### **c. Water Policy Update**

Still working with attorney.

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

Construction is complete.

##### **e. STAGG Grant Update**

Still working on paperwork completion for reimbursement.

##### **f. PUC Update**

Waiting on City of Waco approval.

##### **g. City Policy Manual Update**

Still working with attorney.

##### **h. Development in The City of Lorena**

Still going strong and meeting with potential developers.

- i. **Meetings Since Last City Council Meeting/ Future Meetings (Appendix "A")**  
See list.

**15. Future Agenda Items.**

**16. Adjourn.**

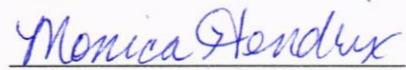
Due to no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Passed and approve the 23rd day of October 2018.



Chuck Roper, Mayor

Attest:



Monica Hendrix, City Secretary