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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING  
LORENA CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 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 Protem Bill Coleman, J. Fagner, Jennifer Grimm and Jeff Linnstaedter. Kelly Yarbrough arrived at 6:36 p.m.

City Staff present were Tom Dickson, Monica Hendrix, Linda Klump, Kevin Neal and Joseph Pace. City Planner Karen Mitchell was also present.

**2. Presentation of appreciation plaque to Bobby Meador for his years of dedicated service to the City of Lorena Planning and Zoning Commission.**

Mayor Chuck Roper presented former Planning and Zoning Chairman a plaque for his years of dedicated service to the commission. Meador served on the commission since 1996 and was the Chairman from 2004 to 2018.

**3. 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.*

Bill Taverner, President of the Lorena Chamber of Commerce spoke and would like to see the city purchase a community board for event postings. Taverner feels the chamber could benefit by selling advertisements on the board and the city could benefit from the board by unlimited use of the board. Taverner would like to see the council discuss this matter on a future agenda.

Karen Tavern spoke on behalf of the Cemetery Association and would like for the city to provide garbage cans and garbage pickup at the cemetery at no charge to the cemetery association. Karen Taverner also wanted to commend Joseph Pace and Kevin Neal for all their help with this matter and stated the city has "good people" in our city.

**4. Commission and Corporation Reports.**

- a. **Planning and Zoning**

Monica Hendrix informed council that the P&Z met on October 15, 2018 to consider a recommendation on the rezoning of the 13.877 acre tract of land from Business Park to Interstate 35 Planned Corridor District and voted unanimously to make the change.

Karen Mitchell also informed council of an upcoming joint workshop with P&Z and Council to discuss the changes and reformatting to the Lorena Zoning Ordinance and this meeting will be scheduled for November 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**b. Economic Development Corporation**

Kelly Yarbrough informed council of the EDC meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup>, and the following was discussed: Lorena Parks & Recreation Master Plan has been completed, a new billboard sign will be redesigned and installed, EDC Consultant Jason Mundo has been attending trade shows marketing Lorena, a contest to design the gateway monument sign for the southbound side of Lorena is ongoing and is open to anyone who would like to submit a design and the deadline is November 9<sup>th</sup>, and EDC voted to recommend Chad Hansen to the Lorena TIRZ Board to replace David Anderton.

**5. Approval of Minutes:**

**a. September 17, 2018**

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

**6. Public Hearing:** Mayor Roper opened the hearing at 6:50 p.m.

*Conduct a public hearing and consider a recommendation from the Lorena P&Z Commission for the rezoning of a 13.877 acre tract of land from the Business Park (BP) District to the Interstate 35 Planned Corridor (IC) District on property located at the southeast corner of Interstate 35 and N. Old Temple Road, west of Barnes Road.*

Karen Mitchell informed council of the request for the change. Mitchell explained this 13.877 acres is part of a larger tract of land that will be coming to council at a later date for annexation and zoning. This current zoning change request to (IC) will require more restrictive uses than the Business Park District. Mitchell also informed council that this request does comply with the current Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map. Mitchell answered questions from the council.

Gary Tully spoke and is the owner of the property and would like to see the rezoning happen. No other citizens spoke during the public hearing.

Mayor Roper closed the public hearing at 6:58 p.m.

J. Fagner motioned to approve the recommendation from the Lorena P&Z Commission and rezone the 13.877 acre tract of land from the Business Park (BP) District to the Interstate 35 Planned Corridor (IC) District on property located at the southeast corner of Interstate 35 and N. Old Temple Road, west of Barnes Road. Jennifer Grimm seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**7. Discussion and possible action for the city to provide garbage cans and garbage pickup for the Lorena Cemetery.**

Kevin Neal spoke and has no issue with picking up garbage at the cemetery for no charge. Neal explained that he does not have the authority to waive the fees and this is why this item is coming to the council. Mayor Roper is concerned about taking the garbage truck to the cemetery and Neal explained the truck will not be taken to the cemetery, they will pick the trash up by pickup truck.

Bill Coleman motioned to allow the city to provide garbage service to the cemetery for no charge. Kelly Yarbrough seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**8. Presentation of September 30, 2018 preliminary Financial Statements and Summary of Cash and Investments.**