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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
LORENA CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2020 6:30 P.M.
LORENA CITY HALL
107-A S FRONTAGE RD., 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, J. Fagner, Kelly Yarbrough and Tommy Ross. Jeff Linnstaedter at 6:34 p.m.

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

a. Pledge of Allegiance

b. Texas Pledge

Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.

c. Moment of silence

2. Visitors and Citizens Forum

At this time any person with business before the Council not scheduled on the agenda may speak. 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. December 16, 2019

Kelly Yarbrough motioned and J. Fagner seconded to approve the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

4. Commission and Corporation reports:

a. Planning and Zoning Commission

Monica Hendrix reported: P&Z met and continued discussion on amending the fence ordinance.

b. Economic Development Corporation

Kelly Yarbrough reported: EDC received updates on the trade shows attended by the EDC consultant, discussed a grant for a historic trail/park plan and amended the 2020 budget for the gateway monument.

5. Discussion and possible action on EDC Budget Amendment for FY2019-2020.

EDC Consultant Jason Mundo spoke. EDC has been working for approximately 18 months on the gateway monument project. Mundo says due to location of the monument, the size of the sign has been increased to 40-foot-wide and 10-foot-tall for better visibility. The location of the sign will be on the northwest corner of the Old Lorena Road overpass. Due to the changes in the size of the monument, the cost has increased \$45,000.00 to a total of \$95,000.00. Tommy Ross asked if spending \$95,000.00 on a sign will help Lorena? Ross asked if the \$95,000.00 was an estimate and was told yes. This project will still need to go out for bid. Ross asked who is responsible for the care of the landscaping and was told TxDOT. Jeff Linnstaedter had questions about the increase in the engineering fees and why they doubled. Tommy Ross also wanted to know why the engineering fees increased \$25,000.00 and Jason Mundo explained the breakdown of the increases. Kelly Yarbrough spoke on what EDC can and cannot spend money on and feels this is a good marketing tool for Lorena.

After lengthy discussion a motion was made by Bill Coleman to accept the budget amendment. Kelly Yarbrough seconded the motion. J. Fagner voted in favor to the motion. Jeff Linnstaedter and Tommy Ross voted against the motion. Motion carried.

6. Discussion and possible action on order calling the May 2, 2020 General Election.

Bill Coleman motion to approve the order calling the May 2, 2020 general election. J. Fagner seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

7. Discussion and possible action on the joint election agreement/contract with McLennan County Election Administration and other participating entities.

Monica Hendrix explained the city is required to hold a joint election and it is cost effective for the city to contract with McLennan County. J. Fagner motioned to approve the joint election agreement/contract with McLennan County Election Administration and other participating entities. Tommy Ross seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

8. Discussion and possible action to change date for February City Council meeting.

Monica Hendrix explained the February council meeting always falls on Presidents Day and the city recognizes this holiday. Bill Coleman motioned to move the meeting to Tuesday February 18, 2020. Tommy Ross seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

9. Presentation of quarterly budget report and Summary of Cash and Investments.

Finance Officer Linda Klump reviewed the reports with council. On the Summary of Cash and Investments the TexPool accounts interest rate dropped and property tax collections are up due to end of year and payments being due. Klump also explained the quarterly budget report and the significant changes. Bill Coleman had questions about the trash truck and if it is supporting itself and was told yes.

10. Discussion and possible action on authorizing the public works director to purchase and have installed a new lift pump at the city's number 2 lift station (Brookshires lift station).

Public Works Director Kevin Neal explained the pump at the number 2 lift station next to Brookshire Brothers grocery store has gone out. Triple D Pump has pulled the pump and it is 15 years old. The cost of the pump is approximately \$6000.00. Neal says the labor should be no more than \$1000.00.

Tommy Ross motioned to approve the replacement of pump. J. Fagner seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.