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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING  
LORENA CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2020 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**

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

**c. Moment of silence**

Mayor Roper called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were Mayor Chuck Roper, Mayor Protem Bill Coleman, Jeff Linnstaedter, Tommy Ross and Kelly Yarbrough arrived at 6:44 p.m. J. Fagner was absent.

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

**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. January 20, 2020**

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

**4. Presentation of 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Audit.**

Kristy Davis with Jaynes, Reitmeier, Boyd & Therrell, P.C.(JRBT) presented the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Audit to the council. Davis stated that as a result of audit procedures in JRBT's opinion the financial statements do present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position at September 30, 2019, and the changes in financial position and cash flows for the year then ended. Davis reviewed the year end fund balances compared to last year. Davis also says that internal controls show no material weaknesses. Overall the city had a good audit.

**5. Discussion and possible action accepting the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Audit.**

A motion was made by Bill Coleman and seconded by Jeff Linnstaedter to accept the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Audit. All in favor, motion carried.

## **6. Commission and Corporation reports:**

### **a. Planning and Zoning Commission**

City Planner Karen Mitchell informed council of the Visioning Session that was held on 1/25/2020 with local residents, land owners and Planning and Zoning Commissioners. During the session, attendees broke out into groups with a "hands-on" discussion for what they would like to see in Lorena in the next 20 years. Out of this meeting there was a vision statement created.

*Lorena will be a thriving city with a "hometown" feel. It will be supported by excellent schools and infrastructure including utilities, roads, bike lanes, and sidewalks. It will be a unique place to live and visit, capitalizing on its downtown historic district and its location along the I35 corridor. With multigenerational neighborhoods it will have a diversity of housing types and price points. Community gathering spaces will be connected to neighborhoods and commercial areas. Active businesses and small industries will produce a stable tax base.*

Council will appoint a Lorena Tomorrow Committee to help with developing a comprehensive plan and Mitchell explained the next steps to achieve that goal.

Monica Hendrix reported that Planning and Zoning met and continued discussing the amendments to the fence section of the zoning ordinance. The commissioners have finally come to a unanimous agreement to the changes and will hold a public hearing next month and recommend the changes to council.

### **b. Economic Development Corporation**

Kelly Yarbrough reported the meeting. Board members discussed the gateway monument sign and site plan, held executive session on land the EDC is considering to purchase, discussed business prospects for the city, received TIRZ #1 update, initiated a grant proposal for the historic trail.

## **7. Discussion and possible action on Interlocal Cooperation Contract with Texas DPS for the Failure to Appear (FTA) Program.**

Monica Hendrix reported this is an updated contract due to fee changes by TxDOT.

A motion was made by Bill Coleman and seconded by Tommy Ross to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Contract. All in favor, motion carried.

## **8. Discussion and possible action on 2019 Racial Profiling report.**

Robert Peevey with Lorena PD reviewed the 2019 racial profile with council. Peevey explained how the data is analyzed and the resources that are used for this analysis. There is no indication of racial profiling on traffic stops by the Lorena Police Department.

A motion was made by Kelly Yarbrough and seconded by Jeff Linnstaedter to accept the 2019 Lorena Police Department Racial Profiling report. All in favor, motion carried.

## **9. Public Works Report.**

### **a. Update on Lift station #2 pump replacement.**

Kevin Neal reported February 13<sup>th</sup> Triple D Pump installed the new pump at the #2 pump station beside Brookshire Brothers. Neal is waiting on the final invoice for this job.

### **b. Update on repairs to garbage truck.**

Neal also reported the brake replacement on the garbage truck is complete and this was a budgeted item that came in just under the quote. There was another breakdown to the garbage truck to the front suspension and unfortunately the city has to rent a garbage truck while repairs are being done. The rental truck is not an automatic truck so therefore it takes three men to pick up the trash. The rental is on a monthly basis at a cost of \$6300.00.