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**NOTICE OF CALLED MEETING
LORENA CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2020 6:00 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 6:00 p.m. Monica Hendrix gave roll call and council members present were Mayor Chuck Roper, Mayor Protem Bill Coleman, Jeff Linnstaedter, Tommy Ross and Kelly Yarbrough. J. Fagner was present via teleconference.

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

2. Discussion and possible action on extending the Declaration of Local Disaster and Public Health Emergency originally signed by Mayor Roper on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, to continue to be in effect until 11:59 pm on April 3, 2020, and subject to extension thereafter based on the status of COVID-19 in Texas and the recommendations of the CDC.

Mayor Chuck Roper informed council that this declaration mirrors the City of Waco and McLennan County. Joseph Pace informed council there are a couple of changes to the document to include prohibiting solicitors and also the effective date and time. Bill Coleman spoke and agrees with the declaration and changes.

Tommy Ross made the motion to approve the second order of Declaration of Local Disaster and Public Health Emergency. Kelly Yarbrough seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

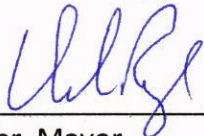
3. Discussion and possibly provide direction to the City Manager pertaining to the water policy during the Emergency Declaration time period.

Joseph Pace informed council that the city is receiving phone calls from citizens about the water payments and late fees due to layoffs from jobs. Jeff Linnstaedter questioned if we would suspend late fees. Bill Coleman recommends waiving the late fees and working out payment plans with the City Managers discretion for up to six months once the pandemic has concluded. Linnstaedter recommends 60-90 days and then re-visit at a later date. Kevin Neal would like to continue to tag the doors of customers that are on the cut-off list so they are aware of balance due. Council was all in consensus with these directions.

4. Adjourn.

Due to no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

These minutes were approved this 20th day of April, 2020



Chuck Roper, Mayor

Attest:



Monica Hendrix, City Secretary

