



**City of Lorena**  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING  
LORENA CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, MARCH 16, 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, Jeff Linnstaedter, Tommy Ross and Kelly Yarbrough.

City Staff present were Monica Hendrix, Tom Dickson, 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. Special presentation of the Life-Saving Award by Police Chief Tom Dickson.**

Chief Tom Dickson explained to council the events that occurred on August 15, 2019 at the Lorena Plaza. Local Pastor Jose Reyes was having a medical episode which required CPR. The people receiving the award all played a vital part in saving Mr. Reyes.

Mr. Reyes spoke and thanked everyone for saving his life.

Chief of Police Tom Dickson along with Officer Peter Rivas and Mayor Chuck Roper presented the Life Saving Award to Krista Ellsworth, Officer Jay Greer, Derek Roper, Jet Pogue, Marie Adams, Jim Menefee and Robin Tackitt for saving the life of Jose Reyes on August 15, 2019.

**4. Approval of Minutes:**

**a. February 18, 2020**

**b. March 2, 2020-Called Meeting**

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

**5. Commission and Corporation reports:**

**a. Planning and Zoning Commission**

P&Z met and finalized the recommended changes to the zoning ordinance concerning fences.

**b. Economic Development Corporation**

No Meeting.

**6. Public Hearing:** opened at 6:46 p.m.

*Conduct a public hearing and will consider a recommendation from the Lorena Planning and Zoning Commission, by amending portions of Article 9 "Fences and Screening" of the City of Lorena Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, to add language regarding materials used for the construction of fences and screening, addition of requirements for fence/wall maintenance easements and the reorganization of the Article.*

No citizens spoke and the hearing closed at 6:46 p.m.

**7. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 2020-0316-01 approving zoning ordinance amendments to Article 9 "Fences and Screening".**

Monica Hendrix informed council of the three meetings that the Planning and Zoning Commission had to discuss the changes to the ordinance. Hendrix explained the meetings were lengthy and weren't without numerous disagreements on the requirements. The commissioners finally agreed to omit the requirement for a top cap and bottom rail for a privacy fence except for the perimeter of a new subdivision. There are now minimum material requirements in the ordinance for wood and chain link fences.

Bill Coleman motioned and J. Fagner seconded to approve the amendments to Article 9 "Fences and Screening". Jeff Linnstaedter had questions about the line post size and if it was inadvertently omitted, he would like to see that added to the changes. Bill Coleman then amended his motion to approve the ordinance amendment and include the minimum line post size for chain link fences under section 9.5.1 (d) specifications for chain link fences.

J. Fagner seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**8. Discussion and possible action on approving Invoice No. 0103390.00-18139, for \$7,516.25 from Walker Partners for Engineering/Surveying Service through January 28, 2020.**

Joseph Pace explained the survey was for the ETJ swap of portions of the Loera property and other property that was added to the ETJ swap. City of Lorena initially contracted with All County Surveying of Temple, Texas, to survey the properties in question; however, due to a slow delivery and almost lack of response, he decided to make a judgement call to contract with Walker Partners to complete the project when the two cities agreed on adding additional property to the ETJ Swap. According to the policy manual, anything over \$5,000 that is considered a non-budgeted item has to have the City Council's approval.

A motion was made by Tommy Ross and seconded by J. Fagner to approve payment of the invoice. All in favor, motion carried.

**9. Discussion and possible action on amending the Loera Development Agreement, originally adopted by the City of Lorena on August 24, 2017.**

Joseph Pace explained the amendments in the Development Agreement that the TIRZ board approved. The number of homes has been reduced from 260 homes to 198 homes and the value



of the homes has changed from \$440,000.00 to \$650,000.00. There were also changes to the number of homes built each year as well as when his contribution to the cost of sanitary sewer trunk line is due. After discussion a motion was made by Bill Coleman and seconded by Tommy Ross to approve the amendments to the Development Agreement. All in favor, motion carried.

#### **10. Public Works Report.**

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

Kevin Neal reported the garbage truck is repaired and back in operation and the rental truck has been returned.

#### **11. Police Department Activity Report.**

##### **a. Monthly stats**

Tom Dickson informed council the numbers on the citations issued for February 2019 and 2020 are transposed. There were 372 citations issued in 2019 and 399 citations issued in 2020.

Dickson explained he has "beefed up" patrol in the neighborhoods with spring break being extended to watch out for the kids playing outside and such. PD is also keeping up with the COVID-19 virus and what the best practice would be for law enforcement. They are taking safety precautions but still out serving the public. Dickson also informed council of the number of COVID cases reported in the area.

#### **12. City Manager Report.**

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

Pace says this is complete.

##### **b. PUC Update**

Larry Hobbs with Spring Valley Water Supply and Pace will attempt to contact the 3 customers informing them that Spring Valley will serve them water.

##### **c. City Policy Manual Update-no report**

##### **d. TxDOT Safe Routes to School and Transportation Alternative Grants-no report**

##### **e. Meetings Since Last City Council Meeting/ Future Meetings (Appendix "A")**

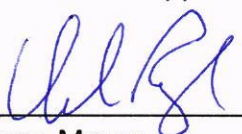
All future meetings have been cancelled at this point or will be done through teleconference.

#### **13. Future Agenda Items.**


#### **14. Adjourn.**

Due to no further meetings the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

These minutes were approved this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020

  
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Chuck Roper, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Monica Hendrix, City Secretary

