

**City of Lorena**  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING  
LORENA CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2020 – 6:30 P.M.  
LORENA CITY HALL  
107-A S. FRONTAGE ROAD, LORENA TEXAS**

In accordance with social distancing guidelines, the City Council meeting will not be open to the public. Some council and commission members may attend, while others may call to participate. To help contain and mitigate the spread of COVID-19, participation by the public may be done remotely in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act or pursuant to the Action issued by the Governor of Texas on March 16, 2020.

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Questions and comments on items listed on the agenda may be emailed no later than NOON on the day of the meeting to the City Secretary via email to [mhendrix@lorenatx.gov](mailto:mhendrix@lorenatx.gov)

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

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

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

**2. Citizens questions or comments.** No questions or comments were received.

**3. Approval of Minutes:**

**a. September 21, 2020**

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

**4. Discussion and possible action to close Meadow Lane and Ver-lo Drive to through traffic on October 31, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

Police Chief Tom Dickson spoke and informed council he has been receiving questions

on whether the city will be closing the thru streets to the South Meadows Subdivision. Dickson stated that people are still planning to trick-or-treat and the city needs to make it as safe as possible for the kids. Dickson would recommend to all citizens to still follow the CDC guidelines and wear your mask and practice social distancing while out. Staff is recommending to close the streets.

A motion was made by Bill Coleman and seconded by Tommy Ross to close Meadow Lane and Ver-lo Drive to through traffic on October 31, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

**5. Budget Report and Summary of Cash and Investments September 30, 2020.**

Linda Klump reviewed the cash and investments and budget report with council. We are holding more funds in the pooled operating account to offset banking fees. Klump plans to do RFP for banking depositories but has been busy working on the end of fiscal year and preparing for the auditors. Klump explained end of year balances in the budget report and the 90% transfer for the next line item.

**6. Discussion and possible action on transfer of 90% of the end of year General Fund and Sanitation Fund budgetary net income.**

Bill Coleman motioned to transfer of 90% of the end of year General Fund and Sanitation Fund budgetary net income. Tommy Ross seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**7. Discussion and possible action on authorizing the City Manager to purchase new flooring for four offices and lobby/front clerk area in City Hall.**

Joseph Pace explained the air conditioner line stopped up and caused an overflow and stench in the offices. Pace is concerned about mold and the liability on the city. Pace received a bid and explained that he only received one bid at this time in order to get this on the agenda. Tommy Ross questioned if we filed an insurance claim and was told no. Kelly Yarbrough would like to see other types of flooring consider. Chuck Roper would like to see other bids. After discussion, Tommy Ross motioned to authorize up to \$15,000.00 and to get other bids to be sure that the water/moisture issue is taken care of. Bill Coleman seconded the motion. Kelly Yarbrough also mentioned that we should have the air conditioner serviced in order to prevent the issue from happening again. Joseph Pace explained he will get more bids and look into acquiring a maintenance plan on the air conditioner.

All in favor, motion carried.

**8. Discussion and possible action on appointing Rod Goble, attorney at Law, as the City of Lorena Prosecutor for the Lorena Municipal Court.**

Joseph Pace explained the current Prosecuting Attorney is Thomas West and he has been elected as the 19<sup>th</sup> District Judge for McLennan County and will be resigning at the end of October. Pace has spoken to Judge Charlie Buenger and he has recommended Attorney Rod Goble for the job. Rod Goble was present and spoke to council. Goble stated is looking for to working for Lorena. Goble stated Lorena and Woodway are the only two places he cares to work for. Goble has worked for the City of Woodway as the Municipal Court Judge since 1981.

Bill Coleman motioned to appoint Rod Goble as the Prosecutor for the Lorena Municipal Court and to authorize the City Manager to work out the details of the compensation. Kelly Yarbrough seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**9. Police Department Activity Report.**

**a. Monthly stats**

Chief Tom Dickson presented the monthly stats in the packet and asked if council had any questions. Kelly Yarbrough asked if we have seen a reduction in the car burglaries and Dickson said yes. Dickson said there has been an increase in thefts of catalytic convertors but there was an arrest made. Dickson explained that most of the auto break-ins have been to unlocked vehicles and stressed for everyone to be sure to remove valuables, lock their vehicles and leave a guard light on.

**10. City Manager Report**

**a. Loera Development Update**

Waiting on final comments after submission of the final plat. Will possibly hold a called meeting once those are received for approval.

**b. PUC Update**

At a standstill with Spring Valley Water and City of Waco. There are still working on an agreement.

**c. City Policy Manual Update**

Hoping to bring something in the next couple of months.

**d. TxDOT Safe Routes to School and Transportation Alternative Grants**

Still working on paper work for TxDOT.

**e. Monthly Meetings/ Future Meetings (Appendix "A")**

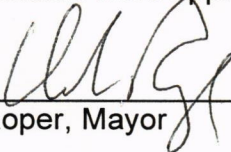
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**11. Future Agenda Items.**

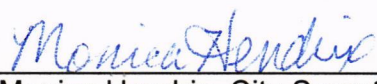
**12. Adjourn.**

Due to no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

These minutes were approved this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020.

  
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Chuck Roper, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Monica Hendrix, City Secretary

