

NOTICE OF PUBLIC CALLED MEETING
LORENA CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2021– 6:30 P.M.
LORENA CITY HALL
107-A S. FRONTAGE ROAD, LORENA TEXAS

MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Mayor Tommy Ross called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and gave roll call. Council members present were Emily McKenzie, Jeff Linnstaedter, Shane Phillips and Kelly Yarbrough.

City Staff present were Joseph Pace, Linda Klump, Kevin Neal and Peter Rivas.

2. Citizens questions or comments.

At this time any person with business before the Council not scheduled on the agenda may speak to the Council. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes, and this time is not transferable. Under the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Council is prohibited from discussing, responding, or acting on any comments or items that have not been properly posted on the agenda. This forum is limited to a total of 30 minutes.

Malissa Spivey at 2839 Pilgrim Lane, Lorena Texas and local business owners in Downtown Lorena spoke and thanked all the council members for taking the time to join the council and their hard work and effort they put into the job. She also would like for the council to be transparent tonight when appointing a new council member. Spivey would like for council to explain why other citizens being considered tonight want to serve on council so that all citizens will know their reasons. Spivey also feels it is important that local business owners serve on council so that they can address the local business issues that arise. Spivey also prays that council will choose a candidate that will challenge Lorena and bring new ideas to the city.

Mark Merefeld at 801 Shoal Ridge Drive and wanted to speak on behalf of Kevin Barrea who is a candidate for the vacant council position. Merefeld stated he has known Kevin Barrera since 2006 and feels that Barrera is a very forward-thinking individual and respects everyone, and wants what is best for everyone and shows the qualities of a true leader. Merefeld feels Barrera will do what is best for the community with fresh ideas who will honor the past and grow the future of Lorena.

Conley Isom at 340 Southern Breeze also spoke in support of Kevin Barrera. Isom has known Barrera for several years through sports and says he is a kind person with great character who took his family in during the snow and ice storm and showed them great hospitality for three days. Isom says Barrera has great ideas for the community as a business owner.

Isom also spoke about the road conditions in Lorena are terrible specifically around the schools. Potholes were patched on Williams Road, N. Houston to Center Street and the rains have already destroyed the patches. Isom would like to see a permanent solution to this issue and realizes that it takes money and time for these repairs.

3. Discussion and possible action to appoint a candidate to the vacant alderman position for the Lorena City Council.

Tommy Ross spoke about the process and the six outstanding candidates and

stated that although only one candidate can be appointed tonight for council, doesn't mean that the other five cannot be used in some compacity. Joseph Pace agreed the city is always in need of people to serve on EDC, Board of Adjustment and Planning and Zoning.

Emily McKenzie motioned to nominate Katrina George to the vacant council position. Shane Phillips seconded the motion.

There was discussion from the council members about why they made their choice on who to choose and what the candidates' qualifications were. All council members agreed that all the candidates were well qualified.

FOR: Linnstaedter, McKenzie, Phillips and Yarbrough,

AGAINST: None

Motion carried.

4. Discussion and possible action appointing a Mayor Pro Tempore for a one-year term.

Emily McKenzie motioned to nominate Kelly Yarbrough for Mayor Pro Tempore for a one-year term.

Jeff Linnstaedter seconded the motion.

No discussion.

FOR: Linnstaedter, Yarbrough, McKenzie and Phillips.

AGAINST: None

Motion carried.

5. Approval of Minutes:

a. May 17, 2021

Motion by Kelly Yarbrough to approve the minutes from May 17, 2021.

Shane Phillips seconded the motion.

FOR: Linnstaedter, Yarbrough, McKenzie and Phillips.

AGAINST: None

Motion carried.

6. Discussion and possible action authorizing signatures for Extraco, TexStar and TexPool city bank accounts.

Linda Klump explained that last month council removed outgoing Mayor Chuck Roper and Mayor Pro tem Bill Coleman from the back accounts. The banks use the minutes for authorization of the signatures.

Emily McKenzie motioned to authorize Kelly Yarbrough Mayor Pro tem to the bank accounts.

Jeff Linnstaedter seconded the motion.

FOR: Linnstaedter, Yarbrough, McKenzie and Phillips.

AGAINST: None

Motion carried.

7. Discussion and possible action on a resolution authorizing the City Manager or Mayor to enter into a contract with the Roof Company to construct a protective carport over the patrol cars at the Lorena Police Department.

Chief Tom Dickson explained this project was budgeted in the 2019-2020 budget and due to COVID-19 all Capital Projects were postponed. This project was then budgeted in the 2020-2021. Dickson explained that due to the extreme Texas weather with the ice and heat, covered parking is badly needed. Dickson explained the plan was reviewed by the planner and the design meets all the setback and ordinance requirements. The purpose of bringing this to the council tonight is because material prices are changes daily and the contractor wants to order the materials as soon as possible so the vendor can lock into the material prices. This project is bid through The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS). Joseph Pace explained TIPS is like a Buy Board and they do the competitive bidding for city and schools. After discussion a motion was made by Kelly Yarbrough to approve the resolution 2021-0607-01 authorizing the contract with the Roof Company.

Shane Phillips seconded the motion.
FOR: Linnstaedter, Yarbrough, McKenzie and Phillips.
AGAINST: None
Motion carried.

8. Adjourn.

Due to no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

These minutes were approved this 21st day of June 2021.



Tommy Ross, Mayor

Attest:



Monica Hendrix, City Secretary

