



City of Lorena
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NOTICE OF MEETING
LORENA CITY COUNCIL

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2021- 6:30 P.M.
LORENA CITY HALL
107-A S. FRONTAGE ROAD, LORENA TEXAS

THE PUBLIC WILL BE ABLE TO JOIN THE MEETING BY VIDEOCONFERENCE
AT THE FOLLOWING LINK <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/466068733> and/or join
the conference call at (254) 655-5400; GUEST PIN :2021
The City Council Meeting will be opened to the public. To mitigate the spread of
COVID-19, social distancing will be recommended.

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 Monica Hendrix via email to
mhendrix@lorenatx.gov

NOTICE OF POSSIBLE QUORUM 5:00 P.M.

Lorena City Council and City Staff will hold a pizza party prior to the council meeting to
celebrate the Lorena Police Department accomplishments. A quorum of the council may be
present at this event.

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Roll Call.

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

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

2. Presentation of the Rich in Community Award presented by Councilman Shane Phillips.
Councilman Shane Phillips presented the award to citizen Jody Michael and thanked him
for his service to the community.

**3. Recognize of the Lorena Police Department for obtaining their second recognition from
the Texas Police Chief Association Foundation.**

Mayor Tommy Ross introduced Mike Gentry, Director of Training of the Texas Police Chief
Association. Gentry explained there are approximately 181 recognized police
departments in the State of Texas. To obtain the recognized status, the department is
examined on over 180 standards in best practices, standards and other requirements.

Gentry stated there are under 60 police departments in the State of Texas that have received this recognition twice and Lorena PD is one of them.

Chief Tom Dickson introduced new Police Officer Christina Nelms to the council. Nelms is currently in the Police Academy and will graduate in December 2021. Dickson also thank Dr. Robert Peevey and Records Clerk Jennifer Herrin for their hard work in receiving this recognition.

4. Approval of Minutes:

a. August 16, 2021

Motion by Kelly Yarbrough to approve the August 16, 2021 minutes.

Katrina George seconded the motion.

FOR: George, Linnstaedter, Yarbrough, McKenzie and Phillips.

AGAINST: None

Motion carried.

5. 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.

Local citizen Tyler Corona of 1008 Williams Road spoke and would like to see the council adopt a resolution similar to the one that the City of Corsicana City Council recently passed that would support citizens Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution and the Texas Constitution Article 1 Section 19 protecting citizens' inalienable rights which would include laws or orders that mandate vaccinations. Corona also passed a message along from his mother that Williams Road needs some repairs.

6. Discussion and possible action on Resolution 2021-0920-01 to provide applicable matching funds for the Lorena PD body worn camera grant Project 2022.

Chief Tom Dickson informed council Governors' Office has opened funding again for the purchase of Body Worn Cameras. The upgrades would cost approximately \$23,000.00 for the cameras and the backup storage system. This grant includes a 25% match from the city which would be approximately \$5000.00.

Motion by Kelly Yarbrough to approve the resolution.

Jeff Linnstaedter seconded the motion.

FOR: George, Linnstaedter, Yarbrough, McKenzie and Phillips.

AGAINST: None

Motion carried.

7. Discussion and possible action on Resolution 2021-0921-02 authorizing the Texas Department of Transportation Lorena Downtown Streetscape Revitalization Project Administrative Funding Agreement.

Interim City Manager Kevin Neal explained this project was started with the previous City Manager Joseph Pace. Neal explained that TxDOT recommended combining the two grants. Janet Sheguit with MRB Engineering Group was present to explain the grants and the process for administering the grants. The Safe Routes to School Grant is 100% funded except for the administration cost of the grant which is \$25,000.00. The cost of this project is estimated at \$781,867.00. The Lorena Downtown Streetscape Revitalization

project is estimated at \$1.4-million-dollar project and the match is 20% which would cost the city \$369,988.00. Sheguit explained that part of the 20% match would be in-kind for the engineering portion of the grant. Neal explained this money would come from the General Fund Capital Project Fund. There would also be a \$25,000.00 administration cost for this project. There was discussion about possible overages and who would be responsible for them.

Kelly Yarbrough motioned to pass the resolution for the Safe Routes to School only.

Katrina George seconded the motion.

FOR: George, Linnstaedter and Yarbrough.

AGAINST: McKenzie and Phillips.

Motioned carried 3 to 2.

(See item 13 below for more discussion on this item)

8. Discussion and possible action on Resolution 2021-9020-03 nominating candidates for the McLennan County Appraisal District Board of Directors.

No action.

9. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 2021-0920-01 adjusting basic and incremental water rates to become effective with the October 2021 billing cycle.

Motion by Katrina George to approve the ordinance.

Shane Phillips seconded the motion.

FOR: George, Linnstaedter, Yarbrough, McKenzie and Phillips.

AGAINST: None

Motion carried.

10. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 2021-0920-02 imposing a moratorium on the connection of property outside the city limits of Lorena Texas, which is also outside the city's certificated area to the City of Lorena's Water Supply System.

Motion by Emily McKenzie to approve the ordinance.

Kelly Yarbrough seconded the motion.

FOR: George, Linnstaedter, Yarbrough, McKenzie and Phillips.

AGAINST: None

Motion carried.

11. Discussion and possible action appointing Jennifer Fore to the Lorena Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Motion by Kelly Yarbrough to appoint Jennifer Fore to the Board of Adjustment.

Emily McKenzie seconded the motion.

FOR: George, Linnstaedter, Yarbrough, McKenzie and Phillips.

AGAINST: None

Motion carried.

12. Police Department Activity Report.

There were 422 calls by type, 5 arrest and 378 citations issued in August 2021.

Chief Dickson will give council notification of Officer Nelms graduation from the Police Academy.

13. Future Agenda Items.

Kelly Yarbrough suggested bringing the Downtown Streetscape Grant Resolution back next month for more discussion. Jeff Linnstaedter is concerned about the item 7 and wants to reconsider the motion due to no additional discussion after the second according to Roberts Rules of Order. After discussion, Jeff Linnstaedter motioned to reconsider item 7.

Shane Phillips seconded the motion to reconsider the item.

FOR: George, Linnstaedter, McKenzie and Phillips.

AGAINST: Yarbrough

Motion carried.

Kelly Yarbrough motioned to proceed the SRTS resolution only. Jeff Linnstaedter seconded the motion. Jeff Linnstaedter then had questions to Chief Dickson about the traffic and the safety of the sidewalks. Dickson deferred to Officer Rivas. Rivas is concerned if there are sidewalks built, parents would possibly want to offload their children on these sidewalks and not wait until they get to the school. There was lengthy discussion about the benefits of the sidewalk and whether it would help alleviate traffic. Jeff Linnstaedter motioned to amend the motion to proceed with the resolution and would like to motion to table the item to October 2021.

Kelly Yarbrough seconded the motion to amend the motion.

FOR: George, Linnstaedter, Yarbrough and Phillips.

AGAINST: McKenzie

Motioned carried 4 to 1.

Jeff Linnstaedter motioned to vote on the emended motion which was to table to the October meeting.

Kelly Yarbrough seconded the motion.

FOR: George, Linnstaedter, Yarbrough and Phillips.

AGAINST: McKenzie

Motioned carried 4 to 1.

14. Executive session: Council convened into executive session at 8:17 p.m.

Convene into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

a. Water Treatment and Transmission Contract with the City of Robinson

15. Return to open session: Council returned to open session at 8:35 p.m.

Discussion and possible action on items discussed in executive session.

a. Water Treatment and Transmission Contract with the City of Robinson

Motion by Kelly Yarbrough to approve the Water Treatment and Transmission Contract with the City of Robinson.

Emily McKenzie seconded the motion.

FOR: George, Linnstaedter, Yarbrough, McKenzie and Phillips.

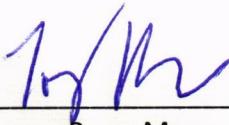
AGAINST: None

Motion carried.

16. Adjourn.

Due to no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

These minutes were approved this 18th day of October 2021.



Tommy Ross, Mayor

Attest:



Monica Hendrix
Monica Hendrix-City Secretary

