



City of Lorena

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~~MEETING MINUTES~~

LORENA CITY COUNCIL

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2021- 6:30 P.M.

LORENA CITY HALL

107-A S. FRONTAGE ROAD, LORENA TEXAS

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WORKSHOP MINUTES 5:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call.

Mayor Ross called the workshop to order at 5:34p.m. Members present were Mayor Tommy Ross Jeff Linnstaedter, Mayor Protem Kelly Yarbrough and Shane Phillips. Council members absent were Emily McKenzie and Katrina George.

2. Briefing and discussion on Texas Department of Transportation Lorena Downtown Streetscape Revitalization Project (CSJ 0909-22-187) Advance Funding Agreement.

This project is not 100% funded and there are concerns about the overall total cost to the city. This project will cost the city approximately \$369,000.00 plus the \$25,000.00 administrative cost and any overages that may occur. There was discussion about the buildings downtown and the ADA compliances to those buildings and whether this project will help those businesses. There was also discussion if this is best use of the city money and how many pot holes or streets could be repaired for the amount of money being spent on this project.

3. Briefing and discussion on Texas Department of Transportation Safe Routes to Schools Project (CJS 0909-22-186) Advance Funding Agreement.

Kevin Neal explained there was a meeting with TxDOT on possibly re-routing the sidewalks and was told the project needs to be amended by February because TxDOT does amendments quarterly. February is the next date for TxDOT amendments. The project needs to be LET for bids by April of 2022. Neal and TxDOT do not feel there will be enough time to re-route the project by these deadlines. There was also concern about the cost of the project for overages to the city. There are contingencies in the project, however the cost of materials has increased significantly since this grant was brought before council in 2019. Solomon Thomas with MRB Group was here and answered questions of the council. There was discussion about the total cost of the project versus the number of homes that it will actually benefit safely. The approximate number of homes is 20. The intersections and streets that have to be crossed to get to these sidewalks are very busy and dangerous for kids to cross with all the traffic to the schools. There is no safe route to the safe route due to no crossing guards at the intersections.