



City of Lorena
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MINUTES

**NOTICE OF MEETING
LORENA CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 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 VIDEOCONFERENCING
AT THE FOLLOWING LINK <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/961702749> 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

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, Mayor Protem Kelly Yarbrough, Jeff Linnstaedter, Emily McKenzie and Shane Phillips. Constituting a quorum. Katrina George arrived at 6:39 p.m. Kelly Yarbrough left at 6:52 to attend the band concert.

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

2. Oath of Office for Police Officer Christina Serrato.

City Secretary Monica Hendrix gave the Oath of Office to Police Officer Christina Serrato. After receiving her oath, Christina's mother pinned her badge on her uniform.

3. Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.074(a)(1), Personnel, to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, or duties of:

a. City Manager position.

Council convened into executive session at 6:35 p.m.

4. Return to open session:

Discussion and possible action on items discussed in executive session.

a. City Manager position.

No action was taken.

5. Approval of Minutes:

a. November 15, 2021

Motion by Shane Phillips to approve the November 15, 2021 minutes.

SECOND: Emily McKenzie

FOR: George, Linnstaedter, Mckenzie and Phillips.

AGAINST: None
ABSENT: Yarbrough
Motion carried.

6. 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.

There were no citizen comments or questions.

7. Discussion and possible action approving the 2022 Employee Holiday Schedule.

City Secretary Monica Hendrix informed council this schedule is the same as it has been for many years.

Katrina George motion to approve the 2022 Employee Holiday Schedule.

SECOND: Emily McKenzie

FOR: George, Linnstaedter, Mckenzie and Phillips.

AGAINST: None

ABSENT: Yarbrough

Motion carried.

8. Discussion and possible action approving 2022 Lorena Solid Waste Holiday pick-up Schedule.

Public Works Director Kevin Neal explained there are no holidays that fall on residential pickup days. The only holiday that has a conflict is on December 26, 2022. A worker will need to get paid double time to pick up the commercial trash but this will allow that worker to spend time with their family on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Emily McKenzie motioned to approve the 2022 Lorena Solid Waste Holiday pick-up schedule.

SECOND: Jeff Linnstaedter

FOR: George, Linnstaedter, Mckenzie and Phillips.

AGAINST: None

ABSENT: Yarbrough

Motion carried.

9. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 2021-1213-01 amending Ordinance 2014-0120-04 regulating the keeping of animals and fowl in the City of Lorena.

Kevin Neal explained there needs to be additional changes that were left off the amendment and he wants to get those made as well before amending the ordinance. Neal is requesting to table this item.

Jeff Linnstaedter motioned to table until January 17, 2022 meeting.

SECOND: Emily McKenzie

FOR: George, Linnstaedter, Mckenzie and Phillips.

AGAINST: None

ABSENT: Yarbrough

Motion carried.

10. Police Department Activity Report.

358 Calls by Type, 6 arrest and 333 citations issued in November 2021.

Chief Tom Dickson also reported there will be a big send-off for the Lorena Football Team on Thursday morning December 16, 2022 as they head to Arlington for the UIL Class 4A State Championship game.

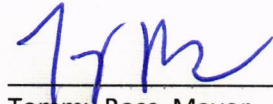
11. Future Agenda Items.

Monica Hendrix informed council the order of the May 6, 2022 General Election will be next month.

12. Adjourn.


Due to no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

These minutes were approved this 17th day of January 2022.



Tommy Ross, Mayor

Attest:



Monica Hendrix-City Secretary

PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.127 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, AND IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GUIDANCE AND PROVISIONS PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNOR OF TEXAS IN THE DECLARATION OF DISASTER ENACTED MARCH 13, 2020, MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL MAY BE PARTICIPATING REMOTELY IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT, AS TEMPORARILY MODIFIED BY THE GOVERNOR.

The Lorena City Council reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above as authorized by the Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), and 551.086 (Economic Development).

PROCEDURES FOR CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AT MEETINGS

The meetings will be streamed live on the City of Lorena's Facebook page.

Citizens who wish to address the Council on any item on the agenda or under the hearing of visitors, must submit questions via email to the City Secretary Monica Hendrix @ mhendrix@lorenatx.gov or in person at Lorena City Hall at 107-A S. Frontage Road by NOON on the day of the meeting. Your comments will be read into the records during the meeting.

Council may not comment publicly on issues raised during citizen comments that are not listed on the agenda but may direct the City Manager to resolve or request the matter to be placed on a future agenda. Such public comments shall not include any "deliberation" as defined by Chapter 551 of the Government Code, as now or hereafter amended.