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NOTICE OF LORENA CITY COUNCIL MEETING & PUBLIC HEARINGS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2022 - 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
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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

MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Roll Call.

Mayor Ross called the workshop to order at 6:30p.m. Council members present were Mayor Tommy Ross, Mayor Protem Kelly Yarbrough, Jason Blanek, Katrina George, Emily McKenzie and Shane Phillips.

City Staff present were Kraig Disney, Monica Hendrix, Kyler Jones, Kevin Neal and Peter Rivas.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Ross led the pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag. Kelly Yarbrough led the pledge to the Texas Flag.

3. 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.

No visitors spoke.

4. Commission and Corporation Reports.

a. Economic Development Corporation

Jason Mundo gave the EDC update. EDC met on Tuesday and approved the EDC Budget for the FY 2022-2023. Also discussed the gateway monument project.

b. Planning and Zoning Commission

There was no meeting.

5. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 2022-0919-01 approving a negotiated settlement between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee (ACSC) and Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division regarding the Company's 2021 Rate Review Mechanism Filing.

Tammie Bowman with Atmos Energy was present and explained the Rate Review Mechanism Filing. Atmos negotiates with the ACSC on the rates for residential and commercial customers. Atmos was able to negotiate lower rates and is requesting that council approve the ordinance.

MOTION: Kelly Yarbrough motioned to approve Ordinance 2022-0919-01 approving a negotiated settlement between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee (ACSC) and Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division regarding the Company's 2021 Rate Review Mechanism Filing.

SECOND: Shane Phillips

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

AGAINST: None

Motion carried.

6. Discussion and possible action on Lorena EDC FY2022-2023 Budget.

Jason Mundo reviewed the budget with the council members and future projects.

Kevin Neal wanted to clarify the wording on the document under operating expenditures on the services for advertising and clarify if he meant to say 10% of revenue instead of 10% of budget. Neal suggested changing the word budget to revenue.

Jason Blanek why there is such a big increase in legal fees? Mundo explained Bright Farms has requested assistance in utility cost and should that occur, an agreement would need to be drafted.

MOTION: Jason Blanek motioned to approve the Lorena EDC FY 2022-2023 Budget.

SECOND: Emily McKenzie

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

AGAINST: None

Motion carried.

7. Discussion and possible action on appointment to Lorena EDC Board seat 6.

Jason Mundo explained there were 5 applicants for the EDC Board. EDC Board members are recommending Chuck Walker. Mundo thanked the other applicants, Austin Montgomery, Chris Low, Julia Becker and Kevin Barrera.

Emily McKenzie spoke and Chuck Walker was top on her list because he was in line with Lorena's Strategic Plan vision. Katrina George felt that all of the applicants would have been a great addition and was impressed with the pool of applicant. George agrees with the recommendation.

MOTION: Emily McKenzie motioned to appoint Chuck Walker to Lorena EDC Board seat 6.

SECOND: Jason Blanek

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

AGAINST: None

Motion carried.

8. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 2022-0919-02 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.

Kevin Neal explained this in annual ordinance that prohibits customers outside the CCN from getting water and secures the water for customers inside our service area. (CCN)

Kevin Neal explained the process for changing a CCN.

MOTION: Shane Phillips motioned to approve Ordinance 2022-0919-02 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.

SECOND: Kelly Yarbrough

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

AGAINST: None

Motion carried.

9. Discussion and possible action to vote for, Places 6-9 for the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board of Trustee members.

Katrina George suggests voting for incumbents if there haven't been any issues in the past. The recommendation for votes were Hayward, Dennis, Land and Jones.

MOTION: Kelly Yarbrough motioned to vote for Hayward, Dennis, Land and Jones.

SECOND: Jason Blanek

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

AGAINST: None

Motion carried.

10. Police Department Activity Report.

Kraig Disney was present to answer questions. Kelly Yarbrough asked about car break-ins and Disney says the problem is cars that are not locked. Disney stressed to lock your car doors and take your valuables inside. The county has started their investigators meetings again and Lorena will be sponsoring one on the 4th. Disney says the big thing is the cities and county are communicating with each other on these issues. Emily McKenzie asked how the new SRO Officer is doing and Disney says great.

11. City Manager Report: September 2022

a. Update on trash truck repair.

The trash truck was picked up from the shop today.

b. Update on the Solid Waste RFP process.

Evaluators have met and the evaluations have been tallied up and letters have been sent to the bidders. Contract negotiations will start this week to the highest total score. The contract will come to council once complete.

c. Update on street bond project and where we are in the process.

Geotech work is done and 30 percent of the plans are completed.

12. Future Agenda Items.

Called meeting on Thursday September 22, 2022.

13. Adjourn.

Due to no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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

Tommy Ross
Tommy Ross, Mayor

Attest:

Monica Hendrix
Monica Hendrix, City Secretary

