



City of Lorena
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
LORENA CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2023, 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://meet.goto.com/344807413>
The City Council Meeting will be opened to the public.

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 meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Council members present were Mayor Tommy Ross, Jason Blanek, Katrina George, Emily McKenzie and Brad Wetzel. Kelly Yarbrough was present via teleconference.

City Staff present were Monica Hendrix, Kyler Jones, Kevin Neal and Scott Holt.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Ross led the pledge of allegiance.

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.

There were no comments.

4. Approval of Minutes:

a. November 20, 2023

MOTION: Brad Wetzel motioned to approve the November 20, 2023 council minutes.

SECOND: Jason Blanek

FOR: Blanek, George, Wetzel and Yarbough

AGAINST: none

ABSTAIN: Emily McKenzie

ABSENT: none

Motion carried.

5. Committee and Corporation Reports:

- a. Lorena Economic Development Corporation-No Meeting
- b. Lorena Planning and Zoning Commission-No Meeting

6. Discussion and recognition on the work anniversaries of Officer Rick Becknauld (15-years) and Records Supervisor, Jennifer Herrin (10-years).

Police Chief Scott Holt presented anniversary awards to Police Officer Rick Becknauld for 15 years of service to the Lorena PD and Records Supervisor Jennifer Herrin for 10 years of service to the Lorena PD.

7. Discussion and possible action on appointment of Ryan Weaver to the open seat 1 on the Lorena EDC Board.

EDC Vice Chairman Brad Wetzel informed council there is no conflict for Ryan Weaver to serve on the EDC Board.

MOTION: Brad Wetzel motioned to appoint Ryan Weaver to the open seat 1 of the EDC Board.

SECOND: Katrina George

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

AGAINST: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

8. Discussion and possible action on the re-appointment of Brad Wetzel to seat 5 of the Lorena EDC Board.

MOTION: Jason Blanek motioned to re-appointment of Brad Wetzel to seat 5 of the LEDC Board.

SECOND: Emily McKenzie

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

AGAINST: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

9. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 2023-1218-01 amending provisions of Chapter 10, "Buildings and Building Regulations" to adopt the 2018 edition of the *International Existing Building Code*.

City Secretary Monica Hendrix informed council in August 2019 the Lorena City Council adopted a ordinance to update the standards to the 2018 International Building Codes. There are numerous categories for the codes and each category should be listed in the ordinance when adopted. It has been brought to the attention of the city that the 2018 edition of the International existing building code was not listed or adopted in 2019.

MOTION: Brad Wetzel motioned to adopt the 2018 edition of the International Existing Building Code.

SECOND: Jason Blanek

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

AGAINST: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

10. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 2023-1218-02 amending provisions of Chapter 10, "Buildings and Building Regulations" to adopt the 2018 edition of the *International Property Maintenance Code*.

Monica Hendrix explained the 2018 International Property Maintenance Code was inadvertently not adopted in 2019 when the codes were updated.

MOTION: Katrina George to adopt the 2018 edition of the International Property Maintenance Code.

SECOND: Emily McKenzie

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

AGAINST: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

11. Discussion and possible action approving the 2024 Employee Holiday schedule.

This is the same holiday schedule that Lorena has been using for many years with one exception. This 2024 holiday schedule has one additional holiday which is Juneteenth. If approved this would be the first time that the City of Lorena would close in observance of the Juneteenth holiday. If approved this would increase the total number of holidays observed from 13 to 14.

MOTION: Emily McKenzie moved to approve the 2024 Employee Holiday schedule.

SECOND: Brad Wetzel

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

AGAINST: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

12. Discussion and possible action to change 2024 meeting dates for City Council meetings that fall on Federal Holidays the city recognizes.

Dates were discussed and January 22nd and February 26th were chosen to move the council meeting dates to.

MOTION: Katrina George

SECOND: Brad Wetzel

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

AGAINST: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

13. Police Department Activity Report.

Chief Holt reviewed the report with the council. Council complimented the new format of the report.

14. City Manager Report.

1. Street Project Update

Completion date is January 22nd and on target, paving started today and hoping to finish this week.

2. TCEQ Compliance Inspection 11-15-2023

Had 3 year compliance inspection and there were no issues or violations found. There was an area of concern on the Cup seal and Kyler Jones had this repaired. Neal praised the Jones and the utility department for their outstanding work.

3. Notice from EPA to inspect sanitary sewer collection system (March 2024)

Neal explained the cities that contribute to the WMARRS system will be inspected by the EPA in March.

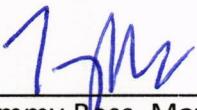
4. City Manager's Vacation December 25, 2023 – January 5, 2024

15. Future Agenda Items.

16. Adjourn

Due to no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

These minutes were approved this 22nd day of January 2024.



Tommy Ross, Mayor

Attest:



Monica Hendrix, City Secretary

