

**ADDENDUM TO AGENDA  
OF  
LORENA CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024, 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://meet.goto.com/205159101>  
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the day of the meeting to the City Secretary Monica Hendrix via email to [mhendrix@lorenatx.gov](mailto:mhendrix@lorenatx.gov)

The following item is hereby added to the previously posted agenda for the Regular City Council Meeting on  
Monday, March 18, 2024:

**6. Discussion and possible action authorizing the election contract with McLennan  
County Election Administration for the May 4, 2024 special election.**

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting of the governing body of  
the City of Lorena, Texas, was posted on the front door at the Lorena City Hall and the city website by 5:00  
p.m. on March 15, 2024.



Monica Hendrix-City Secretary



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**AGENDA-AMENDED**

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call.**
- 2. 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.*
- 4. Approval of Minutes:**
  - a. February 26, 2024**
- 5. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 2024-0318-01 cancelling the May 4, 2024 General election for the three alderman at large.**
- 6. Discussion and possible action authorizing the election contract with McLennan County Election Administration for the May 4, 2024 special election.**
- 7. Police Department Report.**
  - 1. Feb 2024 Monthly report**
- 8. City Manager Report.**
  - 1. Street Project Update.**
  - 2. Year 2 of PCED training complete.**
  - 3. Session 2 of William "King" Cole training (April 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>).**
  - 4. City administrative offices will be closed April 8, 2024.**
- 9. Future Agenda Items.**
- 10. Adjourn**

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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.

*Attendance by Other Elected or Appointed Officials – **NOTICE OF POSSIBLE QUORUM**: It is anticipated that members of City Council or other city board, commissions and/or committees may attend the meeting in numbers that may*

*constitute a quorum of the other city boards, commissions and/or committees. Notice is hereby given that the meeting, to the extent required by law, is also noticed as a meeting of the other boards, commissions and/or committees of the City, whose members may be in attendance. The members of the boards, commissions and/or committees may participate in discussions on the same items listed on the agenda, which occur at the meeting, but no action will be taken by such in attendance unless such item and action is specifically provided for on an agenda for that board, commission or committee subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act.*

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#### **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](mailto: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.

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107-A S. FRONTAGE ROAD, LORENA TEXAS**

THE PUBLIC WILL BE ABLE TO JOIN THE MEETING BY VIDEOCONFERENCING  
AT THE FOLLOWING LINK <https://meet.goto.com/797560829>  
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**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, Jason Blaneck, Katrina George and Kelly Yarbrough was present via teleconference. Council members absent were Emily McKenzie and Brad Wetzel.

City Staff present were Monica Hendrix, Kyler Jones, Linda Klump, Kevin Neal and Scott Holt and Peter Rivas.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance.**

Mayor Ross led the pledge.

**3. Citizens questions or comments.**

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No comments were received.

**4. Approval of Minutes:**

**a. January 22, 2024**

MOTION: Katrina George motioned to approve the minutes of January 22, 2024.

SECOND: Jason Blaneck

FOR: Blaneck, George and Yarbrough

AGAINST: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: McKenzie and Wetzel

Motion carried 3-0.

**5. Presentation of 2023 Fiscal Year Audit.**

Kristy Davis and Raven Peavy with Jaynes, Reitmeier, Boyd & Therrell, PC (JRBT) presented the financial audit overview to the council. As a result of the audit in their opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position as of September 30, 2023, and the changes in financial position and cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally

accepted in the United States of America. The internal controls and compliance review shows no material instances of noncompliance.

**6. Discussion and possible action accepting the 2023 Fiscal Year Audit.**

MOTION: Jason BlaneK motioned to approve the minutes.

SECOND: Katrina George

FOR: BlaneK, George and Yarbrough

AGAINST: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: McKenzie and Wetzel

Motion carried 3-0.

**7. Discussion and possible action to accept construction of the Rosenthal Estates Phase 1 subdivision.**

Kevin Neal informed council the construction punch list is complete and the city is waiting on the Maintenance Bonds required from the developer. Developer Josh Welch was present and informed council that all these lots are sold and the builders will be Carothers Executive Homes and Cory Smalley with Smalley Homes LLC. Welch hope to have the maintenance bonds in a couple of days.

MOTION: Katrina George moved that we administratively accept construction of the Rosenthal Estates Phase 1 Subdivision pending the submission of maintenance bonds from the developer.

SECOND: Jason BlaneK

FOR: BlaneK, George and Yarbrough

AGAINST: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: McKenzie and Wetzel

Motion carried 3-0.

**8. Discussion and possible action on Budget Amendment 2024-02.**

Linda Klump informed council of the amendment purpose are as follows:

1. Reclassification of reimbursement from LISD per auditor recommendation
2. Reclassification of wholesale water sales to better track commercial and wholesale water sales
3. Amend Utility Capital Projects fund budget for Utility Rate Study approved by Council on November 20, 2023

MOTION: Jason BlaneK motioned to approve Budget Amendment 2024-02.

SECOND: Katrina George

FOR: BlaneK, George and Yarbrough

AGAINST: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: McKenzie and Wetzel

Motion carried 3-0.

**9. Discussion and possible action for the appointment of Billy Borunda to the Lorena Economic Development Corporation board open seat 3.**

Kevin Neal informed council that Mr. Borunda was approved unanimously by the EDC Board for the position. Kelly Yarbrough spoke and says he owns several properties in Lorena and she is excited to have him on the board.

MOTION: Katrina George motion to appoint Billy Borunda to the Lorena Economic Development Corporation board open seat 3.

SECOND: Jason BlaneK

FOR: BlaneK, George and Yarbrough

AGAINST: None



ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: McKenzie and Wetzel  
Motion carried 3-0.

**10. Discussion and possible action on 2023 Racial Profile report.**

Scott Holt spoke and informed council this is a state mandated report to be filed with the state and presented to council by March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Holt says the report is very in depth and comprehensive.

MOTION: Katrina George motion to accept the 2023 Racial Profile report.

SECOND: Jason Blane

FOR: Blane, George and Yarbrough

AGAINST: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: McKenzie and Wetzel

Motion carried 3-0.

**11. Committee and Corporation Reports:**

**a. Lorena Economic Development Corporation**

EDC Chairman Kelly Yarbrough reported the board accepted the application for Billy Borunda for the open seat 3. Received a proposal for an EDC consultant and discussed moving forward with a strategic plan.

**b. Lorena Planning and Zoning Commission**

No Meeting.

**12. Police Department Report.**

Chief Holt presented the monthly activity report to council.

Holt also presented a power point on the Great North American Eclipse 2024 happening on April 8, 2024. Since Lorena is in the direct path of the total eclipse there is expectation of local resources to be at peak capacity and a significant increase in vehicular traffic and visitors in and around Central Texas. McLennan County Sheriff's Office is leading a multi agency preparedness campaign. Lorena PD staff have an adjusted schedules for maximum coverage for the multi-day event. Expectation is people will begin arriving to the area on Thursday or Friday prior to the event and this will be the single-biggest mass travel event in the USA. 32 million people live within the USA section of the path of the eclipse.

**13. City Manager Report.**

**1. Street Project Update.**

Work is still ongoing at the intersection at Williams Road and North Houston Street.

**2. City Managers training week of March 4th through 8th (year 2 of PCED).**

Kevin Neal will be in the Woodlands next week for training.

**14. Future Agenda Items.**

**15. Adjourn**

Do to no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

These minutes were approved this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.

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Tommy Ross, Mayor

Attest:

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Monica Hendrix, City Secretary

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-0318-01**

**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES IN THE MAY 4, 2024 GENERAL ELECTION, ELECTED TO OFFICE, CANCELING THE ELECTION; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lorena, Texas is a Type A General Law Municipality located in McLennan County, created in accordance with the provisions of SUBCHAPTER C. SECTION 2.052 TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE and operating pursuant to the enabling legislation of the State of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with law a general election has been ordered for May 4, 2024 for the purpose of electing council members to serve on the city council of the City of Lorena; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Secretary has certified in writing no proposition is to appear on the ballot, that no person has made a declaration of write-in candidacy, and that each candidate on the ballot is unopposed for election to office; and

**WHEREAS**, under these circumstances, Subchapter C, Chapter 2, Election Code, authorizes the city council to declare each unopposed candidate elected to office and cancel the election.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LORENA, TEXAS, THAT:**

SECTION 1. The following candidates, who are unopposed in the May 4, 2024 general election, are hereby declared elected to office, and shall be issued a certificate of election following the time the election would have been canvassed:

AT LARGE POSITIONS: Jason Blane-Alderman  
Emily McKenzie-Alderman  
Kelly Yarbrough-Alderman

SECTION 2. The May 4, 2024 general city election is canceled, and the City Secretary is directed to cause a copy of this ordinance to be posted on election day at each polling place used or that would have been used in the election.

SECTION 3. It is hereby declared to be intent of the city council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this ordinance are severable, and if any phrase clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance is declared invalid by the judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance since the city council would have enacted them without the invalid portion.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, and it is so ordained.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2024.**

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Tommy Ross, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Monica Hendrix, City Secretary



**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

**COUNTY OF MCLENNAN**

**CONTRACT FOR ELECTION SERVICES BETWEEN THE MCLENNAN COUNTY  
ELECTION ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY OF LORENA**

**THIS CONTRACT made by and between the City of Lorena, acting by and through its City Council, hereinafter referred to as the "City," and Jared Goldsmith, Elections Administrator of McLennan County, Texas, hereinafter referred to as the "Contracting Officer," and by authority of Section 31.092 (a), Texas Election Code for the conduct and supervision of the May 4, 2024 Special Election for voting in a Special Proposition Election.**

**THIS CONTRACT is subject to the approval of all participating parties and shall be binding on said parties upon written approval.**

**WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS, the City is holding an election for voting in a Special Proposition Election (at the expense of the City) on May 4, 2024; and**

**WHEREAS, the voting precincts of the City which lie within the boundaries of the City, have been established by the City as their voting precincts; and**

**WHEREAS, the Vote Centers in the Joint General Election are the Election Day voting places for the City; and**

**WHEREAS, McLennan County conducted a public hearing and Commissioners Court approved the Designation of "Successful Countywide Election Day Polling Places Program" for McLennan County on January 27, 2015, moving forward pursuant to Texas Election Code, Section 43.007. On February 3, 2015, the Texas Secretary of State's Office certified that McLennan County is designated as "successful" and is now authorized to continue to hold all elections using Election Day Countywide Polling Places (Vote Centers). The City agrees to utilize the list of Countywide Election Day Polling Places (Vote Centers) attached to this contract; and**

**WHEREAS, the County owns the Hart InterCivic Verity voting system which has been duly approved by the Secretary of State, pursuant to the Texas Election Code, (Section 122.031-122.039, Section 122.091); and**

**WHEREAS, the City desires to use the County's voting system in their elections and to compensate the County for such use and to share in certain other expenses connected with such elections in accordance with the provisions of Section 31.098 of the Texas Election Code; and**

**NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, agreements and benefits to the parties, IT IS AGREED as follows:**

**I.**

**In all of the City's voting precincts, the Contracting Officer shall conduct the City's election in accordance with this contract. The City shall bear the full cost or pay a pro-rata share of the voting centers and election judges, alternates and clerks, if applicable, to be used for the election.**

**II.**

**Hart InterCivic's Verity voting system, owned by the County, shall be used for the City's election.**

**III.**

**The City agrees to appoint the Contracting Officer as the Clerk for Early Voting and shall furnish wording on the ballots and election order necessary for Early Voting in the election to be held at the expense of the City.**

**The City agrees that the only polling sites available for contracting entities are the five (5) Early Voting Sites and thirty-four (34) Election Day Vote Centers that the County has established/pre-approved.**

**The City agrees that the shared locations for Early Voting will be the McLennan County Elections Administration Office, located in the Records Building at 214 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 300, Waco, TX 76701; the Hewitt City Hall/Library, located at 200 Patriot Court, Hewitt, TX 76643; the Robinson Community Center, located at 106 W. Lyndale Avenue, Robinson, TX 76706; the West Waco Library/ Genealogy Center, located at 5301 Bosque Boulevard, Waco, TX 76710; and the Doris Miller Community Center, located at 1020 Elm Avenue, Suite 800L Waco, TX 76704.**

**The above-mentioned wording on the ballot(s) and election order(s) shall be delivered to the Elections Administrator upon completion of the ballot drawing for a place on the ballot prior to the commencement of Early Voting in the election to be held at the expense of the City. The City shall bear the full cost or pay a pro-rata share, if applicable, for the Early Voting locations' personnel, at an hourly rate of \$17.00 and an overtime rate of \$25.50 per hour for Presiding Judges and Alternate Judges and an hourly rate of \$15.00 and an overtime rate of \$22.50 per hour for Clerks and a \$25.00 pick-up and delivery fee for Early Voting supplies.**

**The City will forward any requests received for a ballot by mail to the McLennan County Elections Administrator for processing. The City shall pay to the County the actual cost incurred for materials and postage for the distribution of ballots by mail.**

**The Contracting Officer shall provide to the City one (1) copy of the Early Voting report via email on a daily basis and a cumulative final Early Voting report following the election.**

**IV.**

**The Contracting Officer shall have the City's sample ballots printed, to cover the City's election, in accordance with Texas Election Code, Section 124.004. In all of the City's voting precincts, which lie within the boundaries of the City, the ballots shall include the specified contests for the City.**

**V.**

**In all instances covered by Article I of this contract, the Contracting Officer shall cause the Hart InterCivic Verity voting equipment to be delivered to the Election Day voting places and Early Voting places at least one (1) hour before the time set for opening the polls in each voting precinct, pursuant to Texas Election Code, Sections 125.001, 125.004, 125.061, 127.032-.065.**

**VI.**

**The City shall bear the full cost of the rent or pay a pro-rata share, if applicable, for all voting places contemplated by Article I of this contract.**

**VII.**

**The City shall bear the full cost or pay a pro-rata share, if applicable, for any equipment as deemed necessary and/or desirable for the holding of said election and cause same to be delivered to the voting places of the City.**

**VIII.**

**The City shall bear the full cost or pay a pro-rata share, if applicable, for the employment and/or use of such personnel as the Contracting Officer deems necessary or desirable to prepare for and conduct Early Voting.**

**IX.**

**The City shall bear the full cost or pay a pro-rata cost for the employment and/or use of such personnel as the Contracting Officer deems necessary to program and operate the automatic tabulating equipment in accordance with Texas Election Code, Sections 124.066, 127.001-.006, 127.121-122.**

**X.**

**The City shall appoint, bear the full cost of or pay a pro-rata share for the Presiding Judges and Clerks in the voting precincts, which lie within the limits of the City, including the cost for the election personnel to attend an election school held by the designated Contracting Officer for the training of Election Day Judges and Alternate Judges pursuant to the Texas Election Code, Sections 32.091 - .093 and 271.013, for their services in connection with the election to be held at the expense of the City. The election school will not exceed four (4) hours in length. Election Day personnel will be compensated at an hourly rate of \$17.00 for Presiding Judges and Alternate Judges and an hourly rate of \$15.00 for Clerks and a \$25.00 pick-up and delivery fee for Election Day supplies.**

**The Contracting Officer shall appoint the Presiding Judge and Clerks of the Early Voting Ballot Board to process Early Voting results pursuant to Texas Election Code, Sections 87.001 - .025, 87.101, and 87.103. The City shall pay a pro-rata cost for the Presiding Judge and Clerks of the Early Voting Ballot Board.**

**XI.**

**The Contracting Officer will provide the preparation of programs and test materials for tabulation of voting equipment and of ballot by mail materials, supervision of handling and disposition of election returns and preparation of the tabulation for the official canvass in accordance with Tex. Elec. Code, Section 31.094.**

**XII.**

**The Contracting Officer will provide advisory services in connection with decisions to be made and actions to be taken by the responsible parties of the City.**

**XIII.**

**The City shall pay to the County an Administrative Fee of ten (10) percent of the total amount of the contract for administering the election.**

**XIV.**

**It is understood that the County will incur costs and expenses in connection with the making of arrangements and preparations for the election, and that in the event the election to be held at the City is enjoined or canceled or if for any reason whatsoever the City shall decide not to proceed with the election to be held at the expense of the City or if the date of the election to be held by the respective parties is postponed or otherwise changed, the City shall be obligated to pay the County for the amount specified in Article XIII of this contract, which is agreed to be a fair and reasonable estimate of the costs and expenses incurred, or to be incurred, by the County in making such arrangements and preparations and the loss of damage to be sustained by the County in such event.**

**XV.**

**In connection with the performance of this contract, neither McLennan County nor the Administrator shall be liable to third parties for any default of the City in connection with the holding of the joint election, including the failure by such entities to pay any expenses hereunder, and such Entities shall not be liable to third parties for any default of the Administrator in connection with the holding of the joint election.**

**XVI.**

**Except as herein expressly provided otherwise, each party hereto shall do all things that may be required in connection with the election to be held at its expense. The City shall be responsible for the preparation of election resolutions and other pertinent documents for the adoption or execution by the proper officer of said party, and no party hereto shall have the responsibility or duty in connection with such preparations by any other party thereto. The Contracting Party will prepare the Joint Notice of Election and submit the documents to the entities for execution by the proper officers. The City shall likewise be responsible for posting or publication of election notices, and no party hereto shall be responsible for the posting or publication by any other party hereto.**

**XVII.**

**It is understood that to the extent space is available that other cities and political subdivisions may wish to participate in the use of the above-mentioned election equipment and voting places, and it is agreed that the Contracting Officer may contract with such other cities or political subdivisions for such purposes and that in such event there may be an adjustment of the pro-rata share to be paid to the County by the City under this contract.**

**XVIII.**

**It is estimated that the City's obligation there under shall not exceed (\$3,021.64) and the City agrees to pay a deposit of fifty (50) percent of said amount to McLennan County for an amount of (\$1,510.82) within five (5) days after the City's execution of this contract. The exact amount of the actual cost of the City's obligation hereunder shall be calculated after the May 4, 2024 Joint General Election, and if the amount of the City's obligation exceeds the amount deposited, then, in the event, the City shall pay to McLennan County the balance due within thirty (30) days after the receipt of the bill from the Contracting Officer detailing actual costs. However, if the amount of the City's obligation is less than the amount deposited, then and in that event, McLennan County shall refund to the City the excess amount paid within thirty (30) days after a final bill detailing the cost of the election has been provided to the City.**



**In TESTIMONY HEREOF, the contract, is multiple originals all of equal force, has been executed on behalf of the parties hereto as follows, to wit:**

**a) It has on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024 been executed on behalf of McLennan County by the Elections Administrator, pursuant to the Texas Election Code, so authorizing;**

**b) It has on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024 been executed on behalf of the City by its Mayor, pursuant to the authority of the City Council, so authorizing;**

**ATTEST:**

**City of Lorena**

**By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tommy Ross Mayor, City of Lorena**

**CONTRACTING OFFICER**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Jared Goldsmith  
Elections Administrator, McLennan County**

# LORENA POLICE DEPARTMENT



COUNCIL REPORT  
FEBRUARY 2024

# CALLS FOR SERVICE BY TYPE – FEBRUARY 2024

DESCRIPTION:	# OF CALLS
BURGLAR ALARM	1
ANIMAL CALL	2
ABANDONED VEHICLE	1
ACCIDENT	5
ASSIST CITIZEN	2
ASSIST MOTORIST	19
ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES	6
ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES-K9	2
BURGLARY	2
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	1
DISTURBANCE	4
EMS	12
FIRE	4
EQUIPMENT SERVICE	3
FOLLOW UP	11
FOOT PATROL	12
HOLDUP ALARM	1
LIFTING ASSISTANCE	3
MUTUAL AID	2
QUESTIONABLE DEATH	1
INVESTIGATION OF INSANITY	1
RECKLESS DRIVING	1
SMOKE	1
SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES	9
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	10
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	5
THEFT	4
TRAFFIC COMPLAINTS	8
TRAFFIC HAZARD	6
VCO - DOG	2
VCO - PARKING	1
WARRANT SERVICE	2
WELFARE CONCERN	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>151</b>



# CALLS FOR SERVICE — DETAILED

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**February 2, 2024 –** Holdup alarm at Brookshire's. Officer Board responded and found it was an accidental activation.

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**February 4, 2024 –** Officer Board responded to assist Waco PD on an injury accident on Interstate 35, with both vehicles involved fully engulfed in flames and occupant entrapment. Several surrounding agencies also responded to extricate victims, provide traffic control, and divert traffic while the interstate was shut down.

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**February 7, 2024 –** Disturbance call between family members. Upon officer's arrival, the family members refused to cooperate and insisted the officer leave the home.

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**February 9, 2024 –** Officer Becknauld responded to a theft in progress call at Ace Hardware. The suspects were located on scene and the stolen property was returned to the store. The store declined to pursue charges after the property was returned.

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**February 11, 2024 –** Suspicious persons call at Tommy's convenience store. Customer stated a male and female had been loitering in the area for several minutes and the store clerk suspected the subjects of shoplifting. Officer Becknauld responded and spoke to the subjects. It was determined no theft had taken place.

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**February 15, 2024 –** Suspicious person call on Interstate 35. Passerby reported a male subject lying in the median. Sgt Disney arrived and found the male walking on a sidewalk. The male refused a ride or any other assistance offered. Sgt Disney gave the male a bottle of water and the male continued on his way.

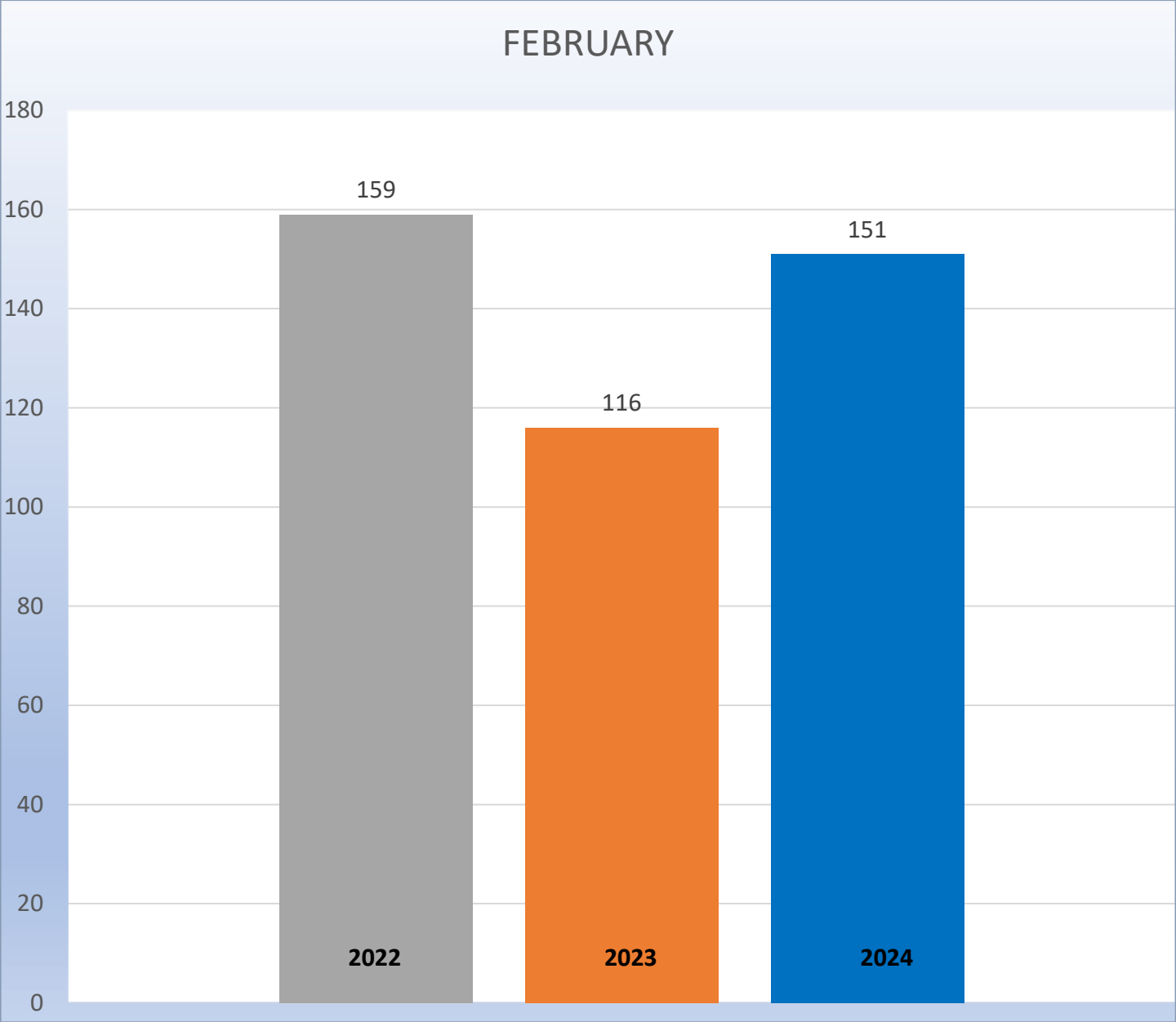
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**February 23, 2024 –** Out of town traveler broke down on Interstate 35. It was determined that the male subject was having a mental health crisis. He was transported to the hospital for further evaluation.

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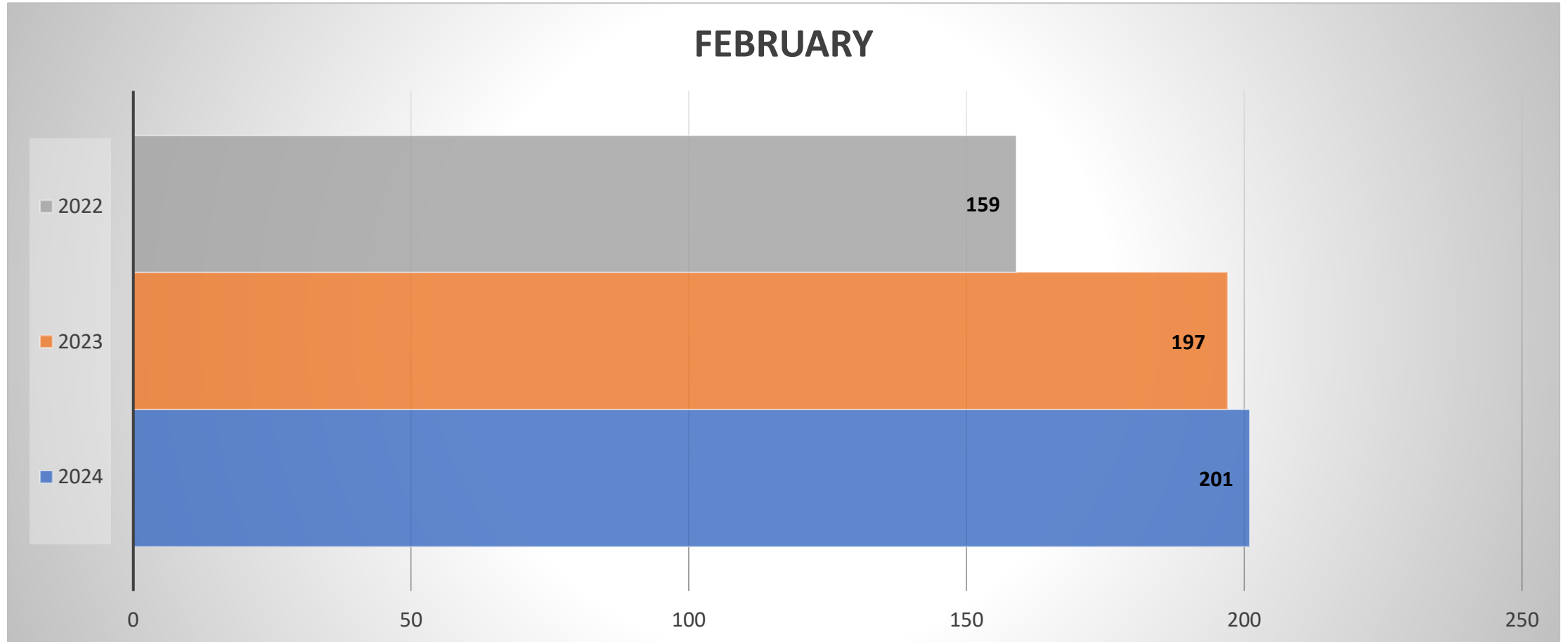
**February 27, 2024 –** Disturbance call outside the police department over a road rage incident that occurred on the interstate. Officers spoke to all parties involved and the disturbance was settled.

# CALLS FOR SERVICE - GRAPH





# TRAFFIC STOPS BY LORENA POLICE



# K-9 DEPLOYMENTS/SEIZURES

TOTAL DEPLOYMENTS - 4

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graph TD; A[TOTAL DEPLOYMENTS - 4] --> B[DEPLOYMENT FOR NEIGHBORING AGENCIES - 1  
LORENA UNIT DEPLOYMENTS - 3]; B --> C[SEIZURES OF DRUGS/DRUG PARAPHERNALIA - 7]; C --> D[DRUG TYPES - MARIJUANA - 2, TCH OIL - 2,  
METHAMPHETAMINE - 2, DRUG PARAPHERNALIA - 1];
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DEPLOYMENT FOR NEIGHBORING AGENCIES - 1

LORENA UNIT DEPLOYMENTS - 3

SEIZURES OF DRUGS/DRUG PARAPHERNALIA - 7

DRUG TYPES - MARIJUANA - 2, TCH OIL - 2,  
METHAMPHETAMINE - 2, DRUG PARAPHERNALIA - 1

# ARRESTS

- ❖ February 2, 2024 – Officer Greer, while on patrol, noticed a vehicle pull in at a residence along the Interstate that he knew to be vacant, and the owners had left property in the residence. Greer set up to watch the residence and noticed the occupants of the vehicle were around the back of the residence using flashlights. The vehicle left and a stop was conducted, which led to further investigation resulting in the driver and passenger being arrested for Burglary of Habitation and drug possession.
- ❖ February 11, 2024 – Officer Becknauld was contacted by Hewitt PD on a vehicle they located with a naked and intoxicated female. Officer Becknauld arrived and found the female asleep in the backseat. The female was told to get her clothing on, and after she exited the vehicle, she was taken into custody for Public Intoxication.
- ❖ February 13, 2024 – Greer conducted a traffic stop after observing a vehicle that was approaching from behind was traveling 90/75. During the interview with the driver, Greer detected the smell of marijuana and a K-9 search was conducted. The K-9 alerted to drugs in the vehicle and the driver admitted to a small amount of marijuana. A search of the vehicle was conducted, and a THC vape pen was located containing THC Oil. The driver was arrested and taken to the McLennan County Jail.
- ❖ February 16, 2024 – While investigating an assault that occurred in December, it was found that a subject had tampered with a witness. Greer issued a warrant and the subject of the warrant later turned themselves in at the county jail.
- ❖ February 22, 2024 - Officer Greer conducted a traffic stop on the Interstate and the driver was found to be was operating a vehicle with a salvage title and was arrested.
- ❖ February 28, 2024 – Officer Greer conducted a traffic stop and the driver was found to be wanted on two warrants issued from Bellmead PD. The driver was arrested for the warrants and taken to the McLennan County Jail.
- ❖ **TOTAL ARRESTS- 9**

# INVESTIGATIONS



- February 15, 2024 – Lorena ISD student reported her cell phone had been stolen while at school. The student's mother was able to view the location of the cell phone through an app. Sgt Rivas went to the location and the phone was returned after the student was confronted with her guardian present. No charges were filed at the request of the victim.
- February 19, 2024 – Officer Becknauld worked several burglaries of assorted tools, construction equipment, building materials, and copper reels. Reports were made by construction companies in town. These cases are still under investigation.
- February 28, 2024 – Officer Becknauld received an early morning burglary call at Brookshire Brothers. An unknown male suspect entered the store by breaking the glass of a front entrance door. The suspect then kicked in the door to an office and left the store with several items, including several cartons of cigarettes. Case is still under investigation.

# INVESTING IN THE LEADERS OF TOMORROW

- SRO Bull participated in the Primary's "Read Aloud Day" and read to multiple classes.
- SROs participated in District Safety Meeting and spoke about involvement in the campus activities.
- Sgt. Rivas presented to the SHAC (School Health Advisory Committee) and spoke about the presentations regarding Bullying/ Cyberbullying/ Drugs and Alcohol that is given to High School, Middle School, and Elementary School age students.





# DEPARTMENT TRAINING

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02/16/2024: Officer Board and Officer Greer attended training at MCC on “Rolling Stoned” DWI training.

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02/19/2024: The department held its quarterly meeting where everyone came together for training and updates on department activities.

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02/28/2024: Becknauld attended training held by Hewitt PD for report writing.

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All department personnel completed De-Escalation training online throughout the month.



## SRO APPRECIATION DAY

- February 15, 2024, was School Resource Officer Appreciation Day. Sergeant Rivas provided breakfast burritos to his SRO team, and school personnel recognized the SRO team and honored them with gifts throughout the day.