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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
LORENA CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 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 VIDEOCONFERENCE
AT THE FOLLOWING LINK <https://meet.goto.com/797560829>
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 6:30 p.m. Council members present were Mayor Tommy Ross, Jason Blanek, 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.

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 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 Blanek

FOR: Blanek, 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 1st 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 Blanek

FOR: Blanek, 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).

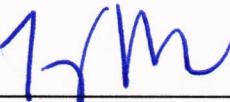
Kevin Neal will be in the Woodlands next week for training.

14. Future Agenda Items.

15. Adjourn

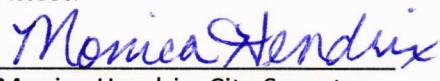
Do to no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

These minutes were approved this 18th day of March 2024.



Tommy Ross, Mayor

Attest:



Monica Hendrix, City Secretary

