



**City of Lorena**  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING  
LORENA CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, APRIL 15, 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/276695901>  
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](mailto: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 Blane, Katrina George, Emily McKenzie and Brad Wetzel. Kelly Yarbrough joined meeting at 6:38 p.m. via teleconference.

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

**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.*

**4. Approval of Minutes:**

**a. March 18, 2024**

MOTION: Katrina George motioned to approved the March 18, 2024 meeting minutes.

SECOND: Emily McKenzie

FOR: Blane, George, McKenzie and Wetzel

AGAINST: None

ABSENT: Kelly Yarbrough

**5. Presentation of ten-year service award to Raquel "Rocki" Blood.**

City Manager Kevin Neal presented Rocki Blood with the service award and thanked her for her ten years of dedicated hard work.



**6. Introduction and Oath of Office to new School Resource Officer Mike Drummond.**

Police Chief Scott Holt introduced new SRO Mike Drummond to the council. Officer Drummond comes to Lorena from the McLennan County Sheriffs office with eight years experience. Drummond is assigned to the Lorena Elementary Campus and is already loved by the staff and kids there. City Secretary Monica Hendrix gave the Oath of Office to Officer Drummond.

\*Note Kelly Yarbrough joined the meeting via teleconference at 6:38 p.m.

**7. Presentation of Summary of Cash and Investments and quarterly budget reports ending 3/31/2024.**

Finance Officer Linda Klump presented reports and explained changes to council. Klump pointed out on the Cash and Investments report the restrictive cash for forfeitures had a sizeable amount of funds in it so an 8 month CD was opened to earn more interest for that account. Klump also reviewed the Budget reports and informed council of changes in this report.

**8. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 2024-0415-01 adopting a Water Conservation Plan for the City of Lorena.**

Public Works Director Kyler Jones informed council the water conservation plan is required to be renewed every five years by the Texas Water Development Board. There were very minor changes in the document. Kelly Yarbrough asked if there are any changes in the document that affect our customers as far as rate changes. Kevin Neal explained this document is strictly about water conservation and when to impliment conservation plan when needed.

MOTION: Brad Wetzel motioned to adopt Ordinance 2024-0415-01 adopting a Water Conservation Plan for City of Lorena.

SECOND: Jason Blaneck

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

AGAINST: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried 5-0.

**9. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 2024-0415-02 adopting a Drought Contingency Plan for the City of Lorena.**

Kyler Jones explained this plan also requires renewal every five years. Jones explained there are only minor changes in this document. Mayor Ross wanted to remind everyone that the City of Lorena does not follow the City of Waco on drought contigency or water conservation. Kevin Neal explained the City of Lorena stands on our own on these policies and procedures or we follow our contractual obligation on our water rights with the Brazos River Authority.

MOTION: Katrina George motioned to adopt Ordinance 2024-0415-02 adopting a Drought Contingency Plan.

SECOND: Jason Blaneck

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

AGAINST: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried 5-0.

**10. Police Department Report.**

**1. Mar 2024 Monthly report**

Police Chief Scott Holt says the report is in the packet and will answer any questions. Holt says the department still has an opening for a police officer.

**11. City Manager Report.**

**1. Solar Eclipse after action review.**

Neal says the city prepared well for the eclipse and is happy to report there were no incidents of traffic congestion or traffic delays. Traffic flowed freely through Lorena.

**2. Street project update.**

Neal reported with all the rainfall this month, drainage issues came up on N. Houston Street. These issues will be addressed with a change order to improve the drainage issues and will be funded by

remaining bond funds.

**3. Policy Manual review update.**

Neal explained the policy manual review is taking place with the department heads. This is a long and lengthy process and very cumbersome. Staff has had great discussions on the policy. Neal hopes to have policy complete by October. Neal says once staff has completed the review and changes the policy will go to the city attorney for review before council approval.

**4. Ongoing development progress update.**

Bright Farms is plugging away on their construction and on track for their target date of September 2024. They have completed two sections of their substandard roads. They will wait to asphalt when they do the inner roads in the development as a cost saving measure for them.

The Roadster has been working on their road improvements and there are ride quality issues. Neal will have a meeting tomorrow with Roadster and the engineers on the improvements.

**5. City administrative offices will be closed April 24, 2024.**

Neal reported offices will be closed for in service training.

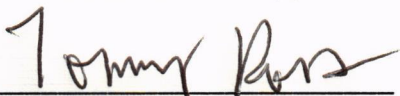
Monica Hendrix reminded everyone of early voting and elections coming up.

**12. Future Agenda Items.**


**13. Adjourn**

Due to no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

These minutes were approved this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024.

  
Tommy Ross, Mayor

Attest:

  
Monica Hendrix, City Secretary

