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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
LORENA CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JULY 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/546018173>
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, Katrina George, Kelly Yarbrough and Brad Wetzel. Emily McKenzie arrived at 6:34 p.m. Jason Blaneck was absent.

City Staff present were Monica Hendrix, 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.

No visitors spoke and no comments were received.

4. Approval of Minutes:

a. June 17, 2024

MOTION: Kelly Yarbrough motioned to approve the June 17, 2024 minutes.

SECOND: Brad Wetzel

FOR: Katrina George, Kelly Yarbrough and Brad Wetzel

AGAINST: None

ABSENT: Jason Blaneck and Emily McKenzie

Motion carried 3-0.

5. Presentaion of ten-year service award to Melissa Thomas.

Mayor Tommy Ross presented the ten-year service award to Melissa Thomas and thanked her for her hard work and dedication to the City of Lorena.

6. Discussion and possible action on Resolution 2024-0715-01 adopting the 2024 Investment Policy.

Finance Officer Linda Klump explained it is a requirement to bring the investment policy to the council each year. Klump informed council there are no changes to the policy this year.

MOTION: Kelly Yarbrough motioned to approve Resolution 2024-0715-01 adopting the 2024 Investment Policy.

SECOND: Katrina George

FOR: Katrina George, Kelly Yarbrough and Brad Wetzel

AGAINST: None

ABSTAIN: Emily McKenzie (note: McKenzie arrived at 6:34 during the discussion of this item)

ABSENT: Jason BlaneK

Motion carried 3-0.

7. Presentation of Summary of Cash and Investments and Budget reports as of 6/30/2024.

Finance Officer Linda Klump reviewed the cash and investment report and explained changes. Klump pointed out the investments in TexPool and TexStar are earning 5.2%. Klump explained budgeted items should be at 75%.

8. Presentation and discussion of proposed FY 2024-2025 budget.

Finance Officer Linda Klump reviewed proposed budget documents with council and explained the budget memorandum details changes in the budget. Klump also reported the voter approval tax rate is what she is using to support the budget.

9. Discussion and possible action to set dates and times for budget public hearing, tax rate hearing and adoption date for budget and tax rate.

There was discussion on what public hearings are required and the dates to hold them.

MOTION: Katrina George motioned to hold a meeting on July 29th at 7:30 p.m. to set the proposed tax rate, on August 19th at 6:30 p.m., hold a budget and tax rate public hearing and on September 3rd at 6:30 p.m. adopt the budget and tax rate.

SECOND: Emily McKenzie

FOR: Katrina George, Kelly Yarbrough, Emily McKenzie and Brad Wetzel

AGAINST: None

ABSENT: Jason BlaneK

Motion carried 4-0

10. Discussion and possible action on the appointment and re-appointment of Planning and Zoning Commission members for a two-year term.

Monica Hendrix informed council it is time to appoint and re-appoint P&Z members. There is only one person volunteering at this time and that is Austin Montgomery. Jeb Clemons has declined re-appointment due to health reasons. This leaves two vacancies on the board.

MOTION: Brad Wetzel motioned to re-appoint Austin Montgomery to the P&Z Commission.

SECOND: Kelly Yarbrough

FOR: Katrina George, Kelly Yarbrough, Emily McKenzie and Brad Wetzel

AGAINST: None

ABSENT: Jason BlaneK

Motion carried 4-0

11. Discussion and possible action on the appointment and re-appointment of Board of Adjustment members.

Monica Hendrix informed council we only have two people who have volunteered for the board, Sara Coats and Johnny Hendrix.

MOTION: Brad Wetzel motioned to appoint Sara Coats and re-appoint Johnny Hendrix to the Board of Adjustment.

SECOND: Kelly Yarbrough

FOR: Katrina George, Kelly Yarbrough, Emily McKenzie and Brad Wetzel

AGAINST: None

ABSENT: Jason Blaneck

Motion carried 4-0

12. Discussion and possible action awarding the Well #3 Generator Improvements to McDonald Municipal & Industrial in the amount of \$474,469.00.

Kevin Neal informed council Background on May 15, 2023 the Lorena City Council voted unanimously to authorized the Mayor to enter into a subrecipient agreement with McLennan County for a sum of \$225,000.00 of McLennan County's ARPA funds to offset the total cost of this generator project. The remaining balance of this project will be funded by the City's own ARPA funds. Our City Engineer recommends that City Council approve awarding the Well #3 Generator Improvements to McDonald Municipal & Industrial in the amount of \$474,469.00.

MOTION: Brad Wetzel motioned to award the the Well #3 Generator Improvements to McDonald Municipal & Industrial.

SECOND: Kelly Yarbrough

FOR: Katrina George, Kelly Yarbrough, Emily McKenzie and Brad Wetzel

AGAINST: None

ABSENT: Jason Blaneck

Motion carried 4-0

13. Discussion and possible action on Resolution 2024-0715-02 authorizing the acceptance of Federal Grant funds for the purchase of new body worn cameras and accessories for the Police Department.

Police Sergeant Peter Rivas informed council of the federal grant. This is a 75-25 grant with the city being responsible for 25% of the cost.

MOTION: Kelly Yarbrough motioned to approve on Resolution 2024-0715-02 authorizing the acceptance of Federal Grant funds for the purchase of new body worn cameras and accessories for the Police Department.

SECOND: Brad Wetzel

FOR: Katrina George, Kelly Yarbrough, Emily McKenzie and Brad Wetzel

AGAINST: None

ABSENT: Jason Blaneck

Motion carried 4-0

Police Department Report.

a. June 2024 Monthly report

Sergeant Peter Rivas reviewed report with council. Rivas pointed out the increase of traffic stops from June 2023 and June 2024. Rivas also pointed out all the training that is being done.

14. City Manager Report.

a. Peter Rivas SRO of the year award

Kevin Neal recognized Peter Rivas for being awarded School Resource Officer of the year award for the State of Texas and what a huge honor this is.

b. Street project update.

Final culverts are being installed and all major task have been completed.

c. Watermain improvement study by KPA.

Pressure recorder information has been given to the engineer and they are still reviewing the data for the creek crossings.

d. Progress of ARPA projects.

Generator bid was recently awarded and hoping to bring the waterline project to council in August.

15. Future Agenda Items.

16. Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code, Deliberations about Real Property: (a.) To deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.

Council convened into executive session at 7:27 p.m.

17. Reconvene into open session and take any action based on discussions held in executive session under Agenda Item 17:

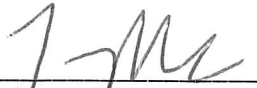
(a.) The purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.

Council reconvened into regular session at 7:43 p.m. and took no action.

18. Adjourn.

Due to no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

These minutes were approved this 19th day of August 2024.



Tommy Ross, Mayor

Attest:



Monica Hendrix, City Secretary

