

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**  
**LORENA CITY COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 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/319145533>

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)

**AGENDA**

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call.**

**2. Pledge of Allegiance.**

**3. Citizens questions or comments.**

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**4. Minutes:**

- a. November 18, 2024

**5. Commission and Corporation Reports:**

- a. Lorena Economic Development Corporation
- b. Lorena Planning and Zoning Commission

**6. Discussion and possible action to accept the Bright Farms public infrastructure improvements as complete.**

**7. Discussion and possible action to cast votes for the 2025/2026 TCAP Board of Directors.**

**8. Discussion and possible action approving the 2025 Employee Holiday schedule.**

**9. Discussion and possible action changing the meeting dates for regular City Council meetings that fall on 2025 Federal Holidays recognized by the city.**

**10. Presentation and discussion on overnight tractor trailer parking at the Roadster Travel Center.**

**11. Police Department Report.**

- a. November 2024 Monthly report

**12. City Manager Report.**

- a. Trash will run on Thursday, December 26, 2024, due to the Christmas holiday and Thursday, January 2, 2025, due to the New Year's Day holiday.
- b. ARPA generator has arrived now waiting on ATS.
- c. City Manager's upcoming vacation December 26, 2024 through January 3, 2025.

**13. Future Agenda Items.**

**14. Adjourn**

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 on December 12, 2024.

Monica Hendrix

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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**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, Emily McKenzie, Brad Wetzel and Carla Pendergraft. Mayor Pro tem Kelly Yarbrough was present via teleconference.

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

**2. Pledge of Allegiance.**

Mayor Ross led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Citizens questions or comments.**

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No citizens spoke and no comments were received.

**4. Minutes:**

**a. October 21, 2024**

MOTION: Carla Pendergraft motioned to approve the minutes.

SECOND: Emily McKenzie

FOR: Jason Blanek, Carla Pendergraft, Kelly Yarbrough, Emily McKenzie and Brad Wetzel.

AGAINST: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried 5-0.

**5. Recognition of Municipal Court Clerk Kaylee Davis on receiving the Distinguished Service Award from the Texas Court Clerk's Association.**

City Manager Kevin Neal presented the award to Kaylee Davis.

**6. Discussion and recognition of new employee, School Resource Officer Matt Troup.**

Police Chief Scott Holt introduced new Police Officer Matt Troup to the council. Troup graduated from MCC with an associates degree in Criminal Justice. He has 13 years of law enforcement experience and is excited to be a part of the Lorena family and looks forward to building many new relationships.

After completing the field training program, Matt will be assigned to the High School campus and report to Sgt. Bull. Officer Troup's children pinned his badge on him.

**7. Oath of office to new School Resource Officer Matthew Troup.**

City Secretary Monica Hendrix gave the Oath of Office to SRO Matthew Troup.

**8. Discussion and possible action authorizing the donation of six (6) Level III ballistic shields to the Lorena Police Department**

Police Chief Scott Holt gave background on the donation of the ballistic shields. In 2017, after the five (5) Dallas Police officers were killed, Marilie Walker and her son, Carson, began donating ballistic equipment to area law enforcement. These efforts initiated in Williamson County, their county of residency. As the county department's needs were met, the team began to branch out into surrounding areas. In July 2024, Chief Holt was introduced to Marilie Walker. Through conversations and a needs assessment, Marilie and Carson "adopted" the Lorena Police Department as one of their agencies. In October of this year, the Lorena Police Department took possession of six (6) Level III ballistic shields donated by the Walker team. The value of the shields is \$20,000.00 and donations of that amount must be approved by the city council.

MOTION: Jason Blanek motioned to accept the six ballistic shields.

SECOND: Brad Wetzel

FOR: Jason Blanek, Carla Pendergraft, Kelly Yarbrough, Emily McKenzie and Brad Wetzel.

AGAINST: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried 5-0.

**9. Presentation and discussion of City of Lorena utilities.**

City Manager Kevin Neal presented the attached information to inform council and citizens how utility services are provided by the city.

**10. Police Department Report.**

**a. October 2024 Monthly report**

There were 232 traffic stops, 11 arrests and 171 Calls for service during October 2024. Holt reported that Lieutenant Peter Rivas has been busy getting the new SRO trained and Sergeant Bull trained with her new supervisor duties. Holt says they still have one vacant position for patrol officer.

**11. City Manager Report.**

**a. City's financial audit**

Currently in our auditing phase for the year. Once completed, they will present the findings to the council.

**b. City's Annual Christmas Dinner 12-6-2024**

Dinner will be held at Salt Grass at 6:30 p.m. and to please RSVP.

**12. Future Agenda Items.**

Jason Blanek would like to see a presentation of the McLennan County Rural Transit District to make a future presentation to the council and citizens of Lorena to better educate them of the services that are offered for rural transportation.

**13. Adjourn**

Due to no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

These minutes were approved this 16th day of December 2024.

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Tommy Ross, Mayor

Attest:

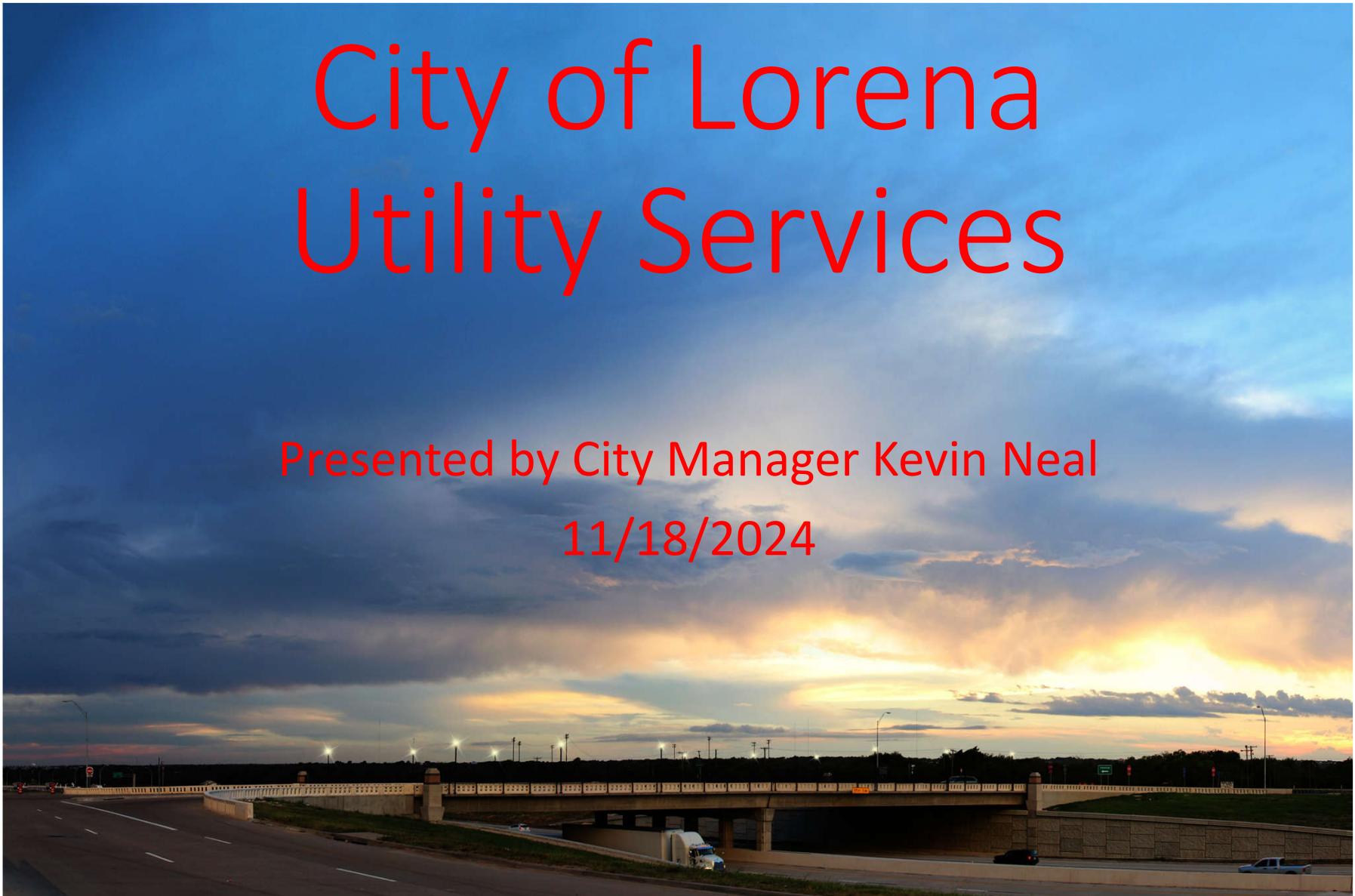
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Monica Hendrix, City Secretary

# City of Lorena Utility Services

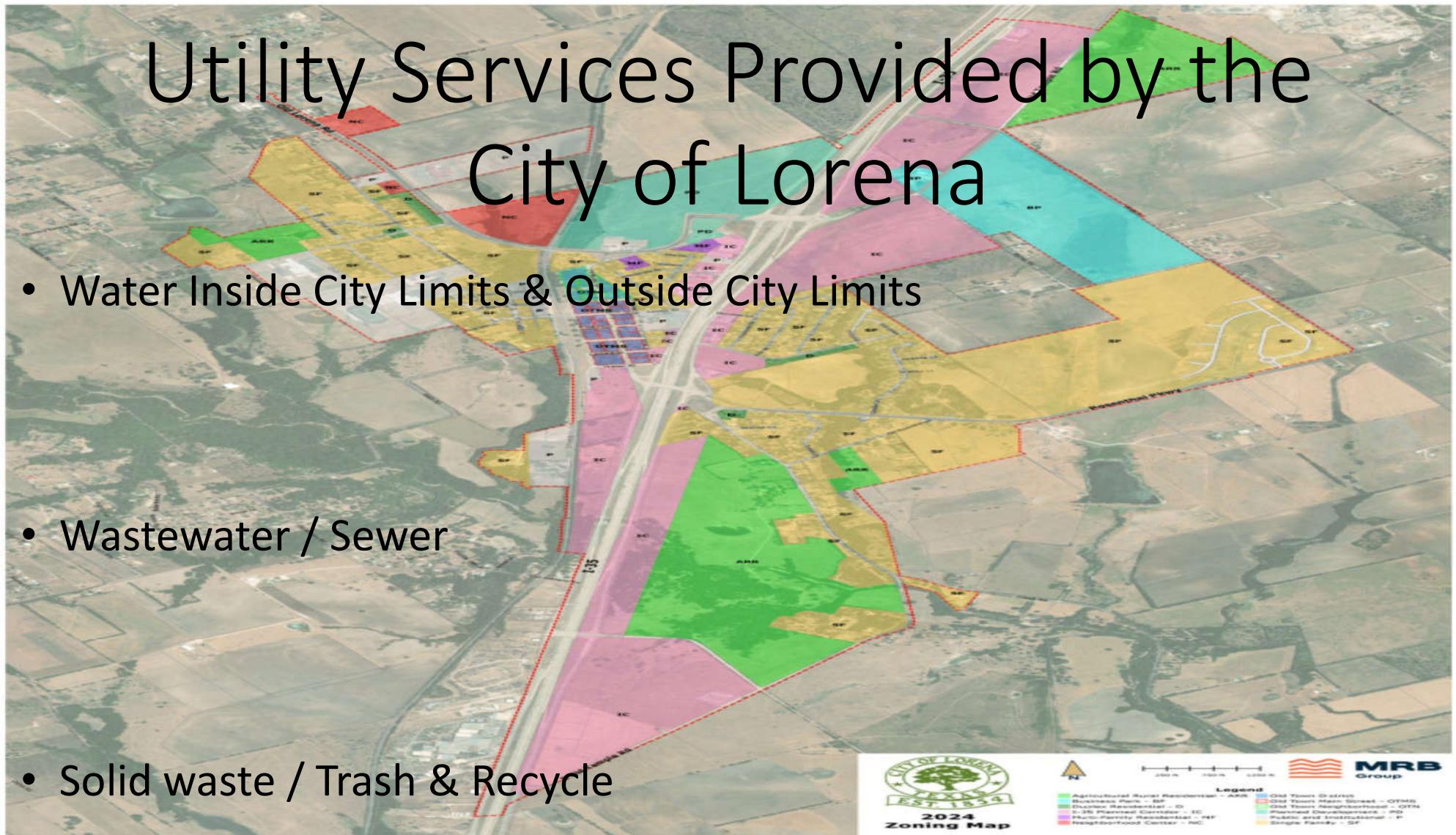
Presented by City Manager Kevin Neal

11/18/2024



# Utility Services Provided by the City of Lorena

- Water Inside City Limits & Outside City Limits
- Wastewater / Sewer
- Solid waste / Trash & Recycle



# Water

- Where does the City of Lorena get its Water?
  - Lorena has two water wells permitted for 583 acre-feet; we receive approximately 23% of our water from our groundwater source.
  - Lorena owns 2,500 acre-feet of raw water rights to the Brazos River and receive approximately 77% its water from this surface water source.
- Who treats the water to make it drinkable?
  - Lorena treats all of their own groundwater from their wells.
  - The City of Lorena pays the City of Robinson for treatment and delivery of all surface water pulled from the Brazos River.
- What are the other options for water?
  - Buy water from the City of Waco. (Estimated over 26 million of infrastructure improvements needed in 2021.)
  - Build our own water treatment plant. (currently unknown cost, but costs would easily exceed 50 million for infrastructure and construction costs, this does not include staffing and maintenance costs.)

City of Lorena Texas Water System Map

1" WL	4" WL	EST
1.5" WL	6" WL	GST
2" WL	8" WL	
2.5" WL	10" WL	
3" WL	12" WL	Pump Station

1,000 ft 2,500



# Sewer

- Where does it actually go when it goes down the drain?
  - Lorena has 6 sewer pump stations that pump to the City of Waco's Bullhide Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- How many cities utilize the Bullhide plant?
  - 3 - Lorena, Hewitt, and Waco.
- Of these cities how many have additional options for wastewater treatment?
  - 2 – Hewitt and Waco have the option to divert wastewater flow to the City of Waco's Central plant.
- Is Hewitt and Waco participating in the Bullhide Expansion?
  - No, Hewitt elected to redirect flow to the Central plant due to the construction costs of the Bullhide plant.
- Can Lorena utilize the option of the Central plant?
  - Unfortunately, no that is not an option due to lack of capacity for Lorena in the Central plant and infrastructure that would be needed to make that possible.
- What other options are there for Lorena to treat sewer?
  - Build and staff our own wastewater treatment plant. (Lorena had this option prior to Bullhide, but elected not to choose this option due to the onerous costs associated with it).





# Garbage



- What happens to my garbage and recycle after I take it to the curb?
  - Through a franchise agreement Frontier Waste hauls the garbage to the City of Waco's Landfill, and the recyclable material to Sunbright.
- I thought the City of Lorena ran its own solid waste disposal service.
  - The City of Lorena tried this method in 2014, but was having difficulties with staffing and equipment needs due to the costs of operation. In 2022 the decision was made to franchise our garbage as we did prior to 2014 due to the capital investments needed to successfully continue with a city owned garbage service.
- How many cities in McLennan County operate their own garbage service?
  - 1 – The City of Waco.
- What other options does Lorena have for garbage service?
  - Lorena could go back to a city owned service; however, for a city the size of Lorena the capital costs far outweigh the benefits, and the cost of service would be significantly higher due to capital costs and staffing.

# Cost of Residential Water Service

Effective October 1, 2023

Customer Class	Minimum Bill	Volumetric Rate per 1,000 Gallons		
		0 – 2 kgal	2 – 10 kgal	> 10 kgal
Residential Inside	\$26.46	\$7.92	\$8.79	\$10.09

Effective October 1, 2024

	Recommended 3-Yr Revenue Adjustments Projected Increases			Projected Increases			
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031
<b>Fixed Monthly Service Charge</b>							
Inside City Residential	\$28.31	\$30.29	\$31.20	\$32.14	\$33.10	\$34.10	\$35.12
<b>Volumetric Rates (\$/kgal)</b>							
<b>Inside City Residential</b>							
5 kgal	\$7.42	\$7.94	\$8.17	\$8.42	\$8.67	\$8.93	\$9.20
10 kgal	\$11.13	\$11.90	\$12.26	\$12.63	\$13.01	\$13.40	\$13.80
25 kgal	\$14.83	\$15.87	\$16.35	\$16.84	\$17.34	\$17.87	\$18.40
> 25 kgal	\$18.54	\$19.84	\$20.44	\$21.05	\$21.68	\$22.33	\$23.00

# Cost of Commercial Water Service

## Effective October 1, 2023

Customer Class	Minimum Bill	Description	Current Volumetric Rates, \$/kgal			
			0 – 2 kgal	2 – 10 kgal	15 – 20 kgal	> 20 kgal
Commercial Inside	\$43.94	Commercial Inside	\$7.92	\$8.79	\$10.09	
1"	\$113.74		0 – 10 kgal	10 – 15 kgal	15 – 20 kgal	> 20 kgal
1.5"	\$148.65	Commercial Outside	\$5.51	\$6.74	\$7.92	\$9.40
2"	\$195.17					
3"	\$305.71					
4"	\$480.29					
6"	\$720.45					
8"	\$1,080.69					

Effective October 1, 2024

Customer Class	Minimum Bill	Description	Proposed Volumetric Rates, \$/kgal	
			All Usage	
5/8 x 3/4"	\$47.02	All Commercial Customers <sup>1</sup>	\$10.03	
1"	\$113.74			
1.5"	\$156.72			
2"	\$250.75			
3"	\$548.52			
4"	\$987.33			
6"	\$2,194.07			
8"	\$3,761.26			

# Cost of Sewer Service All Customers

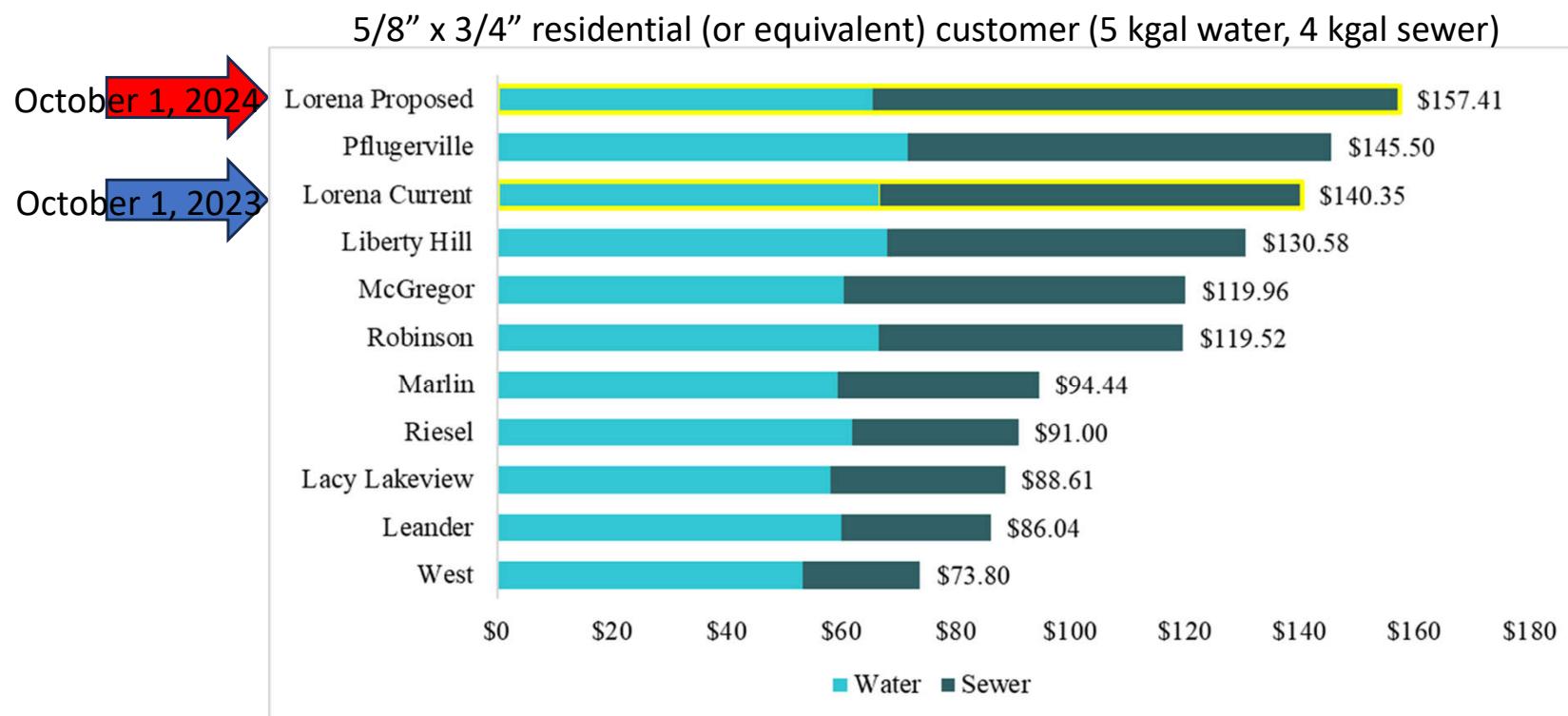
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Customer Class	Minimum Bill	Volumetric Rate per 1,000 (AWC)
All Customers	\$50.05	\$5.87

Effective October 1, 2024

	Recommended 3-Yr Revenue Adjustments			Projected Increases			
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031
Fixed Monthly Service Charge							
5/8 x 3/4"	\$57.56	\$72.53	\$91.39	\$94.14	\$96.97	\$99.88	\$102.88
1"	88.46	111.46	140.44	144.66	149.00	153.47	158.08
1.5"	152.81	192.55	242.62	249.90	257.40	265.13	273.09
2"	230.03	289.84	365.20	376.16	387.45	399.08	411.06
3"	379.00	477.54	601.71	619.77	638.37	657.53	677.26
4"	574.05	723.31	911.38	938.73	966.90	995.91	1025.79
6"	1,051.22	1,324.54	1,668.93	1,719.00	1,770.57	1,823.69	1,878.41
8"	1,667.52	2,101.08	2,647.37	2,726.8	2,808.61	2,892.87	2,979.66
Volumetric Rates (\$/kgal)	\$8.61	\$10.85	\$13.68	\$14.10	\$14.53	\$14.97	\$15.42

# Peer Utility Survey – Residential Average Consumption User Monthly Bill Comparison

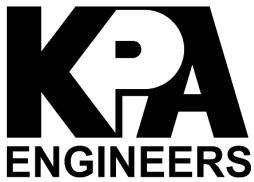


# Summary Wrap-up

- If Lorena is going to continue to grow Infrastructure projects must be funded.
- Who recommended the new utility rates?
  - The City of Lorena paid an independent company Raftelis to conduct a in depth rate utility rate study and recommend rates to the City Council based on their findings.
- Why now did Lorena decide to conduct a rate study?
  - The last rate study in Lorena was in 2007 and the recommended rates were not adopted by the City Council as a result of that study.
  - Bullhide WWTP is at capacity and TCEQ requires it to be expanded. Lorena's proportional costs for this expansion are approximately \$12 million in capital costs that results in approximately an 830% increase to Lorena's annual cost for sewer treatment.
- What utility rate increases should Lorena rate payers expect in the future?

	<b><i>Recommended 3-Yr Revenue Adjustments</i></b>			<b><i>Proposed Revenue Adjustments</i></b>			
	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>	<b>FY 2029</b>	<b>FY 2030</b>	<b>FY 2031</b>
<b>Water Revenue Adjustment</b>	7%	7%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
<b>Sewer Revenue Adjustment</b>	26%	26%	26%	3%	3%	3%	3%
<b>Effective Month</b>	<i>October</i>	<i>October</i>	<i>October</i>	<i>October</i>	<i>October</i>	<i>October</i>	<i>October</i>

- Lorena garbage customers can expect to see a minimum increase of 5% each year through October of 2026. During the 2026-2027 fiscal year the City of Lorena will be negotiating the next 5 years' worth of rates.
- What do I do if I suspect I have a leak?
  - For detailed information on how to determine if you have a water leak, please visit <https://www.ci.lorena.tx.us/faq.aspx>



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December 11, 2024

Mr. Kevin Neal  
City of Lorena  
107-A South Frontage Road  
Lorena, Texas 76655

Re: City of Lorena  
Bright Farms  
Final Walkthrough

Dear Mr. Neal:

A final walkthrough was conducted on November 21, 2024. All punchlist items have since been completed. At this time, we recommend acceptance of the public infrastructure associated with the referenced project by the City of Lorena and commencement of the 1-year warranty period.

If you have any questions or comments, please call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John A. Simcik".

John A. Simcik, P.E., C.F.M.  
Principal  
[jsimcik@kpaengineers.com](mailto:jsimcik@kpaengineers.com)

# 2025/2026 TCAP Board Ballot

## **BALLOT – 2025/2026 TCAP BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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### Instructions for Voting:

**Only one ballot per member city/entity.** The member representative is entitled to cast eight votes for the eight current positions. PLEASE BE SURE THAT NO MORE THAN EIGHT CANDIDATES HAVE BEEN CHECKED! **Ballots with more than nine cast votes will be rejected.** No more than one vote may be cast for the same nominee. Places 1, 3, and 5 will be filled by the three candidates in the high consumption (HC) category receiving the most votes. Places 7 and 9 will be filled by the candidate in the medium consumption (MC) category receiving the most votes. Place 11 will be filled by the candidate in the low consumption (LC) category receiving the most votes. Places 13 and 15 will be filled by the two candidates receiving the most votes but who were not elected to a particular consumption category. The exception to this rule is the requirement in TCAP Bylaws that stipulates the board of directors include at least one member from each of the four ERCOT zones (North, South, West, and Houston). Nominees who are incumbents (I) are noted on the ballot.

### **(Vote for eight)**

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Names were randomly drawn for ballot order

<input type="checkbox"/> Chuong Phung, Grand Prairie – HC (I)	<input type="checkbox"/> Carey D. Neal, Jr., Lancaster – MC (I)
<input type="checkbox"/> Aimee Rae Ferguson, Anna – LC (I)	<input type="checkbox"/> Clayton Fulton, Hurst – MC (I)
<input type="checkbox"/> Henry Arredondo, City of Dilley LC	<input type="checkbox"/> Mark Poland, Sugar Land – HC (I)
<input type="checkbox"/> Clifford Howard, Lewisville – HC (I)	<input type="checkbox"/> Gilbert P. Reyna, Jr., Victoria- HC (I)
<input type="checkbox"/> Jo Ella Wagner, South Texas Water Authority- LC (I)	

Submitted by (MUST BE COMPLETED):

Please complete and return by **5 p.m. C.S.T.,**  
**Friday, January 3, 2025** to:

Margaret Somereve, Executive Director  
P.O. Box 5  
Addison, TX 75001  
or msomereve@tcaptx.com

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Printed Name

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Signature

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Member City/Entity:

# **2025/2026 TCAP Board Biographies**

(alphabetical order)



## **Henry Arredondo, City of Dilley**

Henry Arredondo is Senior Manager with over 30 years of experience in manufacturing, distribution, banking, and municipal management operations. Currently he works at the City of Dilley where he is the City Administrator. Henry Arredondo holds a Master's degree in Business Administration and Bachelor's degree in Finance and is passionate about youth sports. In his free time, he enjoys golfing, fishing, and cycling.

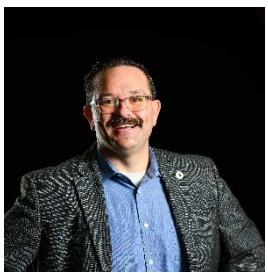


## **Chuong Phung, City of Grand Prairie**

Chuong joined the City of Grand Prairie in 2019 and serves as an Assistant City Attorney and as Risk Manager for the City. In these roles, he is responsible for a variety of matters including claims and litigation involving the City, Public Information Act requests, and utility-related concerns.

Chuong received his BA from UCLA and his JD from Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, and is licensed to practice law in California and Texas.

Before coming to work for the City of Grand Prairie, Chuong worked for several private law firms in Los Angeles, California. He has served as a member of the TCAP Board since 2023.



## **Clayton Fulton, City of Hurst**

Clayton Fulton graduated with a Master's in Public Administration from the George W. Romney Institute of Public Service and Ethics in Brigham Young University's Marriott School of Management in 2008 with an emphasis in local government and financial analysis. Upon graduation he received the Stewart L. Grow award from the MPA program for integrity, academic excellence, concern for others, and devotion to public service. Clayton has also received a bachelor's degree from BYU in Sociology, holds associates degrees in Business and General Studies, completed the Texas Tech Institute of Governmental Finance and is a Certified Government Finance Officer.

Clayton is an active of TCMA and GFOAT and has served on the TCAP Board since 2021. He is currently serving as Assistant City Manager with the City of Hurst. Clayton has been instrumental in incorporating the Council's strategic priorities into the annual budget process and oversees Finance, Information Technology, Public Works, Utility Billing, and Solid Waste Services. He also partners with Atmos and Oncor for any customer issues faced by the citizens and coordinating on rate cases that involve the City. Prior to working for the City of Hurst, Mr. Fulton worked as the Finance Director for the City of Anna overseeing all financial operations for the city as well as managing the municipal court, utility billing, information technology, and human resource operations for the City. Mr. Fulton brought the GFOA distinguished budget award to the City of Anna and also received recognition from the State of Texas Comptroller's Office for financial transparency.

Clayton has also held positions with the State of Utah's Division of Housing and Community Development where he developed increasing responsibility over the execution and management of various Federal HUD, USDA, and HHS grants in addition to overseeing additional State grant programs. In his spare time he volunteers with his church and enjoys spending time in the great

# **2025/2026 TCAP Board Biographies**

(alphabetical order)

outdoors and finding adventure in everyday life. Clayton lives in NRH with his wife and 5 children.



## **Aimee Rae Ferguson, City of Anna**

Aimee Rae Ferguson is the Director of Finance for the City of Anna overseeing the Accounting, Utility Billing and Municipal Court for the city. She has held this position since September 2023 and began her tenure with the City of Anna as the Assistant Director of Finance in September of 2022.

Prior to accepting the Assistant Director role in Anna, Aimee was the Budget Manager for the City of Celina, the fastest growing city in the Dallas Fort Worth area. Aimee has over fifteen years of experience in Finance and Accounting. Prior to her time in Texas city government, Aimee helped to manage the accounting department for the New Orleans Morial Convention Center, the 6th largest convention center in the United States. While at the Convention Center, Aimee was named a Star Performer and was a part of the team that created the Center's original customer service standards program.



## **Clifford Howard, City of Lewisville**

Clifford Howard is the Fiscal Services Manager for the City of Lewisville and has served the City's Finance Department in multiple capacities in his 36 years of service. Clifford's area of expertise is utility rate studies, utility collection and billing services, as well as banking and investments.

For the past 20 years, Clifford has served on the Dallas Water Utility Cost of Service rate subcommittee. Prior to being elected to the Texas Coalition for Affordable Power Board (TCAP) he served TCAP on their Technology committee. Since joining the TCAP Board he has served every year on the Finance committee. He is an active member of the Government Finance Officers Association, Government Finance Officers Association of Texas, and Government Treasurers' Organization of Texas.

Clifford is a graduate of Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls and holds a Bachelor's degree in Accounting.



## **Carey D. Neal, Jr., City of Lancaster**

Carey joined the City of Lancaster in July 2019, bringing a passion for transformative leadership and a proven track record of driving meaningful change on the private sector. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Texas at Arlington and a Master of Public Administration from American University, and is currently pursuing a PhD from Liberty University, reflecting his commitment to continuous learning and excellence.

Before transitioning to local government, Carey honed his leadership skills as a Human Resources Director with Walmart Stores Inc., where he spent seven years managing complex organizational challenges and fostering professional growth among diverse teams. His journey into public service began with an internship under State Representative Yvonne Davis (District 111), igniting his dedication to community-focused leadership.

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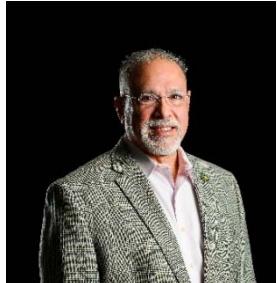
As a senior leader in the City of Lancaster, Carey oversees key operations including Administration, Economic Development, Development Services, Public Works, and Procurement. Under his guidance, these departments are driving innovation, fostering economic growth, and delivering exceptional services to the Lancaster community.

In 2023, Carey's exemplary leadership and contributions to North Texas were recognized with the prestigious Rising Star Award from the North Texas Commission. He was also appointed to the Board of the Inland Port Chamber of Commerce, where he collaborates with regional leaders to advance economic opportunities and community development.

Carey's influence extends beyond his professional roles. He is an active member of premier professional organizations such as the International City/County Management Association (ICMA), Emerging Local Government Leaders (ELGL), National Forum for Black Public Administrators (NFBPA), North Texas City Management Association (NTCMA), Texas City Manager Association (TCMA), and Urban Management Assistants of North Texas (UMANT).

In addition to his professional achievements, Carey is deeply committed to service and mentorship. He volunteers his time with, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, the youth and young adults at GRACE Dallas and the Lancaster Lions Club, exemplifying his dedication to empowering future leaders and giving back to his community.

Carey's leadership philosophy is anchored in a commitment to innovation, collaboration, and building a thriving, inclusive future for all. His vision and drive continue to leave an indelible impact on Lancaster and the broader North Texas region.



## **Gilbert P. Reyna, Jr., City of Victoria**

Graduating Cum Laude from the University of Houston in Houston with a Bachelor of Accounting Degree, I obtained my Certified Public Accountant certificate in September 1988, 2 years after completing college.

In 1986 I began employment with the accounting firm, Harrison, Waldrop & Uhrek (HWU), an accounting firm which consists of 15-19 professionals, serving as an Audit Manager in charge of several large governmental entities, private and public enterprises. I remained with HWU until January 1995 when I was hired as the Assistant Director of Finance for the City of Victoria, and within the first year, I was appointed as the City of Victoria Director of Finance. I am also serving as the treasurer of the Victoria Sales Tax Development Corporation, Victoria Housing Finance Corporation, Victoria Health Facilities Development Corporation, Victoria Public Facility Corporation, and the Victoria Development Commission. In August 2020, I was appointed Chief Financial Officer for the City of Victoria and continue serving as treasurer of the various boards listed above. For the period March 2009 until October 2009, I acted as interim representative to the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT).

I was a board member of the South Texas Aggregation Project Board (STAP) representing the City of Victoria from March 2009 until the end of 2010, at which time I was elected to the Texas Coalition for Affordable Power Board (TCAP). I have served on the board of TCAP for the terms of January 2011 through December 2024.

# **2025/2026 TCAP Board Biographies**

(alphabetical order)



## **Mark Poland, City of Sugar Land**

Chief Poland's 26-year law enforcement career includes a diverse and strong background in many facets of law enforcement, management and leadership. He was born and raised in northern Virginia just outside of the nation's capital. He credits integrity, work ethic and leading by example as the attributes that led to his appointment as Chief of Police for the Sugar Land Police Department. Prior to Sugar Land, he worked for the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office, Virginia's largest full-service sheriff's office.

Chief Poland fosters and implements formal public-private partnership involving numerous community stakeholders working towards crime suppression as well as shared community goals. He is a dedicated and professional commander with previous assignments that included Patrol, Gang Detective, Special Victims Unit Detective, Sergeant position within Patrol and the Narcotics Unit respectively, 2nd Lieutenant in Patrol and Internal Affairs Unit, Assistant Division Commander of the Criminal Investigations, Division Commander of Field Operations and Undersheriff. Prior to becoming Chief, and as Undersheriff with the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office, Poland managed a \$111-million-dollar budget and over 850 personnel for Loudoun County.

Chief Poland graduated with a master's degree from the Naval Postgraduate School, Center for Homeland Defense and Security with a degree in Homeland Defense. He graduated with honors, Summa Cum Laude, from the George Washington University with a degree in Police Science and a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy, Session 260.

He recently assisted as a subject-matter expert for the Department of Justice's Commission on Law Enforcement report. He is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Texas Police Chief's Association, the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy Virginia Chapter, the Major County Sheriffs of America, the Virginia Sheriff's Institute, the Virginia Sheriff's Association, and the National Sheriff's Association.



## **Jo Ella Wagner, South Texas Water Authority**

Jo Ella Wagner is the Assistant Executive Director/Finance Manager at South Texas Water Authority (STWA) in Kingsville, Texas. She has worked for South Texas Water Authority for 29 years and was promoted to Finance Manager and Co-Investment Officer in 1998 and Assistant Executive Director last year. Upon STWA joining STAP in 2004 and then joining TCAP in 2011, she was instrumental in converting the various electric accounts and continues to analyze the benefits and savings of STWA's TCAP membership and advocates for TCAP participation. Ms. Wagner joined the TCAP Board in 2023 and assisted in reaching out to the various Texas water districts, non-profit water corporations and MUDs.

Ms. Wagner received her BBA in Finance and an MBA in General Business from Texas A&I University (Texas A&M Kingsville) and also obtained a secondary teaching certificate from the State of Texas. Ms. Wagner has worked in banking, accounting and business management before taking her accounting position with STWA. She is currently a Registered Texas Assessor/Collector, STWA's Investment Officer, and holds a D Water License with TCEQ. Ms.

# **2025/2026 TCAP Board Biographies**

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Wagner is a member of the Texas Association of Assessing Officers, Texas Association of Appraisal Districts, and Texas Rural Water Association.

Ms. Wagner has been married for 32 years and is the mother of two. In her off-time she volunteers as the Council Advisor for the 4-H Clubs in Kleberg and Kenedy counties and the 4-H Consumer Education Coach. She has been active with 4-H for over 25 years and is a recipient of the Texas 4-H Salute to Excellence Award.



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### **2025 EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

<b>New Year's Day</b>	<b>January 1</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
<b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b>	<b>January 20</b>	<b>Monday</b>
<b>Presidents Day</b>	<b>February 17</b>	<b>Monday</b>
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>April 28</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>May 26</b>	<b>Monday</b>
<b>Juneteenth</b>	<b>June 19</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
<b>Independence Day</b>	<b>July 4</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Labor Day</b>	<b>September 1</b>	<b>Monday</b>
<b>Veterans Day</b>	<b>November 11</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
<b>Thanksgiving</b>	<b>November 27-28</b>	<b>Thurs-Friday</b>
<b>Christmas</b>	<b>December 24-25</b>	<b>Wed-Thurs</b>
<b>One Floating Holiday</b>		

**Subject:** Discussion and possible action setting the 2025 Council Meeting dates that fall on city holidays.

**Background Information:**

Every year the city council has to change the council meeting date in February due to President's Day being observed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month.

**Current Finding:**

With the adoption of the Holiday schedule for 2025, council will need to reschedule the January meeting as well as the February date.

**Recommendation:**

The city staff recommends the City Council decide which day they would like to meet in January and February 2025. This will allow us to publish them ahead of time to prevent these meetings being considered called/special meetings.

# Lorena's Roadster Travel Center Tractor Trailer Parking Discussion Topics

- Section 78 Article III of the Lorena Code of Ordinances as is relates to parking.
- Ordinance 2019-1021-02 – As it relates to tractor trailer parking on private property.
- Definition of overnight & night.
- Ordinance 2021-0719-01 & 2023-0821-01 as they relates specifically to the use for the Roadster Travel Center.
- What was said vs. What is enforceable.
- Opportunity for future improvement.



# Section 78 Article III Lorena Code of Ordinances

- ARTICLE III. – BACKING, STOPPING, STANDING, OR PARKING
- What sections may be applicable? 78-72, 78-76, 78-77, & 78-82.
- Each of these sections listed above will be defined on a separate slide.

- ~~Sec. 78-71. - Restrictions on backing.~~
- ~~Sec. 78-72. - General parking restrictions.~~
- ~~Sec. 78-73. - Parking not to obstruct traffic.~~
- ~~Sec. 78-74. - Parking in alleys.~~
- ~~Sec. 78-75. - Parking on streets under repair.~~
- ~~Sec. 78-76. - Parking of vehicles restricted.~~
- ~~Sec. 78-77. - Parking for certain purposes prohibited.~~
- ~~Sec. 78-78. - Parking adjacent to schools.~~
- ~~Sec. 78-79. - Parking prohibited on narrow streets.~~
- ~~Sec. 78-80. - Standing or parking on one-way roadways.~~
- ~~Sec. 78-81. - No stopping, standing, or parking near hazardous or congested places.~~
- ~~Sec. 78-82. - Vehicles not to be parked longer than 48 hours~~
- ~~Sec. 78-83. - Owner not to permit car registered in his name to be illegally parked.~~
- ~~Sec. 78-84. - Owner responsible for illegal stopping, standing, or parking.~~
- ~~Sec. 78-85. - Parking of trucks with more than two axles.~~
- ~~Sec. 78-86. - Parking of boats, nonmotor vehicles and recreational vehicles.~~
- ~~Sec. 78-87. - Privileged parking; persons with disabilities.~~
- ~~Sec. 78-88. - No stopping, standing or parking along or next to Interstate 35.~~

## Sec. 78-72. - General parking restrictions.

- This section of the Lorena Code of Ordinance is not applicable to the Roadster Travel Center

- (a)No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with law or the directions of a police officer or traffic control device in any of the following places:
  - (1)On a sidewalk.
  - (2)In front of a public or private driveway.
  - (3)Within an intersection.
  - (4)Within 15 feet of a fire hydrant, unless otherwise marked.
  - (5)On a crosswalk.
  - (6)At an intersection within 30 feet of an existing intersecting curbline or projection of an intersecting curbline, unless otherwise marked.
  - (7)Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within 30 feet of points on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone, unless the chief of police has indicated a different length by signs or markings.
  - (8)Within 20 feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station.
  - (9)Alongside or opposite any excavation or street obstruction when stopping, standing, or parking would obstruct traffic.
  - (10)On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street.
  - (11)Upon any bridge or other elevated structure upon a highway or within a street tunnel or underpass.
  - (12)At any place where official signs or markings prohibit stopping, standing or parking.
  - (13)In any fire lane.(b)No person shall move a vehicle not lawfully under his control into any such prohibited area or away from a curb such distance as is unlawful.

## Sec. 78-76. - Parking of vehicles restricted.

- This section of the Lorena Code of Ordinance is not applicable to the Roadster Travel Center.
- (a)It shall be unlawful for any person or any owner to leave, park, or stand any truck-tractor, road tractor, trailer, semitrailer, bus, or any other commercial motor vehicle bearing commercial license upon any public street, alley, parkway, boulevard, or public place; provided this section shall not apply to emergency vehicles, street construction, maintenance, and repair equipment, trucks, rollers, and implements, and trucks, equipment, trailers, and vehicles used by public service utility companies engaged in repairing or extending public service utilities, and to motorbuses when taking on or discharging passengers at the customary bus stops, and except all other vehicles designated herein when actually parked at a designated loading zone in those areas of limited parking where loading zones are designated; provided further that this subsection not apply to any vehicle defined or designated therein developing a mechanical defect after such vehicle has commenced to run, en route, making it unsafe to proceed further, and in this event, it shall be lawful to stand or park the vehicle during the time necessary to make emergency repairs.
- (b)It shall be unlawful for any person or owner to leave, park, or stand any recreational vehicle, truck-tractor, road tractor, semitrailer, bus, truck, or trailer with a rated capacity of 10,000 pounds or more according to the manufacturer's classification, or gross weight, upon any street, alley, or thoroughfare within any district zoned for residential purposes, according to city zoning ordinance (chapter 86). Provided, however, that such recreational vehicles, noncommercial, and commercial vehicles may be parked upon private property in such zones on such person's or owner's property, as provided, and to the extent allowed, in chapter 86. This subsection shall not prevent the parking or standing of the above-described vehicles in such zoned areas for the purpose of expeditiously loading or unloading passengers, freight, or merchandise.

## **Sec. 78-77. - Parking for certain purposes prohibited.**

- This section of the Lorena Code of Ordinance is not applicable to the Roadster Travel Center.
- No person shall park a vehicle upon any street for the principal purpose of:
  - (1)Displaying such vehicles for sale.
  - (2)Washing, greasing, or repairing such vehicles except repairs necessitated by an emergency.
  - (3)Displaying for sale or selling any merchandise.

## **Sec. 78-82. - Vehicles not to be parked longer than 48 hours.**

- This section of the Lorena Code of Ordinance is not applicable to the Roadster Travel Center.
- It shall be unlawful for any person, owner, or corporation to leave standing in any public street, alley, or other public place any vehicle, automobile, truck, trailer, or other character of private property unattended for a longer continuous period of time than 48 hours.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-1021-02**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LORENA, TEXAS PROHIBITING OVERNIGHT PARKING OF COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES AND CAMPERS UPON PRIVATE PROPERTY; CREATING OFFENSES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION INTO THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES:**

**WHEREAS**, the utilization of commercial motor vehicles and campers upon private property within the City of Lorena for temporary residential purposes or temporary storage presents public safety concerns due to fire danger, increased crime, overcrowding, unsanitary conditions and accumulations of waste and debris due to lack of adequate potable water, wastewater, and solid waste facilities, and is contrary to the character and established uses of zoning districts within the City of Lorena; and

**WHEREAS**, Local Government Code section 601.001 grants a municipality by ordinance to regulate the parking of motor vehicles on private property; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Lorena to implement commercial parking regulations.

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Lorena, Texas as follows:

**Section 1.** That the Code of Ordinances, City of Lorena, Texas, is hereby amended by adding a section - Division 3.- OVERNIGHT PARKING consisting of Section 78-125 to read as follows:

**Section 78-125. Parking Overnight**

- (a) Except as otherwise provided in the Lorena Zoning Ordinances, including but not limited to bona fide permitted truck stops, truck dealerships, truck repair, freight services and warehousing and industrial facilities, it is unlawful for any person to park and leave unattended any commercial vehicle or camper on non-residential private property in the City of Lorena between the hours of 9 p.m. and 9 a.m.
  - (i) This restriction does not apply to private parking lots of hotels, motels or other establishments providing overnight accommodations.
  - (ii) This restriction does not apply to private parking lots of establishments providing accommodations, meals, and other services for travelers between the hours of 9 p.m. and 9 a.m.
- (b) The term "commercial vehicle" shall mean truck-tractor, road tractor, semi-trailer, bus, truck or trailer or any other commercial vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of two (2) tons or more according to the manufacturer's classification.
- (c) The term "camper" shall include all travel trailers, towed trailers, folding camping trailers, fifth wheels, and truck campers.
- (d) Upon approval by resolution, the City Council may temporarily suspend the restrictions imposed by section 78-125 in order to accommodate special events held within the City. The resolution of suspension shall become effective forty-eight (48) hours prior to the official start of the scheduled event and shall terminate forty-eight (48) hours after official conclusion of the event.
- (e) Each day that a person remains in violation of this ordinance shall constitute a separate offense. In the prosecution of an alleged violation of this ordinance no proof of a culpable mental state shall be required. A person who violates this section shall be guilty of a class C misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 for each day or part thereof that the violation occurs. The registered owner of the vehicle and/or the driver is considered the responsible party.

**Section 2. Severability.** If any clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be unenforceable for any reason, such unenforceable clause or provision shall be severed from the remaining portion of the Ordinance, which shall continue to have full force and effect.

**Section 3. Publication and Effective Date.** This Ordinance was approved this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October 2019 shall become effective following publication as required by law.

# Definitions according to Merriam-Webster

- <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/overnight>
- <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/night>



- **Overnight**
  - Adverb – during the night
  - Adjective – of, lasting, or staying the night
- **Night**
  - Noun - the time from dusk to dawn when no sunlight is visible



# 2021-0719-01 vs 2023-0821-01

1. The development is required to adhere to the conceptual Site Plan attached hereto as Exhibit 'B'.
2. The development is required to generally adhere to the conceptual Elevation attached hereto as Exhibit 'C'.
3. No outside storage or display is permitted on the property with the exception of one (1) ice sales freezer and one (1) propane cage.
4. **No overnight parking of semi-tractor trailer vehicles is allowed.**
5. Any construction resulting from the approval of this Conditional Use Permit must conform to the requirements set forth by the Lorena Zoning Ordinance, the International Building Code (IBC), the Lorena Municipal Code of Ordinances, city adopted engineering and fire codes, all local ordinances, and with all other applicable state and federal laws and regulations.
6. Due to the topography of the property and substantial elevation change in reference to the adjacent Interstate Highway corridor, one (1) pylon sign only is allowed on the Property, not to exceed fifty (50') feet in height, and meeting all other requirements for pylon signs in the (IC) Interstate Corridor District for only the use of convenience store with fuel sales on the Property. Any other use on the Property is required to conform to such Zoning Ordinance and sign regulations as may be in effect at the time of any change in use from convenience store with fuel sales.

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6. Due to the topography of the property and substantial elevation change in reference to the adjacent Interstate Highway corridor, one (1) pylon sign only is allowed on the Property, not to exceed eighty (80') feet in height and a maximum area of six hundred fifty (650) square feet attached hereto as Exhibit 'D', and meeting all other requirements for pylon signs in the (IC) Interstate Corridor District for only the use of a convenience store with fuel sales on the Property. Any other use on the Property is required to conform to such Zoning Ordinance and sign regulations as may be in effect at the time of any change in use from convenience store with fuel sales.

# What was said vs What is enforceable

- Representatives for the Roadster Travel Center stated in public hearings for the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for their property that they would issue parking passes for the tractor trailer vehicles and that the parking passes would be valid for two (2) hours.
- Furthermore, Roadster representatives stated that they would have their own employees regulate the two (2) hour parking.
- Since the parking of semi tractor trailers is not prohibited by a law and only overnight parking of semi tractor trailers is prohibited as a condition of the CUP/Zoning of the property, the property owner is the only person that can be legally held accountable for an overnight parking violation.
- The burden of proof for the violation falls to the City, and could be cumbersome to overcome in a court of law.

# Opportunities for future improvement

- Be mindful of the customer base for the use in which the property is intended.
- City officials should be very specific as to the conditions specified within any CUP ordinance.
- Keep open lines of communication between City staff and the owner/management team of the property
- Monitor the situation and have conversations with the property owner/management team when an improvement plan needs to be initiated.
- As to date the Lorena PD has not received a call for service to the Lorena Roadster Travel Center that is directly or indirectly related to the overnight parking of semi tractor trailers.

# LORENA POLICE DEPARTMENT



COUNCIL REPORT  
NOVEMBER 2024

# CALLS FOR SERVICE BY TYPE – NOVEMBER 2024

DESCRIPTION	# OF CALLS
BURGLAR ALARM	1
ABANDONED VEHICLE	4
ACCIDENT	14
ANIMAL CALL	2
ASSIST CITIZEN	5
ASSIST MOTORIST	21
ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES	14
BUILDING CHECK	3
CIVIL MATTER	1
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	1
DISTURBANCE	2
DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE	2
DOMESTIC STANDBY	1
EMS	8
FIRE	5
FIRE ALARM	1
FIRE TRAINING	1
FOLLOW UP	6
FOOT PATROL	39
FRAUD	2
HARRASSMENT	1
HOLD UP ALARM	1
INVESTIGATION OF INSANITY	1
MUTUAL AID	1
PARKING VIOLATION	3
RECKLESS DRIVING	4
SEXUAL ASSAULT	1
SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES	4
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	5
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	6
THEFT	3
TRAFFIC COMPLAINTS	3
TRAFFIC HAZARD	2
VCO - DOG	4
VCO - PARKING	1
VCO-NOISE VIOLATION	1
WELFARE CONCERN	9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>183</b>

# CALLS FOR SERVICE – DETAILED

- **11/1/2024 – Assist Citizen** – A male called 911 and stated an elderly male was in the parking lot of a convenience store and appeared confused. Officer Becknauld located the elderly male and provided him a ride to his residence in the Hewitt area.
- **11/3/2024 – Vehicle Crash (Car vs. deer)** – Officer Greer responded to a vehicle that collided with a deer near exit 321 of the interstate. The driver requested the injured deer be euthanized. Officer Greer arrived on scene and ultimately observed the deer get up and run into the woods.
- **11/6/2024 – Traffic Hazard** – Caller reported a vehicle parked in the middle of the shopping center parking lot, blocking drivers from entering or leaving. Officer Becknauld located the owner of the vehicle, and the vehicle was moved to a parking space.
- **11/9/2024 – Welfare Concern** – Caller requested a welfare check on an elderly male after the caller provided the male a ride to a nearby coffee shop, stating he believed the elderly male was disoriented and possibly blind. Officer Board checked on the elderly male and determined he was ok.
- **11/10/2024 – Assist Other Agency** – Officer Board responded to a call of a possible domestic disturbance to assist Bruceville Eddy Police. Upon arrival, it was determined the call was for a civil stand by. Officer Board cleared the scene after Bruceville officer arrived.
- **11/11/2024 – Disturbance** – Officer Greer responded to a call at the travel center. It was reported the bus driver was kicking someone off the bus for smoking.
- **11/12/2024 – Welfare Concern** – Caller reported an undressed white female hitchhiking near the frontage road at Old Bethany Rd. Officers were unable to locate the female in the area.
- **11/13/2024 – Assist Other Agency** – Lorena Fire and officers responded to assist Bruceville Eddy and Moody units with a structure fire with 3 vehicles also on fire.
- **11/15/2024 – Welfare Concern** – Caller reported a male subject inside the local grocery store that appeared to be intoxicated or possibly having a medical emergency. Officer Becknauld checked on the subject and determined he would finish his shopping and go home.
- **11/15/2024 – Welfare Concern** – Caller reported a female sitting at a stop sign near the frontage road and Rosenthal Pkwy and was possibly in distress. Officer Greer checked on the female and provided her a courtesy ride to a convenience store in the Waco area.
- **11/15/2024 – Suspicious Vehicle** – Four females reported being followed to the travel center by an unknown male in a vehicle. Officer Greer did not locate the male upon arrival, but did follow the females to their home to ensure their safety.
- **11/17/2024 – Suspicious Circumstances** – Caller reported seeing two unknown males talking outside of a neighbor's house and wanted officers to check on the neighbor. Officer Becknauld contacted the subjects and determined the subjects were friends of the neighbor.

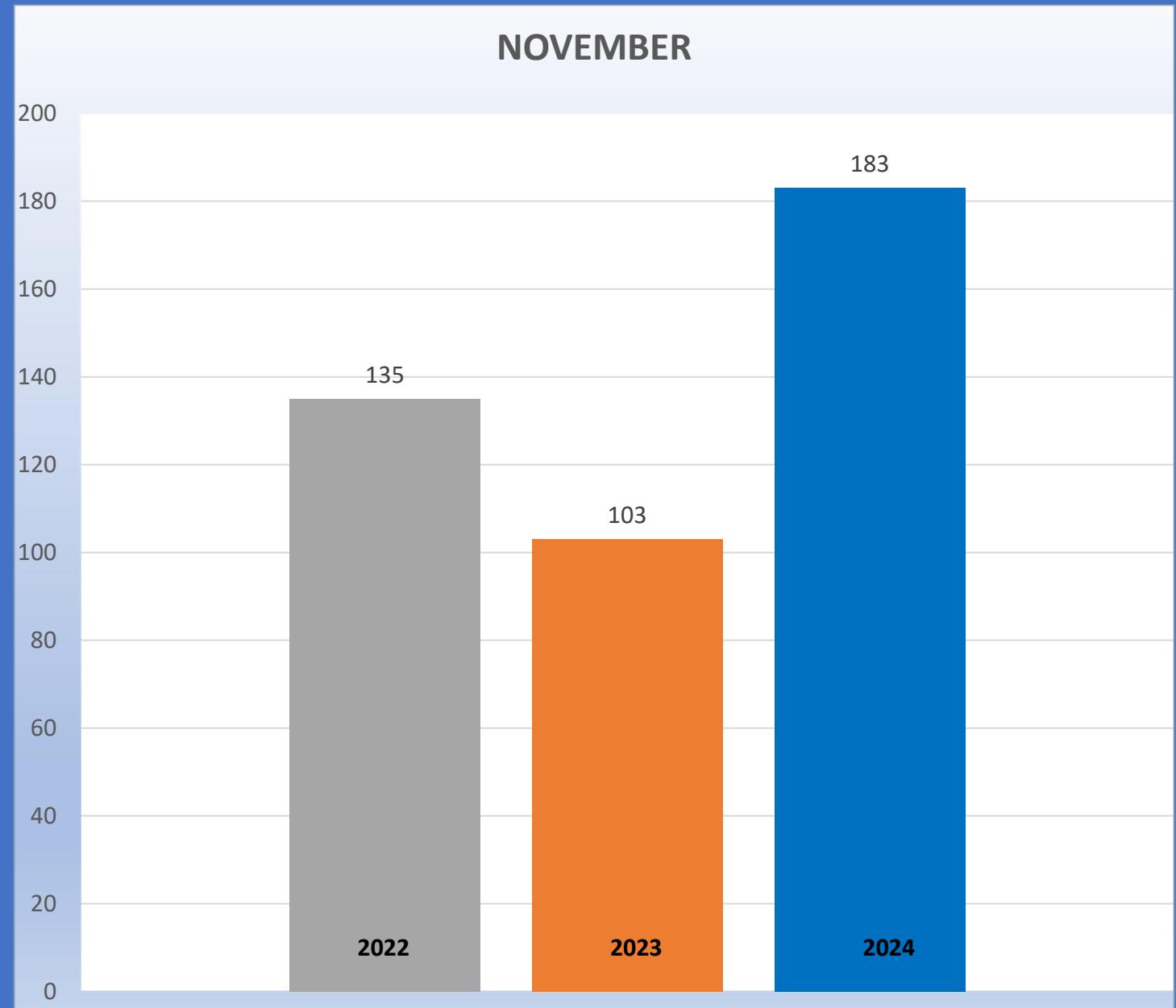


# CALLS FOR SERVICE – DETAILED CONTINUED

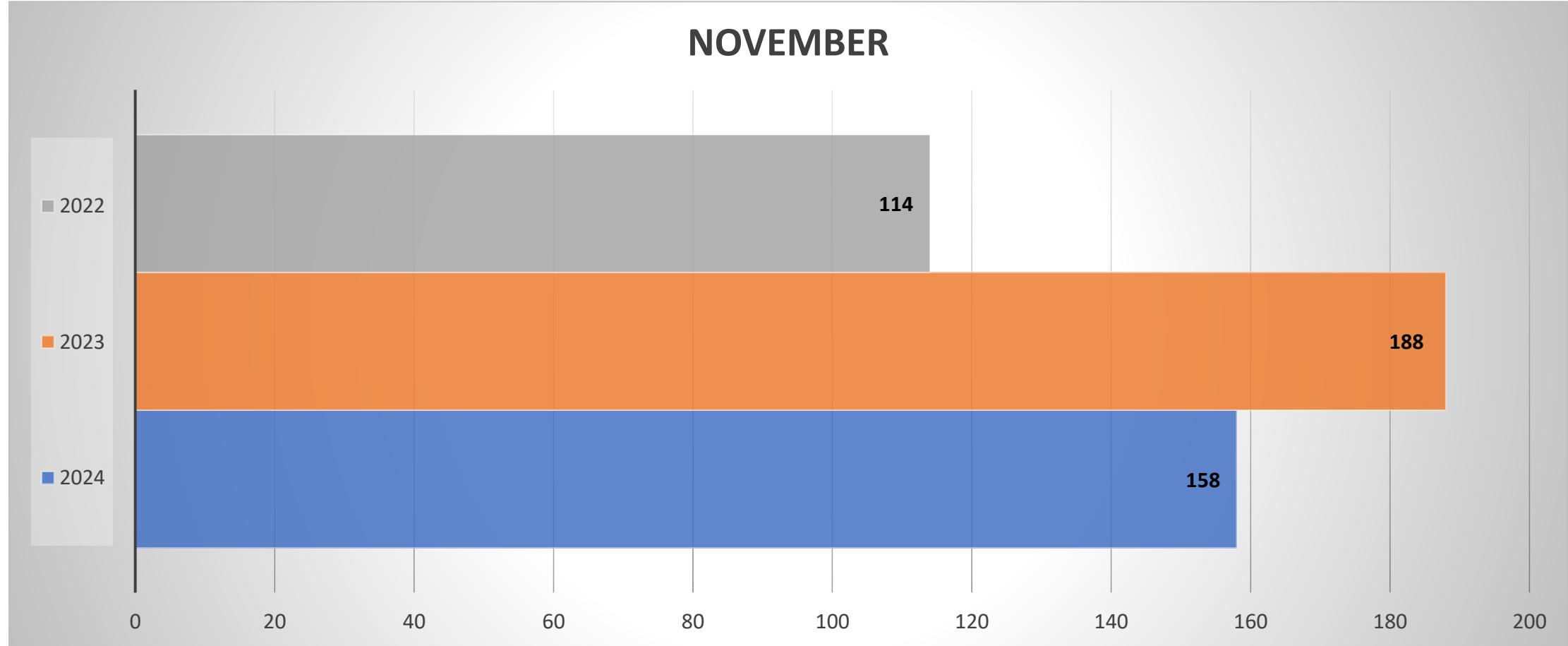
- 11/18/2024 – Welfare Concern – Caller reported a person laying next to a light pole near mile marker 325. It was determined the subject was sleeping.
- 11/18/2024 – Assist Other Agency/Assist Citizen – Hewitt PD stopped out with a subject who was trying to make their way to Austin, on foot. Officer Greer met a Hewitt officer at Brookshire's and provided the male a ride to a truck stop in Troy. Officer Greer noted in the call that he was "10-8" after setting him up with coffee and a honeybun.
- 11/19/2024 – Structure Fire – Multiple agencies responded to a two-story structure fire on Casa Del Rancho with animals trapped inside. Animals were rescued by Lorena fire. All residents made it out of the home safely.
- 11/19/2024 – Domestic Disturbance – Officers responded to a report of a male subject "destroying the house and hitting the reporting party's wife". The disturbance was determined to be verbal only and no assault had taken place.
- 11/20/2024 – Assist Other Agency – Officer Becknauld responded to a residence to assist the Department of Family and Protective Services with an investigation.
- 11/21/2024 – Assist Citizen – Caller requested assistance after being left at the travel center after getting off a Greyhound bus. Caller was provided a ride to a nearby hotel.
- 11/24/2024 – Holdup Alarm - While working a crash and speaking to involved parties in the parking lot of Brookshire's, Officer Board received a call of a holdup alarm activation inside Brookshire's. It was determined an employee had accidentally pressed the alarm button.
- 11/24/2024 – Welfare Concern – Caller reported a male walking near the interstate carrying a bag. The male subject was contacted by an officer and redirected to the frontage road.
- 11/24/2024 – Disturbance – Officers responded to the travel center on the report that a former employee was there threatening people. Officer Drummond arrived on scene to discover the subject no longer there.
- 11/25/2024 – Suspicious Person – Officer Becknauld responded to a male subject reported on the caller's porch and beating on the caller's door. It was determined the male subject needed medical assistance for a possible mental health crisis and he was later transported to the hospital for treatment.
- 11/25/2024 – Suspicious Vehicle – Bank employees called about a vehicle in the parking lot as they were attempting to leave the bank for the day. Officer Greer determined the subjects in the vehicle were with a cleaning crew.
- 11/26/2024 – Suspicious Person – Caller reported a female had walked up to their house and requested a ride to Waco. Officer Serrato provided the female a courtesy ride to Waco.
- 11/28/2024 – Domestic Disturbance – Officers responded to a report of a male subject throwing items around the house. The male had left the scene prior to Officer Board's arrival, but Officer Board did speak with the male on the phone.
- 11/28/2024 – Domestic Standby – Caller requested police presence while caller's ex spouse retrieved property from the residence.
- 11/28/2024 – Burglar Alarm – Officers responded to a burglar alarm at Sonic. It was determined a delivery truck had arrived and set off the alarm.



# CALLS FOR SERVICE - GRAPH



# TRAFFIC STOPS BY LORENA POLICE



# ARRESTS

- **11/6/2024 – Possession of Controlled Substance** - Officer Greer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle with an unreadable temporary tag. This stop resulted in the deployment of K-9 Drogen, in which a THC vape and several containers of cannabis gummies were seized. The driver was arrested and taken to McLennan County Jail.
- **11/8/2024 – DWI** – Officers Greer and Board responded to a vehicle crash on Interstate 35. One of the drivers was found to be intoxicated and arrested.
- **11/9/2024 – DWI** – Officer Greer responded to a vehicle crash with injuries on Interstate 35. One of the drivers was found to be intoxicated and arrested.
- **11/15/2024 – DWI** – Officer Greer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for speeding (103 MPH in a 75 MPH Zone). After an investigation for suspicion of Driving While Intoxicated, the driver was arrested and taken to McLennan County Jail.
- **11/29/2024 – DWI** – Officer Greer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for speeding on the frontage road after the vehicle exited the highway. An investigation for suspicion of Driving While Intoxicated was conducted, and the driver was arrested and taken to McLennan County Jail.
- **Five (5) arrests involved Wanted subjects through other agencies, Wanted subjects through our agency arrested by other agencies, Class C violations, and/or juveniles.**
- **TOTAL ARRESTS - 10**

# INVESTIGATIONS

**11/7/2024 – Theft** – Chief Holt spoke to a resident who came to the PD to report a theft. The victim reportedly transferred \$1,300 to an unknown person in an apparent phone scam. Case is ongoing.

**11/12/2024 – Suicidal Subject** – The Veterans Crisis Line called to request a welfare check on a resident after the resident reported having thoughts of self harm. The resident was ultimately located at a house nearby and was provided assistance from multiple resources.

**11/14/2024 – Failure to Stop and Identify (FSI)** - Officer Board was dispatched to a vehicle crash on Interstate 35, in which one vehicle, a tractor trailer, left the scene. A witness provided photos of a possible suspect vehicle. Case is ongoing.

**11/18/2024 – Theft** - Officer Board was contacted regarding a missing Amazon delivery. Case is ongoing.

**11/23/2024 – Failure to Stop and Identify (FSI)** - Officer Board was contacted in reference to a vehicle that hit and caused damage to another vehicle that left the scene without providing contact and insurance information. Police Department video was reviewed, and a suspect vehicle was observed. Officer Board was able to locate the suspect vehicle and is currently working to obtain a warrant on the suspect.

**11/24/2024 – Terroristic Threat** – Officer Drummond responded to a call at the local travel center after a former employee threatened harm to management and/or other employees. Case is ongoing.

**11/26/2024 – Fraud** – Officer Becknauld was notified of a fraud that occurred at Genco, where an unknown female withdrew funds from an account that did not belong to her. Case is ongoing.



# K-9 DEPLOYMENT/SEIZURES

TOTAL DEPLOYMENTS: 3

DEPLOYMENT FOR NEIGHBORING AGENCIES: 1 (LORENA ISD)

LORENA UNIT DEPLOYMENTS: 2

SEIZURES OF DRUGS/DRUG PARAPHERNALIA: 0

WEAPON SEIZURE: 0

DRUG TYPES: MARIJUANA

# WELCOME OFFICER MATT TROUP



On November 11, 2024, Lorena Police Department welcomed the newest member of our Lorena PD family, SRO Matt Troup.

On November 18, 2024, surrounded by family and friends, SRO Troup took the oath of office and was pinned by his two children.

Matt was born and raised in the Waco area, received an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice from McLennan Community College and has 14 years of law enforcement experience.

Upon successful completion of the field training program, SRO Troup will be assigned to the Lorena High School.



# Special Olympics



- Lorena ISD participated in the Special Olympics bowling event that was held at Main Event in Waco on November 21, 2024. Officers Drummond and Troup were honored to carry the torch to begin the event.



## CAREER DAY FOR LORENA ISD

- During this event, students experienced hands-on techniques with several local first responders. Students were able to drag a dummy with firefighters and spray some water. Students were able to try on Officer Serrato's bunker gear and other heavy equipment, and they even "toured" the back of an ambulance and police car.

# STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

On Saturday, November 23, 2024, all PD staff participated in a quarterly training day for recertification on SABA, Narcan, CPR, Use of Force training, as well as the review of 23 internal policy updates. This day also included open discussions on several topics, such as schedule and shift coverage, scheduling vacation time, and teamwork-building opportunities. The question was posed to all staff, "How can we empower each other for increased initiative?"

