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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
LORENA CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 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 VIDEOCONFERENCE
AT THE FOLLOWING LINK <https://meet.goto.com/716219637>
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, 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.

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 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.

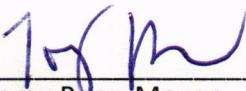
12. Future Agenda Items.

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.



Tommy Ross, Mayor

Attest:



Monica Hendrix, City Secretary

