



City of Lorena
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
LORENA CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2016 6:30 P.M.
LORENA CITY HALL
107-A S. FRONTAGE ROAD, LORENA, TEXAS**

1. Call to Order.

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Texas Pledge
- c. Moment of silence

Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.

Mayor Roper called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and announced that a quorum of the council was present. Council members present were Mayor Chuck Roper, Mayor Protem Bill Coleman, J. Fagner and Jeff Linnstaedter. Council members absent were Jennifer Grimm and Kelly Yarbrough. Constituting a quorum.

City Staff present were City Manager Joseph Pace, Chief of Police Tom Dickson, City Secretary Monica Hendrix and Public Works Director Kevin Neal.

2. Recognition of Lane Construction for their help and support to the Lorena Police Department to insure public safety for the citizens of the City of Lorena.

Police Chief Tom Dickson presented plaques to John Gay, Eric Pruemmer, David Williams and Lane Construction for all their help and support during the IH-35 expansion project. Dickson applauded their work the past four years and says the city couldn't have picked a better construction company to work with on the public safety side.

3. Oath of Office for Jay Greer as Lorena Police Officer.

Chief Dickson introduced Jay Greer as the new part-time police officer for the city. The Oath of Office was given to Greer by City Secretary Monica Hendrix.

4. Visitor and Citizens Forum

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. No formal action may be taken on any of these items at the meeting. This forum is limited to a total of 30 minutes.

No visitors spoke.

5. Approval of Minutes:

- a. May 16, 2016

Bill Coleman motioned and J. Fagner seconded to approve the minutes as submitted. All in favor, motion carried.

6. Commission and Corporation Reports.

- a. Planning and Zoning
No Meeting.
- b. Economic Development Corporation

EDC consultant Jason Mundo reported the board reviewed the development agreement for the TIRZ, will hold a strategic planning meeting on June 21st, received a request for a business grant application.

7. Presentation and discussion of possible TIRZ bond issuance by Jason Hughes of FirstSouthwest.

Jason Hughes explained the bond issuance process to the council. The cost of issuance is approximately \$75,000.00 when the certificates are sold. The cost of the TIRZ project is \$2.3 million with an additional \$500,000.00 for administration fees.

8. Authorization by City of Lorena to prepare the financing for \$2.8 Million dollar Sanitary Sewer Trunk Line.

City Manager Joseph Pace feels council needs more time to consider the financing. Bill Coleman would like for all council members to be present before moving forward. Jeff Linnstaedter had questions about the 2.8 million proposal. Council took no action.

9. Pledge of Commitment by City of Lorena in the amount of \$278,969 (consisting of \$29,945.18 annually for years 1-5, and \$43,081.05 annually for years 6-8), to the TIRZ and to be reimbursed by the TIRZ.

No action.

10. Police Department Activity Report.

Chief Dickson reported there were 257 citations issued in May 2016 compared to 378 in May of 2015. There were 275 calls by type. Chief was asked how many officers the department has and there are five full-time officers including Dickson. There is currently one part-time officer, Ricky Scaman and he will be replaced by Jay Greer. Officer Scaman was elected to be the Falls County Sherriff.

11. Public Works Report

a. Update on the status of the Chloramines Conversion

Public Works Director Kevin Neal informed council of the two bids that were received for the conversion project and the lowest bid was \$342,000.00 which is \$142,000.00 over the opinion of probable cost from the engineers. Thomas Valle, P.E. with KPA Engineering was present and gave his explanation as to why the bids were more. Kevin Neal questioned if the city could pay for the project out of reserves to meet the December 1st deadline that has been given by TCEQ.

Once the city does a general obligation bond, the reserve money will be paid back.

City Manager Joseph Pace asked for direction from council on how to proceed with the bonds. More information will be gathered and a workshop will be scheduled.

12. City Manager Report

a. Metropolitan Planning Organization appointment to Board of Directors.

Joseph Pace has sent letters of support to surrounding cities Bruceville Eddy, Crawford and Moody for possible appointment to the MPO Board of Directors.

b. Update on Dod Moore dentist office.

Dentist office has acquired a building permit and started construction.

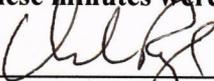
c. Update of meetings attended on behalf of the city.

Pace attended several meeting on behalf of the city, EDC, TIRZ, TCMA webinar, McLennan County Water Group and the Waco Animal Shelter.

d. EDC Strategic Planning Session on 6-21-2016

13. Adjourn. Due to no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

These minutes were passed and approved this 18th day of July 2016.



Mayor, Chuck Roper

Attest: 

City Secretary, Monica Hendrix