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MINUTES

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
LORENA CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JULY 18, 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 6:33 p.m. gave the open meeting statement and announced that a quorum of the council was present. Members present were Mayor Chuck Roper, Mayor Protem Bill Coleman, J. Fagner and Jennifer Grimm. Kelly Yarbrough arrived at 6:43 p.m. Jeff Linnstaedter was absent. Constituting a quorum.

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

2. 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.

Bill Randolph 213 Town West Drive Lorena spoke. Randolph has property located on Old Lorena Road next to the water tower which is City of Waco and wanted to know what he needed to do to get an additional water meter. Mayor Roper suggested he contact the City Manager Joseph Pace after this meeting for information. No other visitors spoke.

3. Approval of Minutes:

a. June 20, 2016

A motion was made by Bill Coleman and seconded by J. Fagner to approve the minutes. Mayor Roper voted to approve the minutes due to the abstention from Jennifer Grimm who was absent at the June 20th meeting. Motion carried.

4. Discussion of the preliminary proposed 2016-2017 fiscal year budget.

Finance Officer Linda Klump presented a balanced budget. The major changes in the proposed budget include a cost of living increase of 1.9% based on the CPI for Central Texas, premium increases in employee health insurance of 17%, Texas Municipal Retirement System contribution increase of 8%, workers' compensation insurance rate increase 20%, the property and liability increase of 2%, increases for a website update, PD sworn personnel increase to upgrade one patrol position in the police department to sergeant, increase for dispatch service update to 800 Mhz, among