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**NOTICE OF MEETING
LORENA CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2021- 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://global.gotomeeting.com/join/466068733> and/or join the conference call at (254) 655-5400; GUEST PIN :2021
The City Council Meeting will be opened to the public. To mitigate the spread of COVID-19, social distancing will be recommended.

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

NOTICE OF POSSIBLE QUORUM 5:00 P.M.

Lorena City Council and City Staff will hold a pizza party prior to the council meeting to celebrate the Lorena Police Department accomplishments. A quorum of the council may be present at this event.

MEETING 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, Jeff Linnstaedter, Mayor Protem Kelly Yarbrough, Emily McKenzie, and Shane Phillips.

City Staff present were Tom Dickson, Monica Hendrix, Linda Klump, Kevin Neal and Peter Rivas.

2. Presentation of the Rich in Community Award presented by Councilman Shane Phillips.

Councilman Shane Phillips presented the award to citizen Jody Michael and thanked him for his service to the community.

3. Recognize of the Lorena Police Department for obtaining their second recognition from the Texas Police Chief Association Foundation.

Mayor Tommy Ross introduced Mike Gentry, Director of Training of the Texas Police Chief Association. Gentry explained there are approximately 181 recognized police departments in the State of Texas. To obtain the recognized status, the department is examined on over 180 standards in best practices, standards and other requirements.

Gentry stated there are under 60 police departments in the State of Texas that have received this recognition twice and Lorena PD is one of them.

Chief Tom Dickson introduced new Police Officer Christina Nelms to the council. Nelms is currently in the Police Academy and will graduate in December 2021. Dickson also thank Dr. Robert Peevey and Records Clerk Jennifer Herrin for their hard work in receiving this recognition.

4. Approval of Minutes:

a. August 16, 2021

Motion by Kelly Yarbrough to approve the August 16, 2021 minutes.

Katrina George seconded the motion.

FOR: George, Linnstaedter, Yarbrough, McKenzie and Phillips.

AGAINST: None

Motion carried.

5. 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.

Local citizen Tyler Corona of 1008 Williams Road spoke and would like to see the council adopt a resolution similar to the one that the City of Corsicana City Council recently passed that would support citizens Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution and the Texas Constitution Article 1 Section 19 protecting citizens' inalienable rights which would include laws or orders that mandate vaccinations. Corona also passed a message along from his mother that Williams Road needs some repairs.

6. Discussion and possible action on Resolution 2021-0920-01 to provide applicable matching funds for the Lorena PD body worn camera grant Project 2022.

Chief Tom Dickson informed council Governors' Office has opened funding again for the purchase of Body Worn Cameras. The upgrades would cost approximately \$23,000.00 for the cameras and the backup storage system. This grant includes a 25% match from the city which would be approximately \$5000.00.

Motion by Kelly Yarbrough to approve the resolution.

Jeff Linnstaedter seconded the motion.

FOR: George, Linnstaedter, Yarbrough, McKenzie and Phillips.

AGAINST: None

Motion carried.

7. Discussion and possible action on Resolution 2021-0921-02 authorizing the Texas Department of Transportation Lorena Downtown Streetscape Revitalization Project Administrative Funding Agreement.

Interim City Manager Kevin Neal explained this project was started with the previous City Manager Joseph Pace. Neal explained that TXDOT recommended combining the two grants. Janet Sheguit with MRB Engineering Group was present to explain the grants and the process for administering the grants. The Safe Routes to School Grant is 100% funded except for the administration cost of the grant which is \$25,000.00. The cost of this project is estimated at \$781,867.00. The Lorena Downtown Streetscape Revitalization