

**Official Minutes
City Of Lorenzo, TX
March 10, 2025**

**PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL ROOM - LORENZO, TX 7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Lori Landin called the Public Hearing to Order at 7:00 p.m. with the following Council Members present: Aldermen, Earlene Rampy, Cheryl Birdwell, Janet Peterson-Gonzales, Rhonda Cypert and Hilda Castillo. Also present were City Manager Michael Chambers, City Secretary Lisa Hernandez, Public Works Director Chad Mobbs, City Utility/Court Clerk Isabel Salazar, Crosby County Sheriff Corey Nunley, Crosby County Deputy Chief Frank Lara, County Deputy Monty Roberts, Fire Chief Josh King, Fire Assistant Chief Celeste Rackler, and guests.

Lorenzo City Council Member Rhonda Cypert gave the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Pro-Tem Cheryl Birdwell.

Public Comment:

Samantha Hyatt with TCG talked about code enforcement and with the cleaning that is being done at the properties on main street she strongly recommends to issue a 30–60-day abatement. She also speaks on the property at 6th street and that the family that have become the heirs do not want the property. She has tried several times contacting Eustacio Lozoya but has not had any luck and suggested a 30-day-abatement.

Lars Hegdahl speaks on his properties that are on main street and is not very happy with how things are being done to him. He is recommending on donating the deed of 504 Harrison to the City.

Councilmember Janet Peterson-Gonzales said “she spoke to Juan the owner of the restaurant and that he has concerns on his building not being safe when people park.” She asks Lars what his plans are for the building and if he would sell to Juan for \$1.00. The City Mayor Lori Landin asked Lars what his plans were for the buildings. Lars answers by saying that there are several questions being thrown at him and says to Mayor Lori Landin if it affects the outcome with the abatement? Mayor Lori Landin said that it could affect the outcome. He then asks councilmember Janet Peterson-Gonzales for the record you want me to sell my property for \$1.00 to Juan? She responded that was not what she said Juan said that. He repeated that she had just said that and she responded that Juan was the one that recommended that. Lars then said that him and Juan had come to an agreement and the he was going to sell to Juan all three of his buildings for \$4,000 and he had agreed but then a certain councilmember spoke to Juan and then Juan did not want to purchase the buildings anymore.

Closed Public Hearing at 7:13 pm.

Opened Regular Council Meeting at 7:13 pm.

Consent Agenda:

All consent items are considered to be routine and each will be enacted by one motion and vote.

- 8. Approve February 12, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.** - Council Member Janet Peterson-Gonzales motioned to approve the minutes of February 10, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes with the correction on number 2 of who motioned first and second. Council Member Hilda Castillo seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.
- 9. Approve Financial Statements/Accounts Payable for February 2025.** - Council Member Earlene Rampy motioned to approve the February 2025 Financial Report. Council Member Rhonda Cypert seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.

10. Staff Reports:

{Staff reports are for discussion only. No Motion.}

- a. **City Manager Report:** _____ Michael Chambers
- b. **Crosby County Sheriff Report:** _____ Corey Nunley
- c. **Fire Department Report:** _____ Josh King

Discuss and Take Action Regarding:

- 11. Consider & take action on an order regarding Substandard structure and public nuisance at 504 Harrison Ave., Lorenzo, TX 79343, that is owned by Lars & Emilie Hegdahl. (R5582 & R12389). – Moved for Executive Session.**

12. **Consider & take action on an order regarding Substandard structure and public nuisance at 513 Harrison Ave., Lorenzo, TX 79343, that is owned by Lars & Emilie Hegdahl. (R5611 & R15785).** – *Moved for Executive Session.*
13. **Consider & take action on an order regarding Substandard structure and public nuisance at 501 6th Street, Lorenzo, TX 79343, that is owned by Eustacio Lozoya & Manuel Lozoya. (R12380 & R91685).** - Council Member Janet Peterson-Gonzales motions to approve a 30-day abatement for 501 6th Street owned by Eustacio Lozoya & Manuel Lozoya. Council Member Cheryl Birdwell seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.
14. **Consider / Discuss the Texas Reboot program, and updates from Texas Communities Group.** - Council Member Rhonda Cypert motions to approve the Texas Reboot Program and updates from TCG. Council Member Janet Peterson-Gonzales seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.
15. **Consider / Approve allowing the City Manager to open a bank account for property clean ups from 2018-2024.** - Council Member Rhonda Cypert motions to approve for the City Manager to open a New Bank Account called Property Clean Up Fund. Council Member Janet Peterson-Gonzales seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.
16. **Consider / Approve the City Manager to transfer \$90,933.55 from the proceeds of trust properties into the Property Clean-Up Fund from 2018-2024.** - Council Member Janet Peterson-Gonzales motions to approve for the City Manager to transfer from the General Fund to the Property Clean-Up Fund the total amount of \$90,933.55 into the Property Clean-Up Fund bank account. Council Member Hilda Castillo seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.
17. **Consider / Approve Notice of General Election for May 3, 2025.** - Council Member Rhonda Cypert motions to approve Notice of General Election for May 3, 2025. Council Member Cheryl Birdwell seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.
18. **Consider / Approve the contract with the Sheriff's Department for FY 2025-2026.** - Council Member Cheryl Birdwell motions to approve the contract with Crosby County Sheriff's Department for the fiscal year 2025-2026. Council Member Rhonda Cypert seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.
19. **Consider / choose a day for the Public Hearing/Adoption of the Budget for FY 2025-2026 between March 24, 2025 – March 31, 2025.** - Council Member Rhonda Cypert motions to approve the date of March 24, 2025 at 6:00 pm to approve the Budget for fiscal year 2025-2026. Council Member Hilda Castillo seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.
20. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: An Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; An Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.072 to deliberate regarding real property for landfill/gun range.**

TIME INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: 8:11 PM

TIME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION: 9:50 PM

21. **Reconvene into open session and take action on items discussed in Executive Session.**

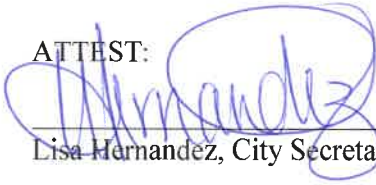
- A. **City Administrator Evaluation & Contract** - The evaluation for the City Manager was completed and the contract will be approved on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at the budget workshop.
- B. **Fire Chief Nominee.** – City Mayor Lori Landin said it was a hard decision but it was ultimately a unanimous decision by the City Council to make Joe Caballero the New Fire Chief.
- C. **Consider & take action on an order regarding Substandard structure and public nuisance at 504 Harrison Ave., Lorenzo, TX 79343, that is owned by Lars & Emilie Hegdahl. (R5582 & R12389).** - Council Member Cheryl Birdwell motions to approve a 30-Day abatement for the property at 504 Harrison Ave., Lorenzo, TX 79343 owned by Lars & Emilie Hegdahl. Council Member Earlene Rampy seconded. VOTE: Four (4) in favor, One (1) absent due to illness, motion passed.
- D. **Consider & take action on an order regarding Substandard structure and public nuisance at 513 Harrison Ave., Lorenzo, TX 79343, that is owned by Lars & Emilie Hegdahl. (R5611 & R15785).** - Council Member Hilda Castillo motions to approve a 30-Day abatement for the property at 513 Harrison Ave., Lorenzo, TX 79343 owned by Lars & Emilie Hegdahl. Council Member Janet Peterson-Gonzales seconded. VOTE: Four (4) in favor, One (1) absent due to illness, motion passed.

22. Adjournment. - City Mayor Lori Landin adjourns the meeting at 9:59 p.m.

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Lori Landin, City Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lisa Hernandez", written over a horizontal line.

Lisa Hernandez, City Secretary