

**Official Minutes
City Of Lorenzo, TX
May 12, 2025**

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

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

Lorenzo City Council Member Rhonda Cypert gave the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Lori Landin.

Public Comment:

Mayor Lori Landin welcomes everyone and asks Tammy Wilking to state her name and address. Tammy Wilking states her name and address. What I am concerned about is my building. I know that those building should have been torn down when that fire was years ago. I have drone pictures of the two left in between and their roofs are worse and with this last building that came down that arch way has pushed into my building and shifted my wall and now I have really bad roof problems on my building. I understand Lars has tried to help the city, he's willing right now to clean up the city so we won't have more problems and for some reason the city doesn't want to do that, I don't know. But I am very concerned on what's going on with those buildings. Mayor Lori Landin thanks Tammy.

Canvass the May 3, 2025 General Election Returns and Approve Resolution 050325 Canvassing Election. - Council Member Janet Peterson-Gonzales motioned to approve the Resolution 050325 Canvassing Election for the May 3, 2025 General Election. Council Member Rhonda Cypert seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

- 1. Mayor Lori Landin will administer the Oath of Office to Earlene Rampy, Alderman Ward 1 and Newly Elected Steven Longoria, Alderman Ward 5 to Unopposed Declared Elected Candidates: Janet Peterson-Gonzales, Alderman Ward 3.** - Mayor Lori Landin administered the Oath of Office to Earlene Rampy, Janet Peterson-Gonzales and Steven Longoria. Earlene Rampy, Janet Peterson-Gonzales and Steven Longoria read the Statement of Elected/Appointed Officer.
- 2. City Mayor will ask City Council to vote on a Mayor Pro-Tem.** - Council Member Rhonda Cypert motioned for Cheryl Birdwell to remain as the Mayor Pro-Tem. Council Member Earlene Rampy seconded. VOTE: Four (4) in favor, one (1) abstained, motion passed.

Consent Agenda:

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

- 3. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for April 14, 2025. 2025** - Council Member Earlene Rampy motioned to approve the minutes of April 14, 2025 Regular Meeting. Council Member Janet Peterson-Gonzales seconded. VOTE: Four (4) in favor, One (1) abstained, motion passed.
- 4. Approval of Financial Statements/Accounts Payable for April 2025.** - Council Member Rhonda Cypert motioned to approve the Financial Statements of April 2025. Council Member Cheryl Birdwell seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.
- 5. 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:** _____ Joe Caballero

Discuss and Take Action Regarding:

- 6. Consider/Discuss the Rocking P Vet invoice for the animal vouchers.** - City Manager Michael Chambers lets council know that Rocking P Vet sent him an email with a statement to help the citizens of Lorenzo and the number of unwanted pets in the area they are donating their services in the amount of \$2,150.00 to the City of

Lorenzo so long story short they ended up writing off the invoice. There will no longer be a voucher system, they would like to offer discount coupons to help citizens, the owners would be fully responsible for the bill and they will hand out discount coupons. I don't know if that is something the council wants to do. Council Member Janet Peterson-Gonzales motioned to not approve any discount coupons from Rocking P Vet if the citizens want to go get coupons then let them go get the services from them but that they need to give the coupons themselves and shouldn't be filtered through the city office. Council Member Cheryl Birdwell seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.

7. **Consider/Discuss the violation issues of 707 1st street by running a business in a residential zone.** - No Motion-Discussion Only
8. **Consider and take action on Tax Deed Parcel R11617 Lot Ten (10) and the South half of Lot Eleven (11), in Block Thirty (30), Original Town of Lorenzo, Crosby County, Texas – bid from Reymundo Briseno Lopez & Manuela R Lopez in the bid amount of \$2,100.** - Council Member Janet Peterson-Gonzales motioned to approve the bid for Reymundo Briseno Lopez and Manuela R Lopez for the amount of \$2,100. Council Member Cheryl Birdwell seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.
9. **Consider/Discuss approving bids to demo & remove house, storage shed, and vegetation at 501 6th Street.** - Council Member Janet Peterson-Gonzales motioned to approve the bid from R&J Dirt work. Council Member Rhonda Cypert seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.
10. **Consider/Discuss cleanup of 506 Pierce Street, and file a lien on property for the clean-up price of \$1,250.00.** - Council Member Rhonda Cypert motioned to approve the clean-up price for the amount of \$1,250 for 506 Pierce Street but check it is cleaned properly before we pay them. Council Member Cheryl Birdwell seconded. VOTE: Four (4) in favor, One (1) abstained, motion passed.
11. **Consider/Discuss cleanup of 401 5th street, and file a lien on property for the clean-up price \$5,000.** – No Motion, Discussion Only. It will be put back on the agenda when ready.
12. **Consider/Discuss scheduling a city-wide cleanup day.** - Council Member Steven Longoria motioned to approve June 28th for the city-wide cleanup day. Council Member Janet Peterson-Gonzales seconded. VOTE: Five (5) in favor, motion passed.
13. **Adjournment** – Mayor Lori Landin Adjourns the meeting at 8:06 pm.


Lori Landin, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lisa Hernandez, City Secretary