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**NOTICE OF CALLED MEETING
LORENA CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2020 – 6:30 P.M.
LORENA CITY HALL
107-A S. FRONTAGE ROAD, LORENA TEXAS**

In accordance with social distancing guidelines, the City Council meeting will not be open to the public. Some council members may attend, while others may call to participate. The meeting will be livestreamed at <https://www.facebook.com/City-of-Lorena-TX-107462186073432/>

Questions and comments on items listed on the agenda may be emailed no later than two hours (4:30 p.m.) prior the meeting to the City Secretary via email at mhendrix@lorenatx.gov

MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Roll Call.

Mayor Protem Bill Coleman called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Council members present were Emily McKenzie, Jeff Linnstaedter, Tommy Ross and Kelly Yarbrough. Mayor Chuck Roper was absent.

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

2. Citizens questions or comments.

None.

3. Discussion and possible action on Resolution 2020-0817-02 adopting TCAP'S Professional Services Agreement and Gexa Energy's Commercial Electric Service Agreement for power to be provided on and after January 1, 2023.

Margaret Somereve with TCAP was present via ZOOM and explained changes to the procurement process for rates. The TCAP professional service agreement is new and lays out everything that TCAP does for its members. Jeff Linnstaedter questioned if there is only one retail service provider and was told yes. Somereve explained that Gexa does the billing. Linnstaedter also questioned the current rate. Kelly Yarbrough questioned the RFP monthly and Somereve explained.

Tommy Ross motioned to adopt TCAP'S Professional Services Agreement Resolution and Gexa Energy's Commercial Electric Service Agreement for power to be provided on and after January 1, 2023. Emily McKenzie seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

4. Discussion and possible action on the 2020 investment policy for the City of Lorena.

Finance Officer Linda Klump explained the policy is required to be reviewed annually. The only change to the investment policy is under section III. Scope, the addition of the Tax Increment Reinvest Zone Fund. Emily McKenzie questioned if the RFP for depository requirements is in this document and was told no.

Kelly Yarbrough motioned to accept the 2020 investment policy. Jeff Linnstaedter seconded the motion.

5. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 2020-0831-01 accepting the 2020 Certified Tax Roll.

Tommy Ross motioned to adopt the ordinance accepting the 2020 Certified Tax Roll.

Kelly Yarbrough seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

6. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 2020-0831-02 adopting the 2020-2021 fiscal year budget.

Linda Klump explained budget and informed council this budget does not include the 2020-2021 EDC budget.

Emily McKenzie motioned to approve the ordinance adopting the 2020-2021 fiscal year budget. Kelly Yarbrough seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

7. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 2020-0831-03 adopting the 2020 property tax rate of .543604.

Linda Klump explained this is a no new revenue tax rate. Jeff Linnstaedter motioned to adopt the no new revenue rate of .543604. Tommy Ross seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

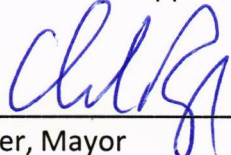
8. Discussion and possible action on ratification of the property tax increase reflected in the 2020-2021 fiscal year budget.

Monica Hendrix explained because there is a slight increase in the tax revenue in this budget, the council must vote to ratify the property tax increase per Tex. Loc. Gov't Code Section 102.007(c). Linda Klump informed council the increase is from new construction. Tommy Ross motion to ratify the property tax increase. Kelly Yarbrough seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

9. Adjourn.


Due to no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

These minutes were approved this 21st day of September 2020.



Chuck Roper, Mayor

Attest:



Monica Hendrix, City Secretary

