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**NOTICE OF CALLED MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS
LORENA CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 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/880214141> 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

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, and Shane Phillips. Emily McKenzie was absent.

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

2. Citizens questions or comments.

None.

3. Public Hearing: Mayor opened public hearing at 6:32 p.m.

Conduct a public hearing on the FY 2021-2022 Budget.

No comments. Public hearing closed at 6:32 p.m.

4. Public Hearing: Mayor opened public hearing at 6:33p.m.

Conduct a public hearing on the Proposed 2021 Tax Rate of .53346.

No comments. Public hearing closed at 6:33 p.m.

5. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 2021-0831-01 accepting the 2021 Certified Tax Roll.

Motion by Shane Phillips to approve the ordinance.

Kelly Yarbrough seconded the motion.

FOR: George, Linnstaedter, Yarbrough and Phillips.

AGAINST: None

ABSENT: McKenzie

Motion carried.

6. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 2021-0831-02 adopting the 2021-2022 fiscal year budget.

Motion by Kelly Yarbrough to approve the ordinance.

Jeff Linnstaedter seconded the motion.

FOR: George, Linnstaedter, Yarbrough and Phillips.

AGAINST: None

ABSENT: McKenzie

Motion carried.

7. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 2021-0831-03 adopting the 2021 property tax rate of .53346.

Kelly Yarbrough moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of .053346, which is effectively a 4.49 percent increase in the tax rate.

Katrina George seconded the motion.

Shane Phillips wanted noted on record that there will be a decrease of -.57 cents per \$100,000 home.

FOR: George, Linnstaedter, Yarbrough and Phillips.

AGAINST: None

ABSENT: McKenzie

Motion carried.

8. Discussion and possible action on ratification of the property tax increase reflected in the 2021-2022 fiscal year budget.

Motion by Jeff Linnstaedter to approve the ratification of the property tax increase.

Shane Phillips seconded the motion.

FOR: George, Linnstaedter, Yarbrough and Phillips.

AGAINST: None

ABSENT: McKenzie

Motion carried.

9. Discussion and possible action allowing the Lorena Theater Booster Club to host a haunted trail at McBrayer Park on October 23rd, 24th, 30th and 31st from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Kelly Yarbrough spoke about the Lorena Theater Booster Club and the fund raiser they would like to host at McBrayer Park. Kevin Neal informed the council there may be a conflict on October 23rd with the Lorena Chamber of Commerce. Yarbrough stated the Booster Club will obtain liability insurance for the event. The Booster Club will get with the Chamber concerning the times. Mayor Tommy Ross had questions about security. Mayor also wanted to be clear that this event is sponsored by the booster club and not the Lorena ISD. Katrina George voiced concerns about social distancing and stressed the need to promote it and wear mask.

Motion by Shane Phillips to approve the request.

Katrina George seconded the motion.

FOR: George, Linnstaedter and Phillips.

ABSTAIN: Yarbrough

AGAINST: None