

City of Lorena Town Hall Meeting

November
8, 2021

This Evenings Agenda



City Financial
Outlook

Water
Rates

Development

City
Employees

Streets &
Infrastructure

Questions

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“Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it everywhere, diagnosing it incorrectly and applying the wrong remedies.”

Introduction



Who?



Meet the Mayor

Tommy Ross

500 Gibraltar Lane

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mayor@lorenaTX.gov

Available by appointment through city hall

254-857-4642 (I have a full-time job so late afternoon works best)



Meet the Mayor

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12

11 and to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, **12** so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one.

1. City Financial Outlook



\$1,383,459

General Fund

\$1,958,539

Utility fund

\$220,350

Sanitation Fund

We have roughly 6 months surplus in our budget

Lorena's 2021-2022 property tax rate is 0.0533460 which is a slight decrease from the previous year which was 0.543604

The city of Lorena pays for a yearly audit by JRBT

2. City Employees



City Employees

- Public Works-5-(as of today we only have 3)
- Police-7-(6 full time, 1 part time graduation in Dec.)
- City Hall-5 (short 1 position)

- Each employee received a 7% increase in pay for year 2021-2022

AGENCY	# OFFICERS	PATROL	SGT	LT./CAPT	CMD CHIEF
1. TxDPS		\$60,613	\$99,978	Unavailable	Unavailable
2. Waco PD		\$58,878	\$82,327	Unavailable	Unavailable
3. Woodway PD	34	\$57,200	\$76,960	\$83,200	\$99,840
4. McLennan Co. SO		\$50,575	\$69,369	\$75,054	\$97,042
5. Hewitt PD	25	\$49,669	\$64,771	\$78,707	\$114,477
6. Waco VA Police		\$48,915	\$56,996	No Lt	\$90,803
7. Waco ISD Police		\$45,594	\$67,070	\$70,424	\$78,521
8. Baylor PD	37	\$44,014	\$60,322	\$72,802	\$100,000
9. Constables		\$43,160	\$46,136	\$64,373	Unavailable
10. TSTC Waco	10	\$42,861	\$44,004	\$49,006	\$55,866
11. MCSO Jailer		\$41,731	\$67,007	\$72,499	\$97,042
12. MCC	6	\$40,704	\$46,675	No Lt	\$68,161
13. Robinson PD	23	\$40,480	\$52,000	\$65,000	\$88,000
14. Riesel	3	\$40,000	\$47,681	No Lt	\$58,420
15. *Bellmead	24	\$39,520	\$56,160	\$68,480	\$89,280
16. Lacy Lakeview PD	17	\$39,499	\$51,813	\$60,050	\$67,600
17. Mart PD	5	\$38,000	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable
18. McGregor PD	10	\$37,347	\$55,688	\$55,864	\$123,087
19. West	6	\$36,192	\$41,600	\$47,560	\$58,468
20. Beverly Hills	6	\$34,320	\$37,440	\$43,139	\$61,139
21. Lorena PD	7	\$32,240	\$40,000	Unavailable	\$57,912
Average Salary		\$43,881	\$58,200	\$64,726	\$82,686
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*Bellmead PD plans to increase salaries over next 3 years

**Sorted based on starting salary of patrol officer

3. Water Rates

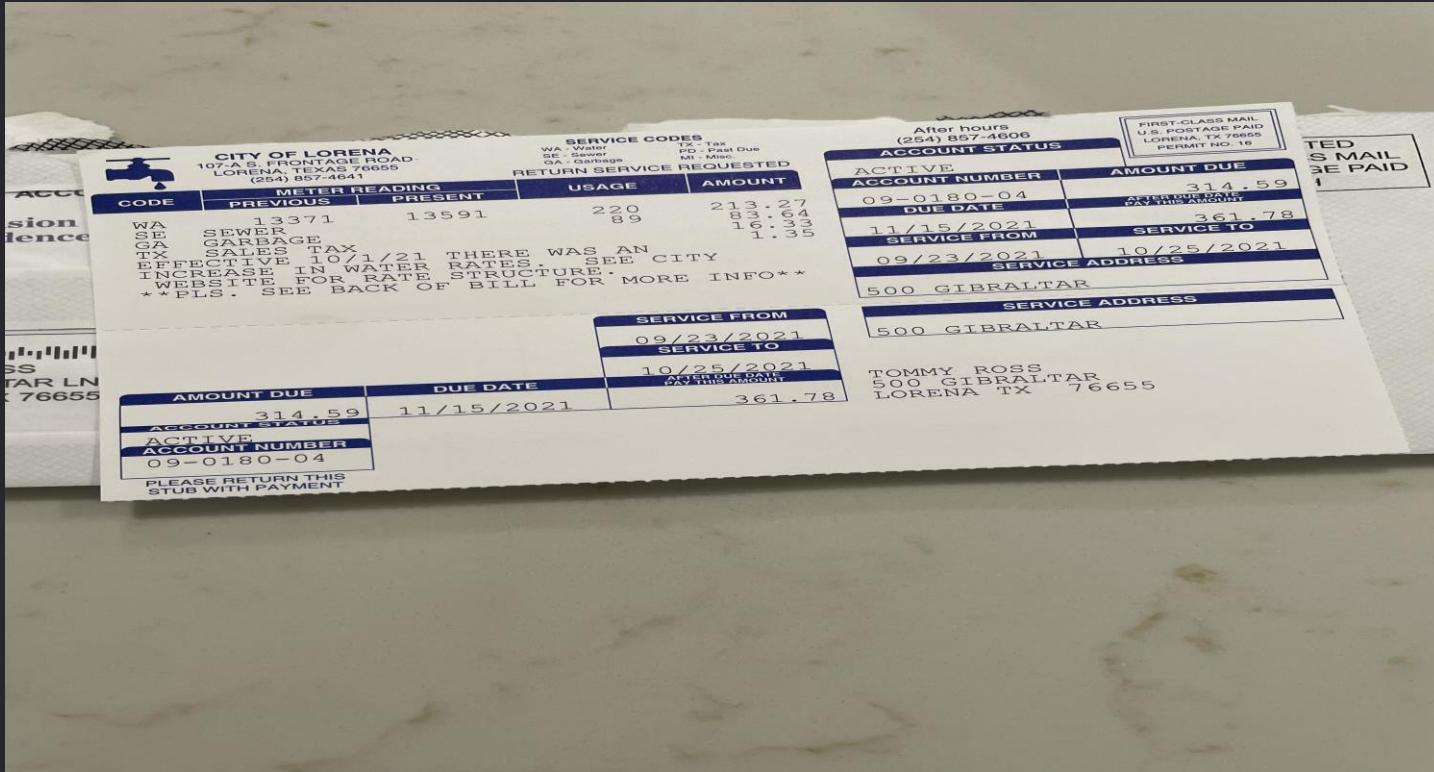


1 Thessalonians 5:11

Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.



Water Rates



Water Rates

- City of Lorena received a 23% water rate increase effective 10/01/2021
- Why? –Robinson water contract!
- What can we do about it?

- Are there other options?

4. Streets & Infrastructure



Streets and Infrastructure

- Repair Streets
- Two Options:
 - 1) no change in the tax rate
 - 2) roughly a .10 increase in the current rate from .53 to .63
- (On a \$250,000 house it would increase it roughly \$250 per year)

Streets and Infrastructure- Option 1

2.5 Million Dollar Street Improvement Package

Bordon St. from FM2837 to I35	\$627,498.00
Center St. from I35 to N. Houston (minus downtown)	\$294,468.00
N. Houston from Center St. to Williams	\$411,454.00
N Houston from Williams to City Limits (post office)	\$285,012.00
Williams Rd. from FM2837 to City Limits	\$433,170.00
Contingencies and inflation (20%)	\$410,320.40
Bond issuance	\$50,000.00
Total	\$2,511,922.40

Streets and Infrastructure- Option 2

5.0 Million Dollar Street Improvement Package	
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Williams Rd. from FM2837 to City Limits	\$433,170.00
Pecan Ridge from N. Houston to Lorena High School	\$200,004.00
S. McBrayer from Center St. to Larkins	\$205,800.00
S. Front Street from Center St. to the Cemetery	\$453,738.00
Leopard Ln. from Williams to Lorena High School	\$236,580.00
Evelyn from Rosenthal Pkwy. to Old Rosenthal	\$247,878.00
Ver-Lo from I-35 to the drainage crossing	\$294,210.00
McBrayer Park internal roadway	\$111,336.00
S. Old Temple Road from Rosenthal to Old Rosenthal	\$373,584.00
Contingencies and inflation (20%)	\$834,946.40
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Streets and Infrastructure- Side by Side

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5. City Development



City Development and Growth

- How do we grow as a City?
- We need more water?
- Options?
- Next step?
- Why do we want to grow? Growing Pains? Is it worth it? Your decision?

6. Questions



THANKS!

ANY QUESTIONS?