



City of Lorena

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND LORENA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2022 - 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://meet.goto.com/918037341> 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

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

Conduct a public hearing to discuss city street replacement and repairs.

Option #1 No tax increase. Option #2 includes a tax increase.

Mayor Tommy Ross opened the public hearing at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Ross presented a list of the proposed streets that will be repaired or replaced with Option 1 no new tax increase, and Option 2 will include a tax increase. Mayor Ross said the streets on the list are not written in stone. Mayor Ross then called for visitors who would like to speak.

Malisa Spivey, 110 E. Center Street spoke. Spivey stated she has spoken to Mayor Tommy Ross and City Manager Kevin Neal and questioned how the list of proposed streets to be repaired were picked and was told city staff chose them at the direction of the city council based off of traffic. Spivey asked if an engineered study had been done and was told no. Kevin Neal explained to Ms. Spivey that the previous City Manager Joseph Pace and himself as the Public Works Director at the time had requested an engineered study and council denied the request. Neal explained council felt they were qualified enough to choose the streets based on the amount of traffic on those streets and their condition. Spivey wanted to know if a traffic count was done and was told no. Spivey also noted the money to repair the streets is not in the current budget as Mayor Ross had stated in the Town Hall meetings. Spivey stated she does not want to pay more taxes to repair the streets. Spivey feels the council should use money that is set aside for the maintenance and repairs of the streets and get an engineered study done to determine which streets need to be repaired.

Chuck Roper, 129 Thompson Circle spoke. Roper is concerned about using money that the we may have for projects we have now, versus using it for any unfunded projects from the past, in particular the TIRZ project. Roper addressed City Manager Kevin Neal and stated that we do have a traffic study from the past. Neal explained it was during the IH-35 project to