



**City of Lorena**  
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**NOTICE OF CALLED MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS**  
**LORENA CITY COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 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 VIDEOCONFERENCE  
AT THE FOLLOWING LINK <https://meet.goto.com/280874813> 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](mailto:mhendrix@lorenatx.gov)

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call.**

Mayor Ross called the workshop to order at 6:30p.m. Council members present were  
Mayor Tommy Ross, Mayor Protem Kelly Yarbrough, Jason Blanek, Katrina George, Emily  
McKenzie and Shane Phillips.

**2. Citizens questions or comments.**

No citizens spoke.

**3. Public Hearing:**

**Conduct a public hearing on the Proposed 2022 Tax Rate of .571145.**

Mayor Ross opened the public hearing at 6:31 p.m.

Brett Davidson, 2600 Eagle Crest spoke. He is opposed to a tax rate increase. Says there  
is more income coming in due to the property tax values and also all the new homes  
being built in the area. (Note: 2600 Eagle Crest is outside the city limits of Lorena)

Mayor Ross spoke and gave the reasons for the tax rate increases. Certificate of  
Obligations for the street improvements is the reason for the increase. Shane Phillips  
spoke and explained that the council actually lowered the tax rate last year. Emily  
McKenzie spoke and explained that the new growth is outside the city limits and any  
homes being built inside the city limits, the city will not see the tax dollars from them for  
at least two years.

Allison Vrana, 907 Springdale Lane spoke and is against the tax rate increase. Vrana says  
that 13% more will be raised based on the county calculations with the home values.

Vrana says the council is being greedy by asking for 9% more. Vrana says to leave the tax rate alone.

Mayor Roper closed the public hearing at 6:43 p.m.

**4. Discussion and possible action adopting the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone-TIRZ 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget.**

MOTION: Shane Phillips motioned to adopt the TIRZ 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget.

SECOND: Jason Blanek

FOR: Blanek, George, Yarbrough, McKenzie and Phillips.

AGAINST: None

Motion carried.

**5. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 2022-0829-01 accepting the 2022 Certified Tax Roll.**

MOTION: Jason Blanek motion to approve Ordinance 2022-0829-01 accepting the 2022 Certified Tax Roll as present.

SECOND: Emily McKenzie

FOR: Blanek, George, Yarbrough, McKenzie and Phillips.

AGAINST: None

Motion carried.

**6. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 2022-0829-02 adopting the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget.**

Linda Klump explained this is the budget is what was presented with the addition of the TIRZ Budget.

MOTION: Kelly Yarbrough motioned to adopt Ordinance 2022-0829-02 adopting the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget.

SECOND: Katrina George

FOR: Blanek, George, Yarbrough, McKenzie and Phillips.

AGAINST: None

Motion carried.

**7. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 2022-0829-03 adopting the 2022 property tax rate of .571145.**

Jason Blanek had questions about the proposed rate and what it covers. He asked if essentially the rate covers the Certificate of Obligations for the streets and Linda Klump said yes. There was discussion on the debt rate portion of the tax rate.

MOTION: Katrina George-I moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.571145, which is effectively a 21.89 percent increase in the tax rate.

SECOND: Jason Blanek

FOR: Blanek, George, Yarbrough, McKenzie and Phillips.

AGAINST: None

Motion carried.

**8. Discussion and possible action on ratification of the property tax increase reflected in the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget.**

MOTION: Shane Phillips motioned to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget.

SECOND: Jason Blanek

FOR: Blanek, George, Yarbrough, McKenzie and Phillips.  
AGAINST: None  
Motion carried.

**9. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 2022-0829-04 adjusting Solid Waste rates to become effective with the October 2022 billing cycle.**

Linda Klump and Kevin Neal explained the change in the ordinance is to match the budget document increase. The increase is to cover fuel cost, land fill increases and canister cost increases.

MOTION: Emily McKenzie moved to approve Ordinance 2022-0829-04 adjusting Solid Waste rates to become effective with the October 2022 billing cycle.

SECOND: Kelly Yarbrough

FOR: Blanek, George, Yarbrough, McKenzie and Phillips.

AGAINST: None

Motion carried.

**10. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 2022-0829-05 adjusting minimum and volumetric water rates and volumetric sewer rates to become effective with the October 2022 billing cycle.**

Linda Klump explained there is a 2% increase in water rates and the sewer rate is approximately \$1.00 per volumetric rate. The fuel cost and employees raise along with fuel cost increases are driving the water increase. The sewer increases are based on City of Waco rates for Bullhide Creek Treatment Plant.

MOTION: Kelly Yarbrough motioned to approve Ordinance 2022-0829-05 adjusting minimum and volumetric water rates and volumetric sewer rates to become effective with the October 2022 billing cycle.

SECOND: Emily McKenzie

FOR: Blanek, George, Yarbrough, McKenzie and Phillips.

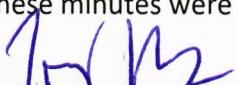
AGAINST: None

Motion carried.

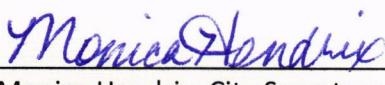
**11. Adjourn.**

Due to no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

These minutes were approved this 17th day of October 2022.

  
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Tommy Ross, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Monica Hendrix, City Secretary

