



# City of Lorena

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**NOTICE OF CALLED MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING**  
**LORENA CITY COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2023, 6:30 P.M.**  
**LORENA CITY HALL**  
**107-A S. FRONTAGE ROAD, LORENA TEXAS**

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### **CALLED MEETING MINUTES**

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

Mayor Ross called the meeting to order at 6:30. Members present were Mayor Tommy Ross, Mayor Pro tem Kelly Yarbrough, Jason Blanek, Katrina George, Emily McKenzie and Brad Wetzel.

City Staff present were Monica Hendrix, Linda Klump, Kevin Neal, Scott Holt and Peter Rivas.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Citizens questions or comments.**

*At this time any person with business before the Council not scheduled on the agenda may speak to the Council. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes, and this time is not transferable. Under the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Council is prohibited from discussing, responding, or acting on any comments or items that have not been properly posted on the agenda. This forum is limited to a total of 30 minutes.*  
No citizen comments.

**4. Public Hearing:**

**Conduct a public hearing on the Proposed 2023 Tax Rate of .537289.**

Mayor Ross opened the public hearing at 6:31 p.m. No citizens were present to speak and the hearing closed at 6:32 p.m.

**5. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 2023-0828-01 accepting the 2023 Certified Tax Roll.**

MOTION: Kelly Yarbrough motioned to certify the tax roll.

SECOND: Emily McKenzie

FOR: Jason Blanek, Katrina George, Kelly Yarbrough, Emily McKenzie and Brad Wetzel.

AGAINST: None

ABSENT: None  
Motion carried 5-0.

**6. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 2023-0828-02 adopting the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget.**

MOTION: Jason Blanek motioned to approve Ordinance 2023-0828-02 adopting the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget.

SECOND: Brad Wetzel

FOR: Jason Blanek, Katrina George, Kelly Yarbrough, Emily McKenzie and Brad Wetzel.

AGAINST: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried 5-0

**7. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 2023-0828-03 adopting the 2023 property tax rate of .537289.**

MOTION: Brad Wetzel moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.537289, which is effectively a 4.01 percent increase in the tax rate.

SECOND: Jason Blanek

FOR: Jason Blanek, Katrina George, Kelly Yarbrough, Emily McKenzie and Brad Wetzel.

AGAINST: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried 5-0

**8. Discussion and possible action on ratification of the property tax increase reflected in the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget.**

MOTION: Katrina George moved to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget.

SECOND: Kelly Yarbrough

FOR: Jason Blanek, Katrina George, Kelly Yarbrough, Emily McKenzie and Brad Wetzel.

AGAINST: None

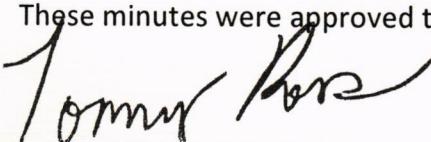
ABSENT: None

Motion carried 5-0

**9. Adjourn.**

Due to no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

These minutes were approved this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.

  
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Tommy Ross, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Monica Hendrix-City Secretary

