



**City of Lorena**  
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**NOTICE OF CALLED MEETING  
LORENA CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JULY 29, 2024 7:30 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/334979125>  
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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 meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Council members present were Mayor Tommy Ross, Jason Blanek, Katrina George, Emily McKenzie and Mayor Pro tem Kelly Yarbrough was present via teleconference. Brad Wetzel was absent. Constituting a quorum.

City Staff present were City Manager Kevin Neal, Finance Officer Linda Klump and Police Officer Christina Serrato.

**2. 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 visitors were present to speak.

**3. Discussion and possible action setting the 2024 proposed tax rate.**

City Manager Kevin Neal informed the council the proposed tax rate is \$0.537832 correlates with the tax calculation that was sent from the tax office and it also correlates with the proposed budget. Neal explained there will be a tax rate public hearing on August 19<sup>th</sup> as well as September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024 to discuss the proposed rate. The adoption of the tax rate will be immediately following public hearing.  
MOTION: Katrina George moved to adopt the proposed tax rate of 0.537832 for 2024 and set a required tax rate public hearing for September 3, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., with adoption of the tax rate immediately following the public hearing.

SECOND: Jason Blanek

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

AGAINST: None

ABSENT: Brad Wetzel

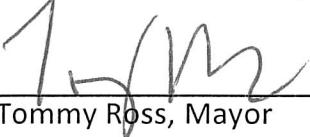
Motion carried 4-0

4. Reminder: During the July 15, 2024 city council meeting, dates and times were set for required public hearings for the proposed budget and tax rate and are as follows:  
Monday, August 19, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. - FY 2024-2025 Proposed Budget Public hearing and 2024 Proposed Tax rate public hearing.  
Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. – adoption of FY 2024-2025 Annual Budget and adoption of 2024 Tax Rate.  
Mayor Ross read the reminder of the future public hearings.

5. **Adjourn**

Due to no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

These minutes were approved this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024.



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Tommy Ross, Mayor

Attest:



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Monica Hendrix, City Secretary

