



**City of Lorena**  
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**NOTICE OF CALLED MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING  
LORENA CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2024, 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/893125333>

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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 6:44 p.m. due to technical difficulties.  
Council members present were Mayor Tommy Ross, Mayor Protem Kelly Yarbrough, Jason  
Blaneck, Katrina George, Emily McKenzie and Jason Blaneck.

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

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Ross led the 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.*

**4. Public Hearing:**

**Conduct a public hearing on the Proposed 2024 Tax Rate of .537832.**

Mayor Ross opened the public hearing at 6:45 p.m. No citizens spoke and the public  
hearing closed at 6:46 p.m.

**5. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 2024-0903-01 accepting the 2024 Certified  
Tax Roll.**

MOTION: Brad Wetzel motioned to approve Ordinance 2024-0903-01 accepting the 2024 Certified  
Tax Roll.

SECOND: Katrina George

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 2024-0903-02 adopting the 2024-2025 fiscal year budget.**

MOTION: Brad Wetzel motioned to approve Ordinance 2024-0903-02 adopting the budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

SECOND: Katrina George

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 2024-09-03 adopting the 2024 property tax rate of .537832.**

MOTION: Emily McKenzie moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.537832, which is effectively a 5.23 percent increase in the tax rate.

SECOND: Brad Wetzel

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 2024-2025 fiscal year budget.**

MOTION: Brad Wetzel motioned to approve the ratification of the property tax increase reflected in the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year budget.

SECOND: Katrina George

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 6:50 p.m.

These minutes were approved this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October 2024.

  
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Tommy Ross, Mayor

Attest:  
  
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Monica Hendrix, City Secretary

