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NOTICE OF CALLED MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
LORENA CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2025, 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
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CALLED MEETING MINUTES 6:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call.

Mayor Walizer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were Mayor Russell Walizer, Mayor Pro tem Kelly Yarbrough, Jason Blanek, Carla Pendergraft, Emily McKenzie and Adam Montemayor.

City staff present were Monica Hendrix, Linda Klump, Kevin Neal and Peter Rivas.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Walizer 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.

No visitors were present to speak.

4. Public Hearing:

Conduct a public hearing on the Proposed 2025 Tax Rate.

Mayor Walizer called the public hearing to order at 6:31 p.m. There were no visitors present to speak and the public hearing closed at 6:31 p.m.

5. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 2025-0902-01 accepting the 2025 Certified Tax Roll.

City Secretary Monica Hendrix informed council the certified tax roll is accepted each year as a part of the budget process.

Motion: Jason Blanek moved to approve the ordinance accepting the 2025 certified tax roll.
Second: Carla Pendergraft
For: Jason Blanek, Carla Pendergraft, Kelly Yarbrough, Emily McKenzie and Adam Montemayor.
Against: None
Motion carried 5-0

6. **Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 2025-0902-02 adopting the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget.**
Motion: Kelly Yarbrough moved to approve Ordinance 2025-0902-02 adopting the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget.
Second: Emily McKenzie
For: Jason Blanek, Carla Pendergraft, Kelly Yarbrough, Emily McKenzie and Adam Montemayor.
Against: None
Motion carried 5-0
7. **Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 2025-09-02-03 adopting the 2025 property tax rate of .563934.**
Motion: Carla Pendergraft moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.563934, which is effectively a 5.24 percent increase in the tax rate.
Second: Adam Montemayor
For: Jason Blanek, Carla Pendergraft, Kelly Yarbrough, Emily McKenzie and Adam Montemayor.
Against: None
Motion carried 5-0
8. **Discussion and possible action on ratification of the property tax increase reflected in the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget.**
Motion: Kelly Yarbrough moved to ratify the property tax revenue increase reflected in the FY 2025-2026 budget.
Second: Carla Pendergraft
For: Jason Blanek, Carla Pendergraft, Kelly Yarbrough, Emily McKenzie and Adam Montemayor.
Against: None
Motion carried 5-0

9. Adjourn.

Due to no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

These minutes were approved on this 15th day of September 2025.

Russell Walizer
Russell Walizer, Mayor

Attest:

Monica Hendrix
Monica Hendrix, City Secretary

