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OFFICIAL MINUTES

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING
 LORENA CITY COUNCIL
 THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2016 6:30 P.M.
 LORENA CITY HALL
 107-A S FRONTAGE ROAD, LORENA, TEXAS**

1. Call to Order

Mayor Roper called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. gave the open meeting statement and announced that a quorum of the council was present. Members present were Mayor Chuck Roper, Mayor Protem Bill Coleman, J. Fagner and Jennifer Grimm, Jeff Linnstaedter and Kelly Yarbrough. Constituting a quorum.

City Staff present were City Manager Joseph Pace, Chief of Police Tom Dickson, City Secretary Monica Hendrix, Finance Officer Linda Klump and Public Works Director Kevin Neal.

2. Second Public Hearing of the citizens on the 2016 Proposed Tax Rate.

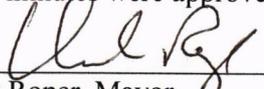
Local citizen Gary Cox spoke and is concerned about raising tax rates with appraisal values going up. Cox feels it is double dipping. Cox shared photos of streets and other projects in the city that need to be repaired along with photos of the city hall parking lot and police station that are "pretty and nice". Cox spoke about Pecan Ridge and the promises made to pave that street to city standards and it ended up a chip seal road that is already full of pot holes.

Donna Benton spoke and is also concerned about raising tax rates for retired senior citizens on a fixed income. Benton has lived in Lorena for 35 years and not a whole lot has been done through the years, and she doesn't understand why the rates are being raised to "build one building". Benton asked council to consider the citizens on a fixed income before raising taxes.

3. Adjourn.

Due to no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

These minutes were approved this 19th day of September 2016.



 Chuck Roper, Mayor

Attest:


 Monica Hendrix, City Secretary

