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**NOTICE OF CALLED MEETING
LORENA CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2022
BUDGET WORKSHOP - 5:30 P.M.
CALLED MEETING – 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/950124581> and/or join the conference call at (254) 655-5400; GUEST PIN :2021

The City Council Meeting will be opened to the public. To mitigate the spread of COVID-19, social distancing will be recommended.

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

WORKSHOP AGENDA-MINUTES

1. Call to order/Roll Call.

Mayor Ross called the workshop to order at 5:30p.m. Council members present were Mayor Tommy Ross, Mayor Protem Kelly Yarbrough, Jason Blaneck, Katrina George, Emily McKenzie and Shane Phillips.

2. Presentation and discussion of proposed budget for FY 2022-2023.

Mayor Ross explained that council received a budget memo with the highlights of changes to the budget. Klump informed council that the proposed budget is a balanced budget. Klump explained all the increases are due to inflation and CPI. The current CPI is 8.8%. Klump also explained the budget is calculated based on the voter approval tax rate of .571145.

3. Adjourn.

Mayor Ross closed the workshop at 6:16 p.m.

Please note: No public comments will be heard during the workshop and no vote will be held.

CALLED MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Roll Call.

Mayor Ross called the workshop to order at 6:30p.m. Council members present were Mayor Tommy Ross, Mayor Protem Kelly Yarbrough, Jason Blaneck, Katrina George, Emily McKenzie and Shane Phillips.

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

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 spoke.

3. Discussion and possible action of the 2022 Proposed Tax Rate.

Linda Klump informed council the proposed rate is the voter approval rate of .571145. Kelly Yarbrough asked if that means the rate has to go to the voters for approval. Linda Klump explained that if you stay under this rate, there is no requirement for voter approval. Any rate over this rate requires an election for voter approval. Cities can only raise the rate 3% over what the county says without voter approval. This 3% limit was decided by voter approval because the State of Texas put it out for a vote, and this is why it is called vote approval rate.

MOTION: Emily McKenzie motioned to propose .571145 as the tax rate for 2022.

SECOND: Jason BlaneK

FOR: BlaneK, George, Yarbrough, McKenzie and Phillips.

AGAINST: None

Motion carried.

4. Discussion and possible action on setting the required public hearing time and date for the proposed tax rate and the date for adoption of the 2022 proposed tax rate.

There was discussion about the dates for the hearings. Monica Hendrix explained there are two required public hearings for the tax rate. The dates are August 15th and August 29, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

MOTION: Shane Phillips motioned to set the two public hearings for the tax rate, one on August 15, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at Lorena City Hall and the second on August 29, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at Lorena City Hall.

SECOND: Kelly Yarbrough

FOR: BlaneK, George, Yarbrough, McKenzie and Phillips.

AGAINST: None

Motion carried.

5. Discussion and possible action on setting the date and time for a public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Proposed Annual Budget.

The suggested date is August 15, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

MOTION: Emily McKenzie motioned to set the budget public hearing on August 15, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at Lorena City Hall.

SECOND: Jason BlaneK

FOR: BlaneK, George, Yarbrough, McKenzie and Phillips.

AGAINST: None

Motion carried.

6. Adjourn.

Due to no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.