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**NOTICE OF CALLED MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS
LORENA CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 2022 – 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/280874813> 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

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 Blane, Katrina George, Emily McKenzie and Shane Phillips.

2. Citizens questions or comments.

No citizens spoke.

3. Public Hearing:

Conduct a public hearing on the Proposed 2022 Tax Rate of .571145.

Mayor Ross opened the public hearing at 6:31 p.m.

Brett Davidson, 2600 Eagle Crest spoke. He is opposed to a tax rate increase. Says there is more income coming in due to the property tax values and also all the new homes being built in the area. (Note: 2600 Eagle Crest is outside the city limits of Lorena)

Mayor Ross spoke and gave the reasons for the tax rate increases. Certificate of Obligations for the street improvements is the reason for the increase. Shane Phillips spoke and explained that the council actually lowered the tax rate last year. Emily McKenzie spoke and explained that the new growth is outside the city limits and any homes being built inside the city limits, the city will not see the tax dollars from them for at least two years.

Allison Vrana, 907 Springdale Lane spoke and is against the tax rate increase. Vrana says that 13% more will be raised based on the county calculations with the home values.

Vrana says the council is being greedy by asking for 9% more. Vrana says to leave the tax rate alone.

Mayor Roper closed the public hearing at 6:43 p.m.

4. Discussion and possible action adopting the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone-TIRZ 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget.

MOTION: Shane Phillips motioned to adopt the TIRZ 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget.

SECOND: Jason BlaneK

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

AGAINST: None

Motion carried.

5. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 2022-0829-01 accepting the 2022 Certified Tax Roll.

MOTION: Jason BlaneK motion to approve Ordinance 2022-0829-01 accepting the 2022 Certified Tax Roll as present.

SECOND: Emily McKenzie

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

AGAINST: None

Motion carried.

6. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 2022-0829-02 adopting the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget.

Linda Klump explained this is the budget is what was presented with the addition of the TIRZ Budget.

MOTION: Kelly Yarbrough motioned to adopt Ordinance 2022-0829-02 adopting the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget.

SECOND: Katrina George

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

AGAINST: None

Motion carried.

7. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 2022-0829-03 adopting the 2022 property tax rate of .571145.

Jason BlaneK had questions about the proposed rate and what it covers. He asked if essentially the rate covers the Certificate of Obligations for the streets and Linda Klump said yes. There was discussion on the debt rate portion of the tax rate.

MOTION: Katrina George-I moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.571145, which is effectively a 21.89 percent increase in the tax rate.

SECOND: Jason BlaneK

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

AGAINST: None

Motion carried.

8. Discussion and possible action on ratification of the property tax increase reflected in the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget.

MOTION: Shane Phillips motioned to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget.

SECOND: Jason BlaneK