

**Official Minutes  
City Of Lorenzo, TX  
September 9, 2024**

**PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL ROOM - LORENZO, TX 7:00 P.M.**

**Mayor Lori Landin called the Public Hearing to Order at 7:00 p.m.** with the following Council Members present: Aldermen, Earlene Rampy, Cheryl Birdwell, Janet Peterson-Gonzales, and Rhonda Cypert. Also present were City Manager Michael Chambers, City Secretary Lisa Hernandez, Public Works Director Chad Mobbs, City Utility/Court Clerk Isabel Salazar, Crosby County Sheriff Deputy Ruben Valdez, Fire Chief Josh King, Fire Assistant Chief Celeste Rackler, and guests.

**Lorenzo City Manager Michael Chambers gave the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Lori Landin.**

**Public Comment:**

*No Public Comments were made on the Public Hearing on the City of Lorenzo governing body's proposed tax rate of \$0.909170 per \$100 valuation creating a tax levy of \$351, 477; which is an 8.99% increase on taxes from the previous year. The purposed tax rate does not exceed the voter-approval tax rate.*

**5. Closed Public Hearing at 7:05 pm.**

**6. Opened Regular Council Meeting at 7:06 pm.**

**Public Comment:**

*Ester Rojas has concerns on the meters not being checked, alleys are bad, and dogs that are very aggressive.  
Dana Cunningham has concerns on her alley being very dirty and that the sanitation company is not doing a very good job and they shouldn't request to go up on cost for that reason and that her dumpster was barely replaced.  
Tony Mendoza was informing the council on the cemetery and that Adams Funeral Home will be marking the graves from now on, the cemetery association will contact the Ag teacher to make stakes to mark the plots at the cemetery and the cemetery association will maintain the cemetery.*

**Regular Agenda**

- 1. Approve August 12, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.** - Council Member Janet Peterson-Gonzales motioned to approve the minutes of August 12, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Rhonda Cypert seconded. VOTE: Four (4) in favor, one absent, motion passed.
- 2. Approve Financial Statements/Accounts Payable for August 2024.** - Council Member Rhonda Cypert motioned to approve Financial Statements for August 2024. Council Member Cheryl Birdwell seconded. VOTE: Four (4) in favor, one absent, motion passed.
- 3. Staff Reports:**  
*{Staff reports are for discussion only. No Motion.}*
  - a. **City Manager Report:** \_\_\_\_\_ Michael Chambers
  - b. **Crosby County Sheriff Report:** \_\_\_\_\_ Ruben Valdez
  - c. **Fire Department Report:** \_\_\_\_\_ Josh King

**Discuss and Take Action Regarding:**

- 1. Consider and adopt the proposed tax rate of \$0.909170 per \$100 valuation creating a tax levy of \$351,477 which is an 8.99% increase on taxes from the previous year. The proposed tax rate does not exceed the voter-approval tax rate.** - Council Member Janet Peterson-Gonzales "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.909170, which is effectively a 8.99 percent increase in the tax rate. Council Member Cheryl Birdwell seconded. VOTE: Four (4) in favor, one absent, motion passed.
- 2. Consider and discuss possibility of relocating council meetings due to increase of attendance.** - No Motion - Discussion Only -
- 3. Consider and approve bid to replace roof at 407 Harrison Ave. (Lorenzo Volunteer Fire Department)** - Council Member Cheryl Birdwell motions to approve the bid from Kincaid for the roof at the Fire Department for the price \$18,770.34 that was quoted. Council Member Janet Peterson-Gonzales seconded. VOTE: Four (4) in

favor, one absent, motion passed.

4. **Consider and approve bid to replace roof at 705 6<sup>th</sup> Street (City Hall).** - Council Member Cheryl Birdwell motions to approve the bid from Quality Exteriors for the roof at City Hall for the price \$8,860.00 that was quoted. Council Member Earlene Rampy seconded. VOTE: Four (4) in favor, one absent, motion passed.
5. **Consider and approve bid to replace roof at 409 Van Buren (Community Center)** - Council Member Janet Peterson-Gonzales motions to approve the bid from Kincaid for the roof at the Community Center for the price \$21,987.32 that was quoted. Council Member Rhonda Cypert seconded. VOTE: Four (4) in favor, one absent, motion passed.
6. **Consider and discuss the CPI increase of Caprock Waste, and the possibility of raising sanitation rates.** - No Motion - Discussion Only - *Schedule a special meeting with Bobby and with the Public*
7. **Consider and deny Resolution 09092024 - A Resolution by the City of Lorenzo, Texas ("City") Denying Southwestern Public Company's Purposed Surcharge In Connection with the final rates approved related to its statement of intent submitted on about February 8, 2023.** - Council Member, Cheryl Birdwell motions to deny Resolution 09092024 for Southwestern Public Company's Purposed Surcharge in connection with the final rates. Council Member Earlene Rampy seconded. VOTE: Four (4) in favor, one absent, motion passed.
8. **Consider and discuss allowing exemptions for nonprofit entities to use Community Center for anniversaries, funerals, trainings, etc.** - Council Member Cheryl Birdwell motions to refund the \$150.00 rental fee to Mount Pleasant Church for their 100-year Anniversary and to create a policy when all council members are at the meeting. Council Member Rhonda Cypert seconded. VOTE: Three (3) in favor, one abstained, one absent, motion passed.
9. **Consider and approve the new 5-year contract with UniFirst for the Public Works Department and City Administrator.** - Council Member Rhonda Cypert motions to approve the 5-year contract with UniFirst for the uniforms for Public Works Department and City Administrator. Council Member Cheryl Birdwell seconded. VOTE: Four (4) in favor, one absent, motion passed.
10. **Discuss and Consider City Council Decorum Policy** - No Motion - Discussion Only -

**Adjournment** - City Mayor Lori Landin adjourns the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

  
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Lori Landin, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
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Lisa Hernandez, City Secretary