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**NOTICE OF LORENA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 18, 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
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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 Protem Kelly Yarbrough called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members
present were Kelly Yarbrough, Emily McKenzie, Shane Phillips, Katrina George and Jason
Blanek. Mayor Tommy Ross was absent. Constituting a quorum.

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Kelly Yarbrough led pledge to the American and Texas Flags.

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 spoke at this time.

4. Approval of Minutes:

a. June 20, 2022

MOTION: Katrina George motioned to approve the minutes.

SECOND: Jason Blanek

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

AGAINST: NONE

ABSENT: Mayor Tommy Ross

Motion carried.

5. Commission and Corporation Reports.

a. Economic Development Corporation

No meeting.

b. Planning and Zoning Commission

Monica Hendrix reported that P&Z met and discussed the alternative fence material variance request and voted unanimously for approval recommendation to the city council.

6. Discussion and possible action on an ordinance authorizing the sale and issuance of the City of Lorena, Texas Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2022; and ordaining other matters relating to the subject."

Jason Hughes with Southwest Securities was present and informed council the bonds sold at 3.62%. Hughes says the cities credit rating is AA-, which is fantastic. The CO is callable in 10 years which mean the city can either pay this off or refinance if needed. Hughes also stated the deal will close on August 17th after the 30-day waiting period.

MOTION: Emily McKenzie motioned to approve the ordinance authorizing the sale and issuance of the City of Lorena, Texas Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2022.

SECOND: Katrina George

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

ABSENT: Mayor Tommy Ross

Motion carried.

7. Discussion and possible action on a recommendation from the Lorena Planning and Zoning Commission for approval of a request by J. Fagner, 804 Springdale Circle for the Use of Alternative Fence Materials, Section 9.5.2 of the Lorena Zoning Ordinance.

Resident J. Fagner was present at the meeting to answer questions from council. Fagner stated he is replacing a wooden privacy fence and wants the wire fence in order to see the creek behind his home. Council was informed the Lorena Planning and Zoning Commission voted unanimously for approval of the requested materials as they feel is nicer looking than a chain-link fence. Kevin Neal says he is in favor of the materials because they are a more open design than chain-link and will allow more flow should the creek rise during heavy rain events.

MOTION: Emily McKenzie moved to approve the use of alternative fence materials as requested by J. Fagner.

SECOND: Jason Blaneck

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

AGAINST: NONE

ABSENT: Mayor Tommy Ross

Motion carried.

8. Discussion and possible action for nominations to the Board of Trustees of the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool.

There was discussion about how to vote and what exactly this board does. After discussion, a motion was made by Shane Phillips for no action on this item.