

*LONE STAR CITY COUNCIL
FIRE HALL – 201 WEST INDUSTRIAL
August 19, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.*

***We reserve the right to enter into Executive Session on any Agenda item pertaining to
TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. Sections 551.071-551.078, 551.087-551.089***

In compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code, the City of Lone Star issues this public notice. If, during the course of the meeting, any discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in executive or closed session, the board will convene in such executive or closed session in accordance with Section 551 of the Texas Government Code, Et Seq. The City Council will consider and act on the following items:

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on the meeting notice.

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AGENDA

Present were Mayor Pro Tem Jerri Chism, Aldermen Mona Brown, Lynn Cox and City Secretary Tina Love. Absent were Mayor Randy Hodges and Alderman Jeremy Livingston.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER - Jerri Chism @ 6:00 P.M.**
- 2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Invocation – Lynn Cox
Pledge of Allegiance – All in unison**

- 3. CITIZEN COMMENTS:** *At this time, anyone will be allowed to speak on any matter other than personnel matters or matters under litigation, for length of time not to exceed three minutes. No Council/Board discussion or action may take place on a matter until such matter has been placed on an agenda and posted in accordance with law.]*

- 4. CONSENT ITEMS:**
Minutes of the Regular Meeting on July 15, 2021.

A motion to accept the minutes of July 15, 2021, as written, was made by Mona Brown with a second by Rudy Dudley. All present voted Aye.

- 5. REPORTS:**
 - 5-1: Judge/Court Report
 - 5-2: Police Department Report
 - 5-3: Fire Chief Report
 - 5-4: Public Works Report
 - 5-5: Water District Report
 - 5-6: Financial Reports
 - a. Water and Sewer Fund

b. General Fund

A motion to accept reports 5-1 thru 5-6B was made by Mona Brown with a second by Rudy Dudley. All present voted aye.

6. ACTION ITEMS

- 6.1 Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council for extension and future expansion of water main on CR2208 as presented by Dusty Ansley.

Dusty Ansley approached the City Council about building a housing addition on County Road 2208. He would like to extend the waterline on CR2208 and replace the main line because it is not large enough and then extend these waterlines onto the property he has purchased. He provided the council documentation representing the phases of the project in which he hopes to start Phase 1 within the next 60-90 days. Phase 2 & 3 is somewhere within the next 3-5 years which will include adding two more roads in the area. He reports there is a 6" watermain going to CR2208 stopping where the old pump station used to be, then a 2" watermain going down the road to service 3 customers at the end of the roadway. Mr. Ansley stated that a 2" watermain would only handle up to 10 houses, whereas a 3" watermain could handle up to 50 houses. A 3" watermain is too small and can't handle a fire hydrant, so he desires to put in a 6" watermain so fire hydrants can be placed in the area. Mr. Ansley provided drawings of the proposed layout of the new addition. He's received a quote for Phase 1 for City replacement portion going down the roadway at 1,316 ft., cost of \$12.00/ft totaling \$15,792.00. The additional new road where the new lots will be located was calculated at 1,575 ft. @ \$12.00/ft totaling \$18,900.00; overall total for phase 1 equals \$34,692.00, as reported to Council. The figures reported were including cost of labor and materials. He did not supply engineering drawings and stated he would do so if the city approved him tapping into the water. He also asked the city if there would be subsidies available to help offset the cost. A group discussion occurred about the cost to repair existing water lines to supply the area, supplying water, sewer, and electrical power to the area, whether to annex or not annex, tapping fees for each location and other improvements for the area. Public Works supervisor, Shane Townson, expressed the cost of providing water is the least expensive cost for this project. A lift station would be required for the sewer, but due to the distance from the wastewater treatment system, it is possible an aerobic systems would be the better way to go.

The Council expressed interest in the project; however, feels additional information, engineering drawings, and more options are necessary before a decision is made. Shane Townson will contact KSA for a quote in replacing the existing waterline on Pricilla. Pending additional information.

No action taken.

- 6.2 Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider installing speed bumps to slow traffic down and a guard rail to mark the drainage ditch at the corner of Jefferson and West Germany as presented by Lesley Dalme.

Lesley Dalme discussed ATV's are constantly speeding up and down West Germany street. She asked if it were possible for the City to place speed bumps on the roadway to slow traffic down. A discussion occurred about the benefits and placement of speed bumps down he roadway. She also discussed the drainage ditch located at the corner of Jefferson and West Germany is difficult to see and needs to be marked or a guard rail placed there. The Public Works supervisor purchased reflective markers to mark the drainage ditch.

A motion to get quotes on speed bumps being installed at West Germany was made by Mona Brown, with a second from Rudy Dudley. All present voted Aye.

- 6.3 Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to discuss delivery trucks and vehicles with trailers making illegal turnarounds in private driveways and on private property located at 210 and 211 West Germany.

Kristine Donald provided Lesley Dalme a letter to read to Council discussing delivery trucks and individuals continuously using her driveway and neighboring driveways as a turnaround. Her driveway now has divots in it where delivery trucks have turned around since there is no place for vehicles to turn around at the end of West Germany.

No action.

- 6.4 Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to revisit Paul Dorough's employee evaluation that was tabled at previous council meeting pending budget evaluation.

Shane Townson, Public Works Supervisor, extended Paul Dorough's employee evaluation a couple of months to allow additional time for training and to determine how well he handled call out situations. Shane expressed that Paul has done very well on both daily responsibilities and callouts and he has moved to Lone Star to be readily available as needed. Shane asked that Council consider approving Paul's merit increase. Since the delayed evaluation was no fault of Paul's, it was suggested the merit increase be retroactive to July 1st, at which time the evaluation should have occurred.

A motion to give Paul Dorough a merit increase retroactive to July 1st was made by Lynn Cox, with a second from Rudy Dudley. All present voted Aye.

- 6.5 Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider implementing a \$3.00 credit card fee for all credit card payments received and consider effective date of September 1, 2021.

A motion to implement a \$3.00 credit card fee for all credit card payments was made by Lynn Cox, with a second from Rudy Dudley. All present voted Aye.

- 6.6 Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to discuss taking advantage of the fire hydrant reimbursement program offered by the Northeast Texas Municipal Water District.

Shane discussed we added between 25-30 new hydrants during a previous project. The problem is not replacing the hydrants but the capability to shut off an 8” water main for fire hydrant replacement. Some older water mains do not have shut off valves. Shane recently took a tour of NETMWD and spoke with Dominique about our new SCADA system at our high pump service station. Since NETMWD monitors water activities in surrounding cities, 24 hrs. a day, Shane asked if it were possible to use the reimbursement funds to purchase monitoring “eyes” or communication equipment to monitor our water levels at our elevated storage tower instead of purchasing fire hydrants. If so, NETMWD could utilize our SCADA system to monitor our water flow. In the event our water level was low, an alarm would go off at NETMWD and they could contact us. This would give the city a backup monitoring option. Shane is waiting to hear from Dominique if options other than fire hydrants would be considered.

A motion was made to participate in the fire hydrant program with a second from Rudy Dudley. All present voted Aye.

- 6.7 Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider a proposed supplement to ordinance #54 for regulation of tiny houses within the city limits.

This item was tabled until the next City Council meeting on 9/16/21 due to a break in quorum.

- 6.8 Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider approving an expenditure by the Lone Star Economic Development Corporation in the amount of \$16,312 for the “Fence It” company to replace the chain-link fencing at the big baseball field located at the City Park.

This item was tabled until the next City Council meeting on 9/16/21 due to a break in quorum.

- 6.10 Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider approving an expenditure by the Lone Star Economic Development Corporation in the amount of \$20,660.00 for Lonestar Concrete Technologies to re-furbish and seal the concrete and striping on the old basketball court located at the City Park.

This item was tabled until the next City Council meeting on 9/16/21 due to a break in quorum.

- 6.11 Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider approving the Economic Development Corporation hiring an engineering firm, such as KSA, to perform an engineering study regarding the drainage issues at the City Park.

This item was tabled until the next City Council meeting on 9/16/21 due to a break in quorum.

7. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Rudy Dudley, with a second by Lynn Cox. All present voted Aye.

/s/ Jerri Chism
Jerri Chism, Mayor Pro Tem

/s/ Tina Love
Tina Love, City Secretary