

**REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
LONE STAR CITY COUNCIL
FIRE HALL – 201 WEST INDUSTRIAL
October 20, 2016 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, 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, 551.075, 551.076, 551.077*

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.

MINUTES

Present were Mayor Karl Stoermer, Mayor Pro Tem Jerri Chism, Aldermen Mona Brown, Ryan Harte (came in at 6-2) and Lynn Cox and City Secretary Devon Whatley.

1. CALL TO ORDER by Mayor Karl Stoermer

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation led by Mayor Karl Stoermer

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Karl Stoermer

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Sharon Brown spoke about threats made to her while driving her scooter through town.

4. CONSENT ITEMS:

A. Minutes of the Regular Scheduled Meeting on September 15, 2016.

A motion by Jerri Chism and second by Lynn Cox to approve minutes of September 15, 2016, as presented. ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE.

5. REPORTS:

5-1: Judge/Court Report

5-2: Police Department Report

5-3: Fire Chief's Report

5-4: Fire Marshal's Report

5-5: NETWD Director's Report

5-6: Economic Development Corporation Minutes and Financial Report

5-7: Financial Reports

a. Water and Sewer Fund

b. General Fund

A motion by Mona Brown and second by Jerri Chism to approve reports 5-1 through 5-7 (a) and (b), as presented. ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE.

6. NON-ACTION ITEMS:

6-1: The City of Lone Star is hosting a “Trunk-or-Treat” on October 31, 2016, from 5:30-7:00 pm in the Crump’s parking lot. Everyone is invited to decorate the trunk or bed of their vehicle in a fun or spooky way and pass out candy or non-food treats. This is an event to provide the families in our community a safe and fun environment for trick-or-treating.

6-2: The Lone Star Christmas parade will be at 5:30 pm on Monday, December 12, 2016. If any groups or organizations would like to enter a float, contact the Chamber of Commerce.

6-3: Police Lieutenant Steven Blythe will present reserve officer Stephen Rathbun to the Council.

No action was taken.

7. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

7-1: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to approve Mitchell Cox as Chairman of the Economic Development Board, following the resignation of Elizabeth Kienzle.

Motion by Mona Brown, second by Jerri Chism to approve Mitchell Cox as Chairman of the Economic Development Board. All present voted aye.

7-2: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on the Agenda Request of Jim Sly concerning water drainage between Warner and South Shore Drive.

Motion by Mona Brown, second by Ryan Harte to proceed with investigating drainage and act on clearing ditches on Martin Street. All present voted aye.

7-3: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to consider hiring Shane Townson for the Public Works Supervisor position.

Motion by Mona Brown, second by Jerri Chism to hire Shane Townson as Public Works Supervisor. All present voted aye.

7-4: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to decide if the Council will issue an interim ordinance regulating the operation of “sweepstakes” machines in the City.

No action was taken.

7-5: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to approve an expenditure by the Economic Development Board in the amount of \$6,112.00 for the purchase and installation of Christmas decorations throughout the City of Lone Star.

City Secretary corrected the amount to \$7,112.00. Motion by Mona Brown, second by Lynn Cox to approve an expenditure of \$7,112.00 by the Economic Development Board for the purchase and installation of Christmas decorations. Mona Brown, Lynn Cox and Jerri Chism voted aye, Ryan Harte voted nay.

7-6: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to decide what type of contract solicitation we want to pursue in regard to the Boat Ramp improvement project.

Motion by Lynn Cox, second by Mona Brown to procure a contract ourselves using best value. Mona Brown, Jerri Chism and Lynn Cox voted aye, Ryan Harte voted nay.

7-7: Review, Discussion and Possible Action to amend the Water and Sewer Budget for 2016-2017 to include the purchase of a vehicle for the Public Works Supervisor, pending the fulfillment of the position.

Motion by Lynn Cox, second by Jerri Chism to amend the 2016-2017 Water and Sewer Budget to include the purchase of a vehicle for the Public Works Supervisor. Alderman Harte requested the purchase be made locally, if possible. All present voted aye.

7-8: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to declare the week of November 7 – 11, 2016 as Municipal Court Week.

Motion by Mona Brown, second by Jerri Chism to declare the week of November 7 – 11, 2016 as Municipal Court Week. All present voted aye.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION: City Council to convene into executive session for the following issues:

8-1: To consider hiring Shane Townson for the Public Works Supervisor position (TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. § 551.074). The council will then re-convene in open session for review, discussion, and possible action on this matter.

8-2: To consult with its attorney, Stan Lowry, regarding litigation pending in the 2nd Court of Appeals concerning the local governing of “sweepstakes” machines and how it may impact future ordinances created by the City regarding same (TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. § 551.071). The council will then re-convene in open session for review, discussion, and possible action on this matter.

