

REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
LONE STAR CITY COUNCIL
FIRE HALL – 201 WEST INDUSTRIAL
June 21, 2018 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.

MINUTES

Present were Mayor Randy Hodges, Mayor Pro Tem Jerri Chism, Aldermen Keith Reiter, Mona Brown, Trent Duke and Lynn Cox and City Secretary Devon Whatley.

1. CALL TO ORDER by Mayor Randy Hodges.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation led by Alderman Keith Reiter.

Pledge of Allegiance recited in unison.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

4. CONSENT ITEMS:

A. Minutes of the Election Canvass on May 15, 2018.

B. Minutes of the Regular Scheduled Meeting on May 17, 2018.

A motion was made by Jerri Chism and second by Lynn Cox to approve the Minutes of the Election Canvass on May 15, 2018 and Minutes of the Regular Scheduled Meeting on May 17, 2018. All present voted aye.

5. REPORTS:

5-1: Judge/Court Report

5-2: Police Department Report

5-3: Fire Chief Report

5-4: Fire Marshall Report

5-5: Public Works Report

5-6: NETWD Director's Report

5-7: Economic Development Corporation Minutes and Financial Report

5-8: Financial Reports

a. Water and Sewer Fund

b. General Fund

A motion was made by Mona Brown and second by Jerri Chism to approve Reports 5-1 through 5-8 (a) and (b). All present voted aye.

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

6-1: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on a presentation by the City Park Committee regarding suggested improvements to the City Park.

EDC Board Member Rudy Dudley spoke and advised the Council the Park Committee had marked 7-10 trees for removal. Two trees are damaged/leaning, one is missing a top and others need to be cleared for parking. Approximately thirteen parking spaces will be added from the removal of trees. Mr. Dudley also advised that the EDC met with a playground equipment company. The proposed playground equipment will be ADA compliant and have a soft base surface. The existing witches hat and merry-go-round will be removed. He further advised that the City will be addressing the drainage issues in the park. There is a plan to move some of the swings to the east side of Highway 259, after clearing off a lot. The trees removed in the park should be replaced with hardwoods and maybe have people sponsor a tree. EDC members met with Lone Star Specialties who is willing to commit to a \$10,000.00 donation for the park. There is no time frame yet on the completion of the park renovations. The tree removal will cost nothing.

Alderman Trent Duke advised he is trying to contact the contractor who resurfaced the highway about re-using the reclaimed gravel in the park.

EDC Board Member, Park Committee Member and Alderman Mona Brown asked the Council asked for permission to proceed with tree removal. A motion was made by Jerri Chism and second by Keith Reiter to approve the removal of ten trees from the City Park. Permission must be attained from the Council to remove more than ten trees. All present voted aye.

6-2: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council on the City Park Boat Ramp.

A motion was made by Trent Duke and second by Jerri Chism to open the swimming area and boat ramp and pause the boat ramp replacement project pending input from Mark Foster and US Steel and to place a sign at the ramp warning to use at your own risk. All present voted aye.

6-3: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Section IV of Ordinance 241-C regarding the allowance of burning in ditches, excluding concrete ditches. Fire Marshall Bobby Livingston will address the Council on this matter.

Fire Marshall Bobby Livingston asked the Council to reinstate the ban to burn in ditches. He stated an Ordinance has always forbidden burning. He advised the ditches on Wildrose are so bad because of burning drying out the soil and causing erosion. A motion was made by Trent Duke and second by Jerri Chism to reinstate the ban on burning in ditches. Voting aye were Trent Duke, Lynn Cox, Mona Brown and Jerri Chism. Voting nay was Keith Reiter. Motion carried.

6-4: Review, Discussion and Possible Action regarding the 2.36% rate increase proposed by Sanitation Solutions.

A motion was made by Jerri Chism and second by Lynn Cox to deny Sanitation Solutions' requested 2.36% rate increase. All present voted aye. The Council stated that a request for proposal for garbage services will need to be done before the expiration of the contract with Sanitation Solutions in February.

6-5: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool insurance rates for the 2018-2019 year.

A motion was made by Trent Duke and second by Jerri Chism to approve "Option 4" for insurance rates. All present voted aye.

Option 4 is \$593.70 per month, per employee, a 14.29% increase from current rates of \$519.48. Maintaining the current premium/deductible would be a 20% increase or \$623.38, per month, per employee. Option 4 provides a \$650.00 in-network deductible (current is \$500), \$900 out of network deductible (current \$750), \$2,000.00 in-network out-of-pocket (current \$1,500.00). Prescription, dental and vision coverages will remain unchanged.

6-6: Review, Discussion and Possible Action to schedule budget workshops for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

A motion was made by Mona Brown and second by Trent Duke to set the first budget workshop for July 12, 2018 at 6:00 pm. All present voted aye.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

7-1: City Council to convene into executive session to discuss possible re-bidding of lots listed for sale in the Edgemont Subdivision (TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. § 551.072). The council will then re-convene in open session for review, discussion, and possible action on these matters.

7-2: City Council to convene into executive session to discuss the appointment of an Associate Judge to the Municipal Court (TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. § 551.074). The council will then re-convene in open session for review, discussion, and possible action on these matters.

8. RE-CONVENE IN OPEN SESSION:

8-1: City Council to re-convene in Open Session for Review, Discussion, and Possible action on the re-bidding of lots listed for sale in the Edgemont Subdivision.

No viable bids were received. A motion was made by Lynn Cox and second by Jerri Chism to table the re-bidding of the lots. All present voted aye.

8-2: City Council to re-convene in Open Session for Review, Discussion, and Possible action on the appointment of an Associate Judge to the Municipal Court.

A motion was made by Keith Reiter and second by Jerri Chism to appoint Tina Sparks as Associate Municipal Court Judge. She will act as Judge at the request of the Municipal Court Judge or sitting Mayor. All present voted aye.

9. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Jerri Chism and second by Mona Brown. All present voted aye.

/s/Randy Hodges
Randy Hodges, Mayor

/s/Devon Whatley
Devon Whatley, City Secretary