

REGULAR MEETING
LONE STAR CITY COUNCIL
FIRE HALL – 201 WEST INDUSTRIAL
June 20, 2019 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 Rudy Dudley, 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 Lynn Cox.

Pledge of Allegiance recited in unison.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS: Sharon Brown addressed the Council and informed them of her concern over the number of dogs at-large.

4. CONSENT ITEMS:

A. Minutes of Election Canvass on May 9, 2019.

B. Minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 16, 2019.

C. Minutes of Special Meeting on May 30, 2019.

A motion to approve Consent Items 4 A through C was made by Jerri Chism, with a second by Trent Duke. 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: NETWD Director's Report

5-6: Economic Development Corporation Minutes and Financial Report

5-7: Financial Reports

Police Department Secretary Tina Sparks informed the Council of the new required security measures put into place in the police department. A motion to approve Reports 5-1 through 5-7 was made by Mona Brown with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.

6. NON-ACTION ITEMS:

6-1: City Secretary Devon Whatley will provide an update on the USDA Loan/Grant Water/Wastewater project.

City Secretary Devon Whatley reported that the USDA loan closed on June 17. The contracts were just received back from the City's attorney and the scheduling of the pre-construction meeting was being determined.

6-2: City Secretary Devon Whatley will provide an update on the boat ramp project, as well as an update on the updates to the City Park.

City Secretary Devon Whatley reported that the boat ramp replacement is done. The contractor is waiting on the dock materials to be delivered. The playground equipment is done and drainage is being worked on.

7. ACTION ITEMS

7-1: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council regarding the proposed women's shelter going into the former Assembly of God church building on Williamsburg Street. This project is part of an initiative from the Morris County Collaborative. Director of the shelter, Linda White, will be present to speak. Ms. White wanted to advise the Council on the creation of the shelter and seek approval to place the shelter in an area zoned as a church.

Linda White, director of the shelter spoke to the Council. Ms. White informed the Council that the church building is owned by the District Assemblies of God. Ms. White wants to establish her own 501c3 and lease the building from the organization. In addition to housing a maximum of eight women in the shelter, Ms. White plans on teaching classes on domestic violence, recovery, life skills and how to get a job. The Council advised Ms. White that she will need to have the Fire Marshall perform an inspection on the building. The Mayor advised that the zoning issue will need to be researched. A motion to table this matter until the zoning issue can be researched was made by Trent Duke, with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.

7-2: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool insurance rates for the 2019-2020 year.

A motion to approve the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool insurance rates for the 2019-2020 year was made by Rudy Dudley with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.

7-3: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider approving the opening of two new accounts at Lone Star State Bank, USDA Construction Account and USDA Reserve Fund. Signatories on these accounts will be Mayor Pro Tem Jerri Chism, Alderman Mona Brown and City Secretary Devon Whatley. These accounts are required as part of the USDA loan process.

A motion to approve the opening of two new accounts at Lone Star State Bank was made by Trent Duke with a second by Rudy Dudley. All present voted aye.

7-4: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider hiring Melissa Watkins as Municipal Court Clerk.

A motion to hire Melissa Watkins as Court Clerk for 25 hours per week at \$13.50 per hour was made by Mona Brown with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.

7-5: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider authorizing the creation of a second part-time public works position.

No action was taken.

7-6: Review, Discussion and Possible Action to schedule budget workshops for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

The first budget workshop meeting was scheduled for August 1, 2019 at 5:30 pm.

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

8-1: To consider hiring Melissa Watkins as Municipal Court Clerk (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.

No Executive Session was held.

9. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Jerri Chism with a second by Trent Duke, all present voted aye.

/s/ Randy Hodges
Randy Hodges, Mayor

/s/ Devon Whatley
Devon Whatley, City Secretary