

REGULAR MEETING
LONE STAR CITY COUNCIL
FIRE HALL – 201 WEST INDUSTRIAL
July 18, 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 Mona Brown, Trent Duke, Lynn Cox and Rudy Dudley and City Secretary Devon Whatley.

1. CALL TO ORDER by Mayor Randy Hodges.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation led by Mayor Randy Hodges.

Pledge of Allegiance recited in unison.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

4. CONSENT ITEMS:

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 20, 2019.

A motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting on June 20, 2019 was made by Trent Duke, with a second by Jerri Chism. 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: Financial Reports

A motion to approve Reports 5-1 through 5-5 was made by Jerri Chism, with a second by Lynn Cox. All present voted aye.

6. NON-ACTION ITEMS:

6-1: There will be a Community Clean-Up day at the City Park on Saturday, August 3, 2019, beginning at 8:30 am. Bring your lawn tools and lend a hand in beautifying our city park.

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. The Council heard about this matter at the June meeting and wanted to pursue additional research as to zoning. According to the City's zoning map, this property is zoned as "Institutional," which does not exclude a shelter as an appropriate facility.

A motion to grant permission to open the women's shelter was made by Mona Brown, with a second by Trent Duke. All present voted aye.

7-2: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider a request for variance to Ordinance 181 by Angie Allison to allow a travel trailer to be temporarily parked and occupied at 313 Martin.

A motion to grant the variance to allow Richard Gunn to live in a travel trailer permanently located at 313 Martin was made by Jerri Chism, with a second by Mona Brown. Voting aye were Trent Duke, Mona Brown and Jerri Chism. Voting nay was Lynn Cox. Rudy Dudley abstained. Motion passed.

7-3: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider approving deeding a small section of land at 4061 Lakeshore Drive to the owner of 4061 Lakeshore Drive, R. Scott Henson. Mr. Henson provided the City Secretary with a survey that indicates the City of Lone Star owns a 0.01 acre section of land on the front of his property. A copy of the survey and deed from G.N. Alcorn to the City is attached. Mr. Henson has requested the City deed him this section of land.

A motion to approve deeding this property to R. Scott Henson, with Mr. Henson paying recording fees, was made by Trent Duke, with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.

7-4: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider approving the opening of one new account at Lone Star State Bank, USDA Bond Fund. Signatories on these accounts will be Mayor Pro Tem Jerri Chism, Alderman Mona Brown and City Secretary Devon Whatley. This account is required for the drafting of payments on the USDA loan.

A motion to approve the opening of a USDA Bond Fund account was made by Trent Duke, with a second by Lynn Cox. All present voted aye.

7-5: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council on establishing a deposit for events held at the City Park.

A motion to table this matter was made by Trent Duke, with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.

7-6: Review, Discussion and Possible Action by the Council to amend Ordinance 243 regarding fireworks in the City of Lone Star. The proposed amendment will establish a curfew for the use of fireworks on approved holidays.

A motion to approve the amendment to Ordinance 243, with the following changes was made by Trent Duke, with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.

Changes to be made are to change the time on July 4 in Sect 3(c) from 11:30 pm to midnight, times on Christmas to 6:00 to 10:00 pm and times on New Years to 6:00 pm to 12:30 am.

7-7: Review, Discussion and Possible Action by the Council to consider approving Resolution 2019-298, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lone Star, Texas Declaring Surplus Property, Values of Surplus Property and Method of Disposal for the 2011 Chevrolet Impala Patrol Car.

A motion to approve Resolution 2019-298 was made by Mona Brown, with a second by Trent Duke. All present voted aye.

7-8: Review, Discussion and Possible Action by the Council to establish a starting pay scale for the Lone Star Police Department.

A motion to have the starting pay for an officer with 0 to 2 years of experience be \$13.50, 3 to 5 years experience \$14.50 and 6 to 10 years experience \$16.00 was made by Lynn Cox, with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.

7-9: Review, Discussion and Possible Action by the Council to consider hiring Kenith Taylor as a part-time Code Enforcement Officer. Officer Brooke Elder has tendered her resignation to Chief Blythe, leaving a need for a Code Enforcement Officer.

A motion to hire Kenith Taylor as a part-time Code and Animal Control Officer at \$15.00 per hour was made by Rudy Dudley, with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.

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

8-1: To consider hiring Kenith Taylor as a part-time Code Enforcement Officer (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.

Council convened into executive session at 6:40 pm. With no action taken, the Council returned to open session at 6:50 pm.

9. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Jerri Chism, with a second by Mona Brown. All present voted nay.

/s/ Randy Hodges
Randy Hodges, Mayor

/s/ Devon Whatley
Devon Whatley, City Secretary