

REGULAR MEETING
LONE STAR CITY COUNCIL
FIRE HALL – 201 WEST INDUSTRIAL
November 21, 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 Mayor Randy Hodges.

Pledge of Allegiance recited in unison.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

4. CONSENT ITEMS:

A. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting October 17, 2019.

A motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of October 17, 2019 was made by Mona Brown 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: 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 to approve Reports 5-1 through 5-7 was made by Jerri Chism with a second by Trent Duke. All present voted aye.

6. NON-ACTION ITEMS

6-1: Mayor Randy Hodges will issue commendations to Sgt. Stephen Rathbun and Public Works Supervisor Shane Townson for the apprehension of a suspect who fled a traffic stop. The apprehension of this suspect resulted in the resolution of a string of thefts in Morris and Cass Counties.

Mayor Hodges issued commendations to Sgt. Rathbun and Mr. Townson.

6-2: Mayor Randy Hodges will issue a commendation to Natalie Livingston for her integral roll in identifying the person who robbed Lone Star State Bank, resulting in an arrest.

Mayor Hodges issued a commendation to Ms. Livingston.

7. ACTION ITEMS

7-1: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider Resolution 2019-299, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lone Star, Texas, Suspending The Effective Date for Ninety (90) Days In Connection With the Statement of Intent Filed by CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Entex and CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas on or About November 14, 2019.

A motion to adopt Resolution 2019-299, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lone Star, Texas, Suspending The Effective Date for Ninety (90) Days In Connection With the Statement of Intent Filed by CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Entex and CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas on or About November 14, 2019 was made by Mona Brown with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.

7-2: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider approving the amendment of Ordinance 273, An Amended Ordinance Providing for Water and Sewer Rates; Water Tapping Fees; Connection, Reconnection, Transfer, and Other Miscellaneous Service Fees; An Increase In Amount of Deposit to Secure Payment of Bills; Establishing New Rates and Fees and The Terms and Conditions Thereof; Providing Penalty for Violation of Terms; Repealing All Prior Ordinances or Parts of Ordinances IN conflict Herewith; and Providing A Severability Clause to include the increases to Commercial Water Rate and Tap Fees at the Regular Meeting of the City Council on September 19, 2019.

A motion to approve the amendment to Ordinance 273 was made by Trent Duke with a second by Rudy Dudley. All present voted aye.

7-3: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider approving an amendment to Ordinance 191 Regulating the Discharge of Wastes Into the Sanitary Sewers of the City of Lone Star Establishing A Permit System, Establishing A System of Charges For Services Rendered, Regulating Unsewered and Miscellaneous Charges, and Providing for Enforcement. This amendment adds regulations regarding Ammonia discharged into the City's collection system, including fines and surcharges.

Public Works Supervisor Shane Townson spoke in support of the proposed amendment. A motion to approve the amendment to Ordinance 191 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 approve an Ordinance Voting for Candidates for The Morris County Appraisal District Board of Directors for 2020-2021.

A motion to give all 91 of the City of Lone Star's votes to Ginger Smith was made by Trent Duke with a second by Jerri Chism. Voting aye were Trent Duke, Rudy Dudley, Mona Brown and Jerri Chism. Lynn Cox abstained from voting. The motion passed.

8. ADJOURN

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

/s/Randy Hodges
Randy Hodges, Mayor

/s/ Devon Whatley
Devon Whatley, City Secretary