

REGULAR MEETING
LONE STAR CITY COUNCIL
FIRE HALL – 201 WEST INDUSTRIAL
February 20, 2020 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: Ms. Beverly Austin with the Morris County Collaborative spoke regarding the Rural Communities Opiod Response Program and resources available for treatment of Opiod addiction.

4. CONSENT ITEMS:

A. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting January 16, 2020.

A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on January 16, 2020 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 was made to approve Reports 5-1 through 5-7 by Jerri Chism, with a second by Trent Duke. All present voted aye.

6. NON-ACTION ITEMS

6-1: Rocky Thomasson, City Manager for the City of Daingerfield will speak regarding changes in ambulance service for the area.

Mr. Thomasson informed the Council that Christus is bringing in LifeNet for ambulance service in the county. Life Net is to provide two ambulances and be in Morris County beginning April 1, 2020.

6-2: Sergeant Stephen Rathbun will provide a report to the Council regarding training hours accrued by the department.

Sgt. Rathbun presented Chief Steven Blythe with a commendation for earning his Master Peace Officer status.

7. ACTION ITEMS

7-1: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council regarding the regulation of game rooms in the City of Lone Star, following the passing of regulations by the Morris County Commissioners.

A motion to approve Ordinance 290, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lone Star, Texas, Repealing Ordinance 282, and All Other Ordinances or Provisions of Ordinances in Conflict Therewith, Specifically: An Ordinance Establishing Rules and Regulations Concerning Placement and Operation of Gaming Rooms Operating Legal Amusement Redemption Machines Within the Incorporated City Limits of Lone Star, Texas and All Amendments Thereto was made by Trent Duke, with a second by Jerri Chism. Voting Aye were Trent Duke, Rudy Dudley, Mona Brown and Jerri Chism. Voting Nay was Lynn Cox. The motion passed.

7-2: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to consider adopting Resolution 2020-300 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lone Star, Texas In Support Of Application for Community Safety Grant (4004101) and Naming An Authorized Official.

Officer Ken Jones presented information to the Council regarding three grants. The Community Safety grant is for the purchase of a pepper ball gun, shield, vests, thermal monacle and night vision goggles. The Homeland Security Grant is for the purchase of new radios. The Cops Grant pays 100% for a police officer for the first year and tapers off over the following three years. There are no matches for these grants.

A motion to authorize application for the Community Safety Grant, Homeland Security Grant and the Cops Grant was made by Lynn Cox, with a second by Mona Brown. All present voted aye.

7-3: Review, Discussion and Possible Action by the Council to consider adopting Resolution 2020-301 Approving the winning Bid for a Fire Pumper Truck.

A motion to reject all bids as being too high was made by Jerri Chism, with a second by Mona Brown. All present voted aye.

7-4: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider adopting Resolution 2020-302 Approving the Bid from Underground Utility Supply of Longview, Texas for the Purchase of Automated Meter Reading/Advanced Metering Infrastructure System.

A motion to adopt Resolution 2020-302 Approving the Bid from Underground Utility Supply of Longview, Texas for the purchase of Automated Meter Reading/Advanced Metering Infrastructure System was made by Lynn Cox, with a second by Rudy Dudley. All present voted aye.

7-5: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider a proposal by Fire Chief Landon Tidmore regarding the retirement “perks” for the Lone Star Volunteer Fire Department.

A motion to accept the policy as presented, but to re-write to include spouses 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 discuss the possible sale of Rocky Point, the Lone Star Elementary property, and lots owned by the City of Lone Star 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 this matter.

8-2: To discuss appointing the next Lone Star Municipal Court Judge, following the future retirement of Judge Bob Mattox. (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.

9. RE-CONVENE IN OPEN SESSION: City Council to re-convene in Open Session for Review, Discussion, and Possible action on the following matters:

9-1: Review, Discussion and Possible action to authorize placing the following City-owned lots out to bid:

253 EB Smith Survey – Rocky Point Park (1.5 acres)

Lone Star Elementary Property – In the Leander Kidd Survey, A-170, being part of Block 5, Block 6, Block 12 and Block 14, and parts of Milam Street and Morris Avenue, in the Edgemont Subdivision, an 11 acre tract.

In the Edgemont Subdivision:

Block 8, Lots 28-32

Block 15, Lots 1-4

Block 16, Lots 2-3

Block 17, Lots 11-12

A motion to authorize the placement of Rocky Point Park for a minimum bid of \$100,000, Lone Star Elementary Property for a minimum bid of \$175,000 and Block 8, Lots 28-32, Block 15, Lots 1-4, Block 16, Lots 2-3, Block 17, Lots 11-12 in the Edgemont Subdivision

for a minimum bid of \$1,200 each out to bid at the stated minimum bids was made by Trent Duke, with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.

9-2: Review, Discussion and Possible Action by the Council to consider appointing the next Lone Star Municipal Court Judge, following the future retirement of Judge Bob Mattox.

A motion to name Rebecca Foster as future replacement Municipal Judge and current Associate Municipal Judge was made Mona Brown, with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.

10. 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