

**REGULAR MEETING
LONE STAR CITY COUNCIL
FIRE HALL – 201 WEST INDUSTRIAL
June 18, 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.

This meeting will be closed to in-person attendance by the public. A temporary suspension of the Open Meetings Act to allow telephone or videoconference public meetings has been granted by Governor Greg Abbott. These actions are being taken to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 by avoiding meetings that bring people into a group setting and in accordance with Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code. Telephonic capabilities will be utilized to allow individuals to address the Council. Emails may also be submitted. **Members of the public are entitled to participate remotely via GoToMeeting Teleconferencing.** Citizens may join the GoToMeeting by logging on at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/386239245> They may also join by calling (646) 749-3122 and entering the Access Code: 386-239-245. Participants will be asked to mute their phones/microphones until invited to speak during the Public Comments part of the meeting. There will be an audio recording made of the meeting and uploaded to the City website the next business day.

Members of the public who wish to submit their written comments on a listed agenda item must submit their comments by emailing citysecretary@lonestartx.net or by calling 903-656-2311 for staff assistance.

Comments must be received before 3:00 p.m., Thursday, June 18, 2020.

MINUTES

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

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: Ginger Smith with the Morris County Collaborative spoke and informed the Council that the Morris County Collaborative was approved for a grant for improved broadband internet service. The Collaborative will meet with a Texas A&M University architectural graduate student at 10:00 am on June 27 to see about the feasibility of a health and wellness center in Morris County.

4. CONSENT ITEMS:

A. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on May 21, 2020.

A motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on May 21, 2020 was made by Jerri Chism, with a second by Rudy Dudley. 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: Economic Development Board Minutes and Financial Report
- 5-6: Financial Reports
 - a. Water and Sewer Fund
 - b. General Fund

A motion to approve reports 5-1 through 5-6 was made by Lynn Cox, with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.

7. ACTION ITEMS

7-1: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider a request of Sgt. Stephen Rathbun to purchase two desktop computers for the police department.

No action taken.

7-2: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider designating part of the former Lone Star Elementary property as a park and allow for the construction of playground/park equipment by the EDC and allow for the EDC to demolish the portable buildings behind the school.

A motion to table this item 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 approve an Ordinance abolishing the Planning and Zoning Board provided for in Ordinance 211 and providing for the City Council to hear and decide zoning matters within the City of Lone Star.

A motion to approve the Ordinance abolishing the Planning and Zoning Board was made by Lynn Cox, with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.

7-4: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to schedule a public hearing on the request of James and Ginger Smith to rezone the Rocky Point property they purchased from the City from semi-developed to commercial.

Ginger Smith informed the Council of her and her husband's plans to develop Rocky Point into a family-friendly recreational area. A motion to set a public hearing on the possible rezoning of Rocky Point for August 20, 2020 at 5:30 pm was made by Rudy Dudley, with a second by Lynn Cox. All present voted aye.

7-5: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to approve TML Health Insurance rates for the 2020-2021 year.

A motion to approve the TML Health Insurance rates for the 2020-2021 year was made by Rudy Dudley, with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.

7-6: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider Resolution 2020-305, 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 seven Communication Radios, model Motorola PR400, with batteries and four chargers.

Morris County had determined that the radios belonged to them. No action taken.

7-7: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider a Resolution Declaring Surplus Property, Values of Surplus Property and Method of Disposal for a Dell Server Model T110 II.

A motion to adopt Resolution Declaring Surplus Property, Values of Surplus Property and Method of Disposal for a Dell Server Model T110 II was made by Jerri Chism, with a second by Rudy Dudley. All present voted aye.

7-8: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to discuss water service disconnections during the continuing COVID-19 pandemic and addressing the previously established final deadline of June 10, 2020 for water customers to bring their delinquent accounts current.

A motion to set the deadline to pay accounts in full for July 20, 2020 and resume service disconnections on June 22, 2020 was made by Jerri Chism, with a second by Rudy Dudley. All present voted aye.

7-9: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider approving an expenditure by the Lone Star Economic Development Corporation in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the purchase of Christmas decorations.

A motion to approve an expenditure of \$10,000.00 for the purchase of Christmas decorations was made by Lynn Cox, with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.

7-10: Review, Discussion and Possible Action by the Council to approve placing the funds from the sale of Rocky Point (\$203,033.00) into a CD at Community Bank.

A motion to approve placing funds from the sale of Rocky Point into a CD at Community Bank was made by Lynn Cox, with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.

7-11: Review, Discussion and Possible Action by the Council to schedule workshops for discussion of the 2020-2021 budgets.

A motion to set budget workshops for July 9 and July 23 was made by Lynn Cox, with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.

8. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Jerri Chism, with a second by Lynn Cox. All present voted aye.

/s/Randy Hodges
Randy Hodges, Mayor

/s/ Devon Whatley
Devon Whatley, City Secretary