*LONE STAR CITY COUNCIL*

*FIRE HALL – 201 WEST INDUSTRIAL*

***April 21, 2022 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 55l.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.

# 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., April 21, 2022.

**MINUTES**

**Present were Mayor Randy Hodges, Mayor Pro-Tem Jerri Chism, Aldermen Rudy Dudley, Mona Brown, Jeremy Livingston, and City Secretary Tina Love. Absent was Alderman Lynn Cox.**

**1.** **CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Randy Hodges at 7:18 P.M.**

**2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

 **Invocation – Mayor Randy Hodges**

 **Pledge of Allegiance – All in unison**

**3. CITIZEN COMMENTS:** *At this time, anyone will be allowed to speak on any matter other than personnel matters or matters under litigation, for length of time not to exceed three minutes. No Council/Board discussion or action may take place on a matter until such matter has been placed on an agenda and posted in accordance with law.*]

**No citizen comments.**

**4.** **CONSENT ITEMS:**

Minutes of Regular Meeting on March 17, 2022

 **A motion to accept the minutes of regular meeting on March 17, 2022 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: Water District Report

 5-6: Financial Reports

1. Water and Sewer Fund
2. General Fund

**A motion to accept the reports as presented was made by Mona Brown, with a second from Jerri Chism. All present voted Aye.**

**6. ACTION ITEMS**

6-1: Review, Discussion and Possible Action to approve the Joint Election agreement between the City of Lone Star and Daingerfield ISD.

**A motion to approve the Joint Election agreement between the City of Lone Star and Daingerfield ISD was made by Mona Brown, with a second from Jerri Chism. All present voted Aye.**

6-2: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to approve the Interlocal Agreement or Contract between Morris County and the City of Lone Star for the use of the County’s electronic voting equipment for the early voting period and for Election Day.

**A motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement or Contract between Morris County and the City of Lone Star for the usage of County electronic voting equipment for early voting and election day was made by Mona Brown, with a second from Jeremy Livingston. All present voted Aye.**

6-3: Review, Discussion and Possible Action to authorize the City Secretary to contact Sanitation Solutions and proceed with the Jack Anderson scholarship at $1,000 to be awarded to two Daingerfield high school seniors from the city of Lone Star ($500 each).

**A motion for the City Secretary to proceed and contact Sanitation Solutions about the Jack Anderson scholarships totaling $1,000 for two seniors from Lone Star was made by Rudy Dudley, with a second from Jerri Chism. All present voted Aye.**

 6-4: Review, Discussion and Possible action to establish a license fee for short term rental properties and amend Zoning Ordinance 54 to include these new licensing fees.

 **Zoning Ordinance 54 referenced a license fee to be charged at the time of issuing a license and at the time of a renewal; however, no fee had been determined. Council members discussed various fees for consideration.**

 **A motion to amend Zoning Ordinance 54 to include an annual license fee of $200.00 for short term rental properties was made by Mona Brown, with a second from Rudy Dudley. All present voted Aye.**

6-5: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to discuss a storm siren system for the City of Lone Star.

**Mitch Cox discussed the recent storms in the area. He would like the City to consider getting a storm siren system to alert citizens of hazardous weather conditions. Individuals with cellphones can be notified with various weather apps. or blast systems; however, individuals with landlines must rely on radio or television. Mitch asked the Council for approval to see if there were any grants available which could help purchase a storm siren system.**

**A motion approving Mitch to pursue a grant for the purchase of a storm siren system was made by Mona Brown, with a second from Jerri Chism. All present voted Aye.**

6-6: Review, Discussion and Possible Action for the EDC to purchase a laptop and television for the Volunteer Fire Department meeting room for training and presentations. The amount for both items not to exceed $2,500.

**EDC Chairman, Rudy Dudley presented to Council the desire of purchasing a television and laptop for the Fire Department meeting room. The equipment will be used by EDC or Council to display presentations, training, training videos, or similar. Pricing for the equipment varies but is estimated to cost between $450-$750 each.**

**The Fire Department meeting room is utilized as an incident command center when there is an emergency or disaster. It was discussed to consider purchasing two televisions, so one can be used for the laptop display and the other used to monitor the weather channel and news.**

**A motion to approve the purchase of two televisions and one laptop computer, not to exceed $2,500 total, was made by Mona Brown, with a second from Jerri Chism. All present voted Aye.**

6-7: Review, Discussion and Possible Action for the Council to authorize the EDC to purchase 1000 each white and 1000 each multi-colored C-7 Christmas light bulbs to replace broken bulbs on Christmas decorations. Discounted price at $1,540; non-discounted price at $1,980 plus tax.

**Rudy discussed the cost of replacing the bulbs for the Christmas decorations instead of buying new ornaments. He updated the Council on the status of the bulbs, which have not been received. The purchase was previously approved as part of up to $20K to be spent over a three-year period for Christmas decorations and displays at the City Park.**

**No action.**

 6-8: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action, to establish a base fee to charge Serenity subdivision for payment to North East Texas Municipal Water District (NETMWD) to supply water services outside of the city limits and which does not include the water fees from the City of Lone Star.

 **Water & Sewer Director Shane Townson and Mayor Randy Hodges met with Walt Sears of Northeast Texas Municipal Water District (NETMWD) to discuss water services and base fees to charge Serenity subdivision, which is outside the city limits of Lone Star, for payment to NETMWD. Additional information and meetings are necessary before a decision is made on the base fee.**

 **A motion to table this item was made by Mona Brown, with a second from Jerri Chism. All present voted Aye.**

 6-9: Review, Discussion and Possible Action to proceed with the Little Jack Anderson scholarship for two students from Lone Star.

 **This item was duplicated in error, reference 6-3. No action**

 6-10: Review, Discussion and Possible Action for the EDC to pursue obtaining the Lone Star Senior Citizens building for use as a Community Center for the city of Lone Star.

 **The Lone Star Senior Citizens Association building has not been used since the onset of Covid. EDC Chairman, Rudy Dudley has communicated with Ms. Gail Lilley, a member of the Association, about utilizing the structure as a Community Center for the City of Lone Star. After several discussions with Ms. Lilley, Mr. Dudley learned the Association was active prior to COVID but when COVID hit, members discontinued meeting. The building was no longer utilized, utilities were shut-off, and eventually shut down. A new roof is required before it can be insured, cosmetic repairs (painting, clean-up, etc.), and utilities turned back on before the building can be used again.**

 **Rudy Dudley contacted the Texas Municipal League (TML) to determine if the EDC could help revitalize the Lone Star Senior Citizens Association building as a project, (#2022-003). In accordance with Texas Government Code, Title 12, Chapter 505, Subchapter D, this qualifies as a “Project Related to Recreation or Community Facilities”.**

 **The EDC is asking the Council to consider this project and allow up to $30K max. be spent to replace the roof, have utilities turned back on, and make necessary repairs to the structure for it to be viable for the Lone Star Senior Citizens Association and as a Community Center for citizens of Lone Star. If the project is approved, two public hearings are required to allow citizens input.**

 **A motion to move forward with project #2022-003, Lone Star Senior Citizens building revitalization, and allow up to $30k max. be spent to repair the building, was made by Mona Brown, with a second from Jerri Chism. All present voted Aye.**

 6-11: Review, Discussion and Possible Action to evaluate the proposed Hotel Occupancy Tax ordinance and identify as ordinance 2022-300 if approved.

 **The proposed Hotel Occupancy Tax ordinance was provided to Council for review. There were no suggested changes; therefore, the City would like to proceed and submit to the ordinance to legal for evaluation and review.**

 **A motion to proceed with the submission of the Hotel Occupancy Tax ordinance to legal was made by Rudy Dudley, with a second from Jeremy Livingston. All present voted Aye.**

 6-12: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council the six-month employee evaluation for Felipe Andrade.

 **The Council discussed Felipe Andrade’s six-month evaluation and performance.**

 **A motion to increase Felipe’s salary to from $15.00 to $16.00 per hour was made by Mona Brown, with a second from Jeremy Livingston. All present voted Aye.**

 6-13: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to reevaluate the Municipal Court Judge responsibilities and pay.

 **An increase in court activities and arraignments has required the judge to be called out more frequently than expected. The Council discussed and revaluated the responsibilities and salary for the municipal court judge.**

 **A motion to increase the Municipal Court Judge salary to $1,000 per month, as per previous judges’ salary, with a minimum of four court appearances, was made by Rudy Dudley, with a second from Jeremy Livingston. All present voted Aye.**

7.0 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**: City Council to convene into executive session for the following issues:

 7-1: To discuss six-month employee evaluation for Felipe Andrade and to reevaluate the Municipal Court Judges responsibilities and pay. (Tex. Gov’t Code Ann. § 551.074). The council will then re-convene in open session for review, discussion, and possible action on these matters.

**8.0 ADJOURN**

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

 **/s/ Randy Hodges /s/ Tina Love**

**Randy Hodges, Mayor Tina Love, City Secretary**