

*LONE STAR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
FIRE HALL – 201 WEST INDUSTRIAL
August 18, 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 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, Alderwoman Mona Brown, Aldermen Rudy Dudley, Tony Johnson, Cody Wommack, and City Secretary Tina Love

1. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Randy Hodges at 6:00 pm

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.*

Chrissandria Beltran addressed the council

4. CONSENT ITEMS:

Minutes of Meeting on July 21, 2022

Minutes of Budget Meeting on August 3, 2022

Minutes of Budget Meeting on August 11, 2022

Minutes of Budget Meeting on August 15, 2022

A motion to approve minutes as presented for July 21, 2022, Budget Meeting on August 3, 2022, Budget Meeting on August 11, 2022 and Budget Meeting on August 15, 2022 was made by Jerri Chism with a second from Rudy Dudley. Three voted Aye; One voted Nay.

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: EDC Report

5-7: Financial Reports

- a. Water and Sewer Fund
- b. General Fund

A motion to approve the reports as written was made by Rudy Dudley with a second from Jerri Chism. All present voted Aye.

6. ACTION ITEMS

6-1. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to consider a 5-10% rate increase for retired city employees.

A previous City employee asked on behalf of himself and other retirees for a cost-of-living adjustment ranging from 5% to 10%. The City Secretary contacted Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS) to discuss. TMRS notified the City Secretary there are currently eleven retirees drawing retirement benefits from the City of Lone Star. The City adopted a repeating 70% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA), effective January 1, 2001. By repeating, the new COLA rate is automatically granted to all eligible retirees each January, but a retiree must be retired for twelve months and will qualify for the COLA the following January. Cities can adopt COLA at 30%, 50%, or 70% of the increase in the Consumer Price index; therefore, the City of Lone Star has elected the highest COLA percentage allowed.

A motion to take no action on this item was made by Mona Brown with a second from Rudy Dudley. Three voted Aye; One abstained.

6-2 Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to consider incorporating a 3-2-1 tax rate for the City of Lone Star.

Cody Wommack 3-2-1 tax rate.

6-3. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action for the EDC to pay for the spraying of the hydrilla located at the community boat ramp and the community swimming area.

Rudy Dudley referenced a meeting recently held to discuss the hydrilla problems on Lone Star Lake. Rudy contacted Texas Municipal League (TML) and Texas Economic Development Council (TEDC) to determine if the EDC could pay for the hydrilla spraying at the community boat ramp and swimming area at the City Park. Since the EDC currently has an ongoing project at the City Park, both entities stated the spraying of the hydrilla could be considered as part of the City Park project.

A onetime treatment to spray the hydrilla was estimated to cost \$1,754. Additional treatments may be necessary to kill the hydrilla, but will be scheduled later, as needed. Approximately 40 people have signed up to have their lakefront properties sprayed. The more people participating in the spraying will help reduce the hydrilla growth.

Cody Wommack disagrees with the EDC paying for the spraying of the hydrilla at community boat ramp and swimming area at the City Park. The City doesn't own the lake and the City limit ends at the water's edge; therefore, City or EDC funds shouldn't be spent to spray. The Mayor discussed U S Steel and the Texas Parks and Wildlife had approved the spraying of lakefront properties with approved and environmentally safe chemicals. The usage of carp fish to remove the hydrilla was also discussed.was discussed to assist with the removal of the hydrilla; however, can not be used because

6-4 Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to consider converting the city's paper ordinances into a digitized municode codification system.

Multiple discussions have occurred about the city ordinances needing updated, digitized and uploaded onto the City website. The City Secretary contacted Civic Plus, which recently purchased Municode, a codifier of legal documents for local governments. Civic Plus provided an estimate of 12-16 months to complete the project which includes a full legal review of our ordinances to ensure consistency in code and compliance with state law at an estimated cost of \$8-10K. The annual ongoing cost would be \$1-3K depending on the service and options selected. The council discussed the cost, how to pay for it, and if we would need to get legal approval after Municode makes changes and updates to our ordinances.

A motion to table this item pending additional information was made by Mona Brown with a second from Rudy Dudley. All present voted Aye.

6-5 Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to schedule a public hearing date to discuss the proposed property tax rate, General Fund Budget and Water & Sewer budgets.

September 6, 2022, at 6:00 pm was suggested as a meeting date to schedule the public hearing for the proposed property tax rate and discussion on the General Fund and Water & Sewer Budgets.

A motion to schedule the public hearing on September 6, 2022, at 6:00 pm was made by Rudy Dudley with a second from Jerri Chism. All present voted Aye.

6-6. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to discuss the General Funds budget and the Water and Sewer budgets.

7. ADJOURN

I certify that the above notice of meeting was posted on the bulletin board at City Hall, City of Lone Star, Texas, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and to the city's website, www.lonestartx.net, in compliance with chapter 551, Texas Government Code, on this 15th day August 2022 before 5:00 p.m.

Tina Love
City Secretary

Note: Any subject placed on this agenda, regardless of how the matter is stated may be acted on by the City Council and may be legally approved at this 18th day of August meeting. A quorum of the Economic Development Board may be present. No action will be taken by the Economic Development Board.