

*LONE STAR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FIRE HALL – 201 WEST INDUSTRIAL
March 21st, at 6:00 p.m.*

*We reserve the right to enter 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 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.

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER- Mayor Pro Tem Jerri Chism 6pm. Tony Johnson, Keith Reiter, Jerri Chism, Cyndi Andrews, Cody Wommack Present.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation- Randy Hodges

Pledge of Allegiance- All in Unison

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS: *At this time, anyone will be allowed to speak on any matter for a 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.*

Wayne Owens addresses the Council about the water rate increase coming up in the next few months. He also said there would be a new contract coming to get all 7 Cities on the same Contract as most are different. Cody asked to put water rates on next months agenda.

4. CONSENT ITEMS:

Minutes from September 28,2023 Special Meeting

Minutes from October 13,2023 Special Meeting

Minutes from October 19,2023 Regular Meeting

Minutes from February 15,2024 Regular Meeting

Keith asked to Clarify that in the Feb 15th minutes clarify that the part time officer was 1-4 days a month. Cody stated more citizens comments could have been mentioned.

Cyndi made a motion to accept, Tony seconded with the clarification Keith mentioned.

3 For 1 No, motion passes

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
- 5-8: City Secretary Report

Cyndi made a motion to accept the reports. Tony seconded. 4 For 0 Against

6. NON-ACTION ITEMS:

6-1: Presentation from Republic Services- Gene with Republic presented a check to be split between the Fire Department and Police Department. This money is not to be used for things the city needs to buy but for moral support and other things the Departments need.

6:2 Discussion on how a deceased person signed the Economic Development Corporation termination petition.

Tony stated he put this item on the agenda trying to determine how a deceased person's name ended up on the agenda. Cody gave his version of getting the names, there was a lot of discussion, and no action was taken.

7. ACTION ITEMS:

7-1: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on a quote from East Texas Data Management on installing new security cameras at City Hall. Tony made a motion to table Keith made motion to seconded. 5 For 0 Against Motion passes.

7-2: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on a resolution for a mass communication contract as an American Rescue Plan Act project.

Keith made a motion to accept the resolution and allow Kyle Harrison to sign the contract with text my gov. Tony seconded. 3 For 2 not voting. Motion passes

7-3: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on a contract for mass communication.

Keith made a motion to go with Text my gov quote for 2000.00 a year and use ARPA money if available. Tony Seconded. 3 For 2 not voting. Motion passes.

7-4: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on a resolution for an equipment trailer as an American Rescue Plan Act project.

Tony made a motion to accept the resolution. Cyndi seconded. 3 For 2 not voting motion passes.

7-5: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Purchasing a mini excavator.

Cyndi made a motion to table 7-5,7-6 Tony seconded. 4 For 1 No vote. Motion passes.

7-6: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Purchasing a tractor.

7-7: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to declare the following items surplus.

- John Deere Backhoe-Oldest of the two

- Old sewer jet machine. -

Tony made a motion to auction the jet machine and table the backhoe. Cyndi seconded. 4 For 1 No motion passed.

7-8: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to approve Christopher A. Turner, PLLC CPA to conduct last year's audit. Cyndi made a motion to approve the auditor Tony seconded 4 For 1 not voting. Motion passed.

7-9: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to approve a Election Service Agreement with Morris County Elections Officer Brittany Andrews. Cyndi made the motion to approve, Tony seconded 5 For 0 Against. Cody made a motion to allow the mayor to sign the agreement, Keith Seconded 5 For 0 Against.

7-10: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to enter into a Joint Election Agreement with City of Lone Star, City of Daingerfield, Daingerfield Lone Star ISD and Northeast Texas Community College. Tony made a motion to accept and allow the mayor to sign the agreement. Jerri seconded. 5 For 0 Against.

7-11: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to appoint Election Judges and set pay scale for the May 4th City Election. Cyndi made motion to accept Anita Gee, Diane Ratley, Corri Roberts at 10.00 a hour rate to work the City elections. Jerri seconded. 5 For 0 Against. Motion passed.

7-12: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to put a GPS tracking app on City owned phones.
Cody made a motion to adopt a policy to add free GPS tracking on City phones will employees are on the clock. Keith seconded. 2 For 3 Against motion failed.

7-13: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to renew the contract with Wastewater operator Charles Riley. Tony made motion to approve the contract for 90 more days. Cody Seconded 5 For 0 Against motion passed.

7-14: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Muni Billing.
Tony made motion to table. Cyndi seconded. 5 For 0 Against. Motion passed.

7-15: Review, Discussion and Possible Action to get the Electricity back in the City Park for the Ball Field and concession stand.
Cyndi made motion to approve, Tony Seconded 3 For 2 No votes. Motion Carried.

7-16 Review, Discussion and Possible Action on appointments to the Economic Development Corporation. Tony made a motion to approve Rudy Dudley Mitch Cox back to the EDC and appoint Carol Munn. Cyndi seconded. 3 For 2 No. Motion Passes.

7-17: Review, Discussion and Possible Action on a contractor for the Fire Station Insurance Claim.
After discussion no action taken.

7-18 Review, Discussion and Possible Action on a resolution for new handheld radios for the police department using American Rescue Plan Act project.
Tony made motion to accept the resolution, Cyndi seconded 4 For 1 No

8.EXECUTIVE SESSION- Convened into executive session at 630pm.

Jerri announced coming out of Executive session at 730 no action was taken.

8-1 Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on termination of Darlene Landt.

(TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. § 551.074)- Cyndi makes a motion to Terminate Darlene as the City water clerk. Keith seconded. 3 For 2 Not voting. Motion Passed.

8-2. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Hire Dalin Sims as a Full Time Police Officer.

(TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. § 551.074)- Mr. Dalin Sims requested this be in open session.

Cyndi made a motion to Hire Dalin Sims Full time effective immediately at 17.00 a hour. Tony Seconded, 3 For 1 No and 1 not voting. Motion passes.

ADJOURN- Motion to adjourn by Jerri, Tony seconded 5 For 0 Against. Motion Passed 9pm

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 or before March 18, 2024 before 5:00 p.m.

Kyle Harrison
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 21st day of March meeting. A quorum of the Economic Development Board may be present. No action will be taken by the Economic Development Board.