

*LONE STAR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FIRE HALL – 201 WEST INDUSTRIAL
May 18, 2023, 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 Mona Brown, Rudy Dudley, Tony Johnson, Cody Wommack and City Secretary Tina Love.

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

Officer David Hood spoke about the mannerism of the meeting.

Citizen Anita Winkles expressed her appreciation to those who had previously served on the Council and the newly elected Council members.

4. CONSENT ITEMS:

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting on April 20, 2023

A motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on April 20, 2023, was made by Rudy Dudley with a second from Tony Johnson. Four voted Aye, one opposed.

5. REPORTS:

5-1: Judge/Court Report – unavailable

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 – unavailable

a. Water and Sewer Fund

b. General Fund

A motion to accept reports 5-2 through 5-6 was made by Jerri Chism with a second from Mona Brown. Four voted Aye one opposed.

6. ELECTION MATTERS:

6-1: Issuance of Certificates of Election to elected candidates.

City Secretary, Tina Love swore in newly elected officials, Aldermen, Cyndi Andrews and Keith Reiter, and Mayor Brianna McClain.

7: NON-ACTION ITEMS:

7-1. Presentation by Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) about City of Lone Star 9-1-1 addressing.

ATCOG Representative, Rea Allen, discussed the benefits of the 9-1-1 addressing system. Described that 911 uses a Geographic Information System (GIS) which is mandated by the State of Texas to be current and accurate for emergency situations. She discussed the addresses needed to be audited for accuracy and compliance with the GIS guidelines. Any inaccuracies need to be corrected, which may mean an address change for some citizens. Currently, Lone Star utilizes the physical address for 911 address.

Approximately 85-90% of individuals are utilizing cellular services for communications. The 911 GIS pings surrounding cell towers to identify where a caller is located; therefore, emphasizing the need for the 911 addresses to be correct. William Wagner, GIS Coordinator, audits city information for accuracy. The information is compiled in a database and shared with the city for retention. It is up to each city to coordinate updates or changes with ATCOG to ensure continued data accuracy. Updates to the 911 addressing system are made weekly.

The current addresses will be used if they comply with the GIS guidelines. If a location is not addressed correctly, ATCOG will notify the citizen of the need for an address change. If a citizen refuses to change their address, ATCOG will contact them, provide scenarios of occurrences, and emphasize the importance, from an emergency perspective, of having a correct address. If a citizen continues to refuse an address change, and ATCOG has contacted them multiple times, then ATCOG has performed their due diligence and a letter will be sent to the citizen indicating the citizen assumes liability and responsibility in the event of an emergency. 911 calls are managed through the county. If an address is incorrectly identified, then the county could impose fees, if so adopted by the City of Lone Star. If an address is not changed, then it will be recorded in the system incorrectly and will not be captured by the GIS.

Several questions were asked by citizens in the audience. Some thought it would be a good idea to have ATCOG oversee the 911 addressing.

An Interlocal agreement between the City of Lone Star and ATCOG would be necessary for the services to go into effect. This agreement provides ATCOG authorization to audit the maintenance of addresses. There is no cost to the City for these services.

8: ACTION ITEMS:

8-1: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider an Interlocal Agreement for City 9-1-1 addressing with Ark-Tex-Council of Governments (ATCOG) and the City of Lone Star s referenced in Resolution 2023-319.

Tony Johnson doesn't see a problem with us signing the interlocal agreement for the 911 services. Mayor McClain didn't see any "cons" with the agreement and referenced a situation where a "217" and "317" address were both located in the same area.

A motion to table the item was made by Cody Wommack with a second from Keith Reiter. Two voted for, three voted against. Motion failed.

A motion to accept the interlocal agreement for 911 addressing with ATCOG was made by Tony Johnson with a second from Cyndi Andrews. Three voted for, two voted against. Motion carried.

8-2: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to select a Mayor Pro-Tem for the term of one year.

A motion to keep Jerri Chism as Mayor Pro-Tem was made by Tony Johnson with a second from Cyndi Andrews. Three voted for, two voted against. Motion carried.

8-3: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider the placement of a tiny home at 320 South Jefferson Street.

The requestor was unable to attend meeting. No action taken.

8-4: Review, discussion, and possible action by the Council on City Bidding Policies.

Rudy Dudley provided an updated bidding policy in compliance with state guidelines to review. Discussed expenditures more than \$3,000 but less than \$50,000 must contact at least two Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB). Morris County has three HUB which in the past had not been contacted.

A motion to table this item was made by Cody Wommack with a second from Keith Reiter. All present voted Aye.

8-5: Review, discussion, and possible action by the Council on the final resolution for Lone Star Concrete Technologies as discussed with legal counsel.

Discussed the events and circumstances with the resurface of the basketball court at City Park. Discussed the project deadline was missed, EDC representatives were not contacted prior to project startup, and the job was not completed in accordance with the signed contract. The contractor agreed to touch up areas that were not thoroughly painted, but indicated the probability of the touched-up areas not matching the remainder of the basketball court and full payment was expected after touch up. The EDC members were not pleased with the outcome, and voted to offer \$2,000 to consider the project complete. The contractor requested \$6,000 to consider the project complete. The contract value is small and could cost the EDC more than the contract if legal actions were taken. The contractor's legal representative contacted the EDC Chairman to discuss the events that had occurred. The City's legal representative contacted the contractor's legal representative and discussed the offer of \$2,000 was still available. An agreement was made by the contractor to accept the \$2,000. Additional discussions occurred about the settlement offer.

A motion to table the item was made by Keith Reiter with a second by Cody Wommack. Two voted for, three voted against. Motion Failed.

A motion to pay the \$2,000 as offered by the EDC was made by Cyndi Andrews with a second from Tony Johnson. Three voted for, two voted against. Motion carries.

8-6: Review, discussion, and possible action on the extension of placing new basketball goals at the City Park.

Companies were contacted about basketball goals for outside facilities. The cost for goals ranged between \$3,000-\$4,000. The EDC discussed the cost and durability of purchased goals compared to fabricated goals. The installation of the goals was delayed pending the outcome with issues encountered at the basketball court. The contract date needs to be extended. Nothing has changed with the scope of work.

A motion to extend the contract date was made by Tony Johnson with a second by Keith Reiter. Four voted for, one voted against. Motion carried.

8-7: Review, discussion, and possible action on repairs to the pier located at the City Park.

Josie Kachick discussed the need for repairs to the pier at the City Park. Discussed the desire for it to be a community event where locals could participate in the repairs. Described the need to replace fourteen boards on the pier. During the discussion, citizens Jim McGinnis, Brad Jackson and Sam Winkles offered to volunteer their time to help repair the pier. Josie asked to consider a budget of no more than \$2,500 for repairs. Mr. McGinnis volunteered to donate the boards for replacement.

Due to volunteer work and the wood donation, no motion is required by the City Council.

8-8: Review, discussion, and possible action on cleaning out and dredging of the swimming area at the City Park.

EDC Chairman Rudy Dudley discussed Texas Parks & Wildlife will be coming to Lone Star Lake soon to spray for hydrilla. They are going to spray the dock and swimming area for free. Discussed cleaning out the swimming area prior to the spraying.

A 60 ft. long reach excavator was located in Longview and the estimated rental cost is \$3,600 for a week. This includes delivery and pickup but does not include an operator. A dump truck will be needed to relocate debris from the swimming area. The debris will be placed in the wooded area behind the baseball field. Morris County was contacted and will provide a dump truck and operator for up to three days. The contractor working at the baseball field is a certified operator and will operate the excavator for \$400 per day if needed.

Discussions reverted to the dredging of the swimming area prior to the spraying of the hydrilla. Cody discussed if the spraying were done first, the spray would get on the hydrilla leaves and into the root system and eventually killing the hydrilla. If dredging occurs first, there are no leaves for the spray to adhere. Mr. McGinnis spoke about having his lake front property dredged and the difference it has made with appearance and the underwater surface.

A motion was made to proceed with the cleanout out of the swimming area, not to exceed \$5,000 was made by Tony Johnson with a second from Cyndi Andrews. Three voted for, two voted against. Motion carried.

8-9: Review, discussion, and possible actions to amend the contract for the baseball/softball field to include the procurement of turface infield conditioner.

The EDC is trying to bring small business to the area. EDC Chairman, Rudy Dudley referenced the EDC conference he attended focused on what can be done in the community.

Interest has been expressed in using the baseball/softball field. The new fencing is being put up and the infield grass will be stripped away. Rudy would like to purchase the turface infield conditioner to mix with the existing dirt to adhere and smooth the field and read a list of additional items identifying the benefits of turface. Discussed the condition of other local fields that do not have turface mixed into their dirt. Two baseball teams have committed to play on the City Park baseball/softball field next year. Individuals in the community have expressed interest in the park improvements and would like to see the baseball/softball field functional as it was in the past. A total of \$1,020 has been donated towards improvements at the baseball/softball field. The quoted price for turface is \$4,200 for a 24 ton truck of turface. If the donation money is deducted from the quoted price the price would be reduced to \$3,200. Rudy is asking the Council for approval to spend \$3,200 to purchase the turface for the baseball/softball field. Mitch Cox also stated that Bowie Cass removed the electrical lines from the small baseball field and the baseball/softball field at zero cost to the City. The light poles will be repurposed. The contractor doing the work on the field said they could mix the turface at the time the field is worked on. Discussed the amendment of the contract to include the turface.

A motion to amend the contract to include the \$3,200 for the turface was made by Cyndi Andrews with a second from Jerri Chism. Three for, one nay, one no vote. Motion carries.

8-10: Review, discussion, and possible action to solicit RFP's to obtain a new sign for the city and asking council to approve up to \$25,000 for this procurement.

The City sign by the Dollar General was purchased in approximately 2015. In 2017 the sign wasn't working. When the sign was turned on, parts worked, and other parts did not. The sign was purchased from Signs Express from Mt. Pleasant. The EDC was approved to spend up to \$10,000 to get the sign repaired. There are 96 ribbons and 24 module boards in the sign. When Signs Express came out and looked at the sign, some of the modules had gone out. The modules were pulled form the sign and taken back to the office. The EDC spent \$2,300 for the sign repairs. Shortly after the repair the sign messed up again. When Signs Express returned, we were told the mother board was going out. It was decided not to spend any additional money on the sign. The need to have a sign to display messages was discussed. TV liquidators was contacted about a quote. A double sided, 7 ft x 4 ft sign with the City's name and running marquis can be purchased for \$15,585 and the sign is made in America. The EDC would like to solicit prices for the purchase of a new sign.

A motion to solicit prices to obtain a new sign was made by Tony Johnson with a second from Jerri Chism. Four in favor, one Nay. Motion carries.

8-11: Review, discussion, and possible action for the procurement of three (3) conex trailers for the City Park; 1, 40 ft. conex for the concession stand, 1, 20 ft. conex for a woman's restroom and 1, 20 ft. conex for a men's restroom.

EDC Chairman Rudy Dudley discussed the condition of the restrooms located at the City Park. The concrete in the restrooms smells of urine and the foundation has cracked in other areas. Discussed restrooms recently constructed at the Spring Park in Hughes Springs, two recently installed at Rocky Point and the cost. Discussed purchasing conex containers to fabricate into restrooms for the City Park. A 20 ft. conex is estimated to cost \$3,500 and a 40 ft. \$4,500. The cost depends on the style of conex purchased and if prices continue to rise. These estimates do not include the fabrication cost to convert the conex's into restrooms. Bids would have to be received for the fabrication work. Mayor McClain discussed the cost and asked to

consider holding off on spending additional expenditures at the park until the completion of other projects. Keith Reiter discussed renovating the existing restroom.

A motion to not authorize the purchase of the conex's was made by Keith Reiter with a second by Cody Wommack. All present voted Aye.

8-12: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider hiring a candidate for the Court/Water-Sewer Clerk position.

A motion to hire Bernice Libron as the Court/Water-Sewer Clerk was made by Tony Johnson with a second from Cyndi Andrews. Three voted for, two voted against. Motion carries.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION: City Council to convene into executive session for the following issues:

9-1: To consider for hire, a candidate for the Court/Water-Sewer Clerk position (TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. § 551.074. The council will then re-convene in open session for review, discussion, and possible action on the matter.

No action was taken during executive Session.

10. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Jerri Chism with a second from Tony Johnson. Four voted for, one voted against. Motion carried.

/s/ Randy Hodges
Mayor

/s/ Tina Love
City Secretary