

*LONE STAR CITY COUNCIL
FIRE HALL – 201 WEST INDUSTRIAL
February 17, 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.

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., February 17, 2022.

MINUTES

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

1. CALL TO ORDER - 6:01 P.M.

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 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 citizens comments

4. CONSENT ITEMS:

Minutes of Regular Meeting on January 20, 2022

A motion to accept the January 20, 2022, minutes as presented was made by Mona Brown with a second from 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

a. Water and Sewer Fund

b. General Fund

A motion to accept reports 5-1 thru 5-6B, 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 by the Council for Joyce Connor & Essie Chisom to discuss safety concerns of vehicles exiting Davis Street entering onto Jefferson Street.

Ms. Connor and Ms. Chisom were unable to attend the meeting. Tabled.

6-2: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider closure or other options for Davis Street.

Mayor Randy Hodges discussed the condition of Davis Street. It was described as an underutilized cut thru dirt road filled with chug holes and has not been maintained by the City for years.

Karl Cochran of Rocky Point Adventures approached Mayor Hodges and asked to consider closing the street down to pursue a new business opportunity. There are plans to construct a new business on the property adjacent to Davis Street and near the street.

The City Attorney was contacted to discuss the necessary actions to consider closing a street. Transportation Code 311.008 states “The governing body of a general-law municipality by ordinance may vacate, abandon, or close a street or alley of the municipality if a petition signed by all the owners of real property abutting the street or alley is submitted to the governing body”.

Property owners abutting Davis Street are Sadar Sharif, James Smith and David Fair. Mr. Sharif owns property on both sides of Davis Street.

Citizen Lesley Dalme asked to speak. She stated her neighbors use the road periodically and expressed her frustration of the street being shut down. She wanted to know if the street was going to be given away or sold to bring in revenue. It was discussed as being sold; however, additional research is necessary to identify where the property lines are located.

If the street is closed the city will need a right-of-way or easement for maintenance of waterlines located under the street.

The Mayor discussed the need to revitalize Lone Star. If shutting down a street would bring a new business to the area, then we should do it.

A motion to move forward with a petition and an ordinance to close Davis Street was made by Mona Brown, with a second from Jeremy Livingston. All present voted Aye.

6-3: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to re-evaluate EDC and Council members to sign a non-disclosure agreement.

Meetings held by the EDC and City Council are open meetings for anyone to attend, with exception to closed meetings (executive sessions) as governed by Texas Government Code 551, subchapter D.

Previously it was discussed to pursue committee members signing a non-disclosure agreement for closed meetings. Legal counsel described it as a privilege to have closed meetings to discuss exceptions as identified by the governing code (such as personnel matters). It is understood that anything discussed during these meetings is confidential

and should not be discussed outside the meeting environment. Legal suggested the Mayor or EDC committee chairman to reiterate the purpose of a closed meeting and that it shouldn't be necessary for committee members to sign a non-disclosure agreement.

A motion to continue our current practice without signing a non-disclosure agreement was made by Lynn Cox, with a second from Jerri Chism. All present voted Aye.

6.4 Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to appoint election judges for the upcoming May 7, 2022, General Election.

The Order of Appointment for Early Voting Ballot Board and Election Judge and Alternate was presented to council. Ginger Smith and Amron McGill have agreed to help the city with the election.

A motion to appoint Ginger Smith as the Early Voting Ballot Board/Election Judge and Amron McGill as Alternate Judge was made by Rudy Dudley, with a second by Mona Brown. All present voted aye.

6.5 Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider the sale of surplus items to include a 35 ft. x 8 ft. gooseneck flatbed trailer and a Miller Welding machine/Big Tex trailer combination package.

A 35' x 8' gooseneck flatbed trailer and a Miller welding machine/Big Texas trailer combination are items the City previously received from U. S. Steel. The City has not used these items and would like to sell them. The trailer has a 25,000 lb. gross weight capacity and was estimated to be worth approximately \$5,000. It is unknown if the Miller welding machine works and will need to be checked out before it is sold. Based upon the welder VIN it was identified as a 2010 model and has less than 1,000 hours on it. The trailer is specially made for a welding machine and is estimated to be worth between \$1,200-\$2,000. Since it is unknown if the welder works, the estimated value of \$6,500 was proposed for the welder/trailer combo, as is, for a minimum.

A motion to have the welder checked out and to pursue selling the items was made by Lynn Cox, with a second from Mona Brown. All present voted Aye.

6-5: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider increasing Municipal Court proceedings from once a month to twice a month to accommodate increased cases.

Municipal court proceedings were previously scheduled once a month. Due to increased cases, it was suggested to increase court proceedings to twice a month.

A motion to increase Municipal Court proceedings to twice a month was made by Mona Brown with a second from Rudy Dudley. All present voted Aye.

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

7-1: Personnel matters, to establish pay for the Associate Municipal Court Judge (TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. § 551.074). The council will then re-convene in open session for review, discussion, and possible action on this matter.

A motion to pay the Associate Municipal Court Judge a salary of \$500/per month was made by Mona Brown with a second from Jeremy Livingston. All present voted Aye.

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
Randy Hodges, Mayor

/s/ Tina Love
Tina Love, City Secretary