

*LONE STAR CITY COUNCIL  
FIRE HALL – 201 WEST INDUSTRIAL  
July 15, 2021 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***

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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.

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**MINUTES**

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Randy Hodges @ 6:02 PM**

**2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Invocation – Lynn Cox**

**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 comments.**

**4. CONSENT ITEMS:**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 17, 2021.

**A motion to accept the minutes of June 17, 2021, as written, was made by Jerry Chism with a second by Lynn Cox. 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 items 5-1 thru 5-6, A & B was made by Jerri Chism with a second by Jeremy Livingston. All present voted aye.**

**6. ACTION ITEMS**

- 6.1 Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider extending the timeline for the fence installation at Hopes Homes and to revisit the placement of the fencing. Management changes are prompting this reconsideration (tabled from last meeting).

**Hopes Homes doesn't have the finances to place a 6 ft. privacy fence on the property. Mona Brown volunteered to contact some private citizens to see if they could help. Mayor Randy Hodges has contacted U. S. Steel to see if they have any extra fencing available and will provide the amount needed, if so.**

**A motion was made by Lynn Cox to extend the timeline until we find out if fencing can be donated with a second from Jerri Chism. All present voted Aye.**

- 6.2 Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council the repairs and cost for roof replacement for the Volunteer Fire Department and the Public Works shop building (pending additional quotes for review).

**Three bids were received to replace the roofs on the Volunteer Fire Department and the Public Works shop building. RC Pride Roofing, Complete Roofing Solutions and S & S Roofing provided the below bids for replacements of the R-Panel metal roofing.**

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Fire Dept Roof</b>	<b>Shop Bldg. Roof</b>
RC Pride Roofing	\$ 27,300.00	\$ 7,625.00
Complete Roofing Solutions	\$ 52,765.10	\$ 16,500.00
S & S Roofing	\$ 35,521.00	\$ 12,935.00

**A motion to accept the bid from RC Pride Roofing was made by Lynn Cox with a second from Jerri Chism. Three voted AYE, 1 no vote.**

- 6.3 Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to re-evaluate vehicles and equipment owned by the city and determine if any can be sold to reduce liability and insurance expenses.

**Mayor Randy Hodges discussed the need to liquidate vehicles and equipment not being utilized. He asked each department to prepare a list of assets and identify items no longer needed.**

**No actions.**

- 6.4 Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to revisit the purchase of a storm siren for the community or consider using a telephone blast service.

**The purchase of a storm siren does not qualify as an expense the EDC can purchase. The EDC transferred this item to the City Council for consideration. The Council discussed the expense of the storm siren and possible limitations it may have for all citizens to hear in case of an emergency. Another option for consideration is using a telephone blast service which sends out an alert if an emergency arises. Pending additional research to know if a blast service will work in our area.**

**No action taken.**

- 6.5 Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to discuss the City's permit and fee schedules, including, but not limited to variance fees, etc. (tabled from previous meeting).

**Lynn Cox and Rudy Dudley are to contact cities with comparable population with Lone Star to identify the fees charged for the different permits. Rudy discussed that Mr. Derrick, of Hughes Springs, performs various inspections and charges \$100 for his services and the city of Hughes Springs gets \$25.00 per the permit. Pending additional research.**

**No action.**

- 6.6 Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to discuss TML insurance coverage for employees.

**The City Secretary provided copies of the TML insurance choices for 2022. The City Secretary had contacted TML about the insurance renewal and was notified if there were no changes, the City did not have to take any actions and the insurance would automatically be renewed. Two days prior to the renewal deadline, the City Secretary was contacted by a TML representative to discuss our renewal had not been submitted. Due to the time constraints to get the renewal processed, the City Secretary contacted the Mayor to discuss the issue. There were four options to choose from on the insurance renewal selection. Three of the four were higher than the current insurance coverage; therefore, the least expensive option was selected for renewal per Mayor approval. The insurance options were provided to the Council members and an explanation was provided. No additional action required.**

- 6.7 Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to update City Policies and Procedures to include prioritizing.

**This item is in conjunction with permits and fees identified in item 6.5. Rudy Dudley and Lynn Cox are in the process of reviewing policies and procedures and will provide updates for Council approval.**

**No action.**

- 6.8 Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council for employee evaluations for Paul Dorough.

**Paul Dorough has worked for the city for nine months and has been an exceptional employee. He has a strong work ethic, works well with others, and is motivated to**

accomplish any assigned task. He is eager to learn and take on additional responsibilities, as well as becoming certified. Shane Townson, Public Works, and Wastewater Treatment Supervisor discussed Paul's work performance and his desire to provide Paul an evaluation salary increase. Council discussed the budget would need to be reviewed before a decision was made.

A motion to evaluate the budget was made by Lynn Cox time with a second from Jerri Chism. All present voted Aye.

- 6.9 Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider utilizing DJ Andrews as a Health Inspector for the City of Lone Star instead of using the state services.

Chief Steven Blythe introduced DJ Andrews to the council for consideration as the Health Inspector for Lone Star. DJ is the supervisor of code enforcement and is a certified Health Inspector in Mt. Pleasant, Tx. He explained the Health Inspector responsibilities and provided details of mandatory state requirements. Being local, he would be available to perform health inspections more frequently than the annual state inspection and quicker if a complaint is filed.

A motion to appoint D. J. Andrews as the Lone Star Health Inspector was made by Rudy Dudley with a second from Jerri Chism. All presented voted Aye.

- 6.10 Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council for new VIP updates.

Two businesses have approached the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) about applying for the Visual Improvement Program (VIP). Spoons and Rocky Point Adventures are in the process of completing applications and necessary paperwork to participate in the program. Rudy Dudley discussed creating a database identifying preferred contractors and listing these on the EDC website to help future VIP applicants. He will keep the Council updated of new activities.

No action.

## 7. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Jerri Chism, with a second from Rudy Dudley. All preset voted aye.

/s/Randy Hodges  
Randy Hodges, Mayor

/s/ Tina Love  
Tina Love, City Secretary