

**REGULAR MEETING
LONE STAR CITY COUNCIL
FIRE HALL – 201 WEST INDUSTRIAL
July 16, 2020 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.

This meeting will be closed to in-person attendance by the public. A temporary suspension of the Open Meetings Act to allow telephone or videoconference public meetings has been granted by Governor Greg Abbott. These actions are being taken to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 by avoiding meetings that bring people into a group setting and in accordance with Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code. Telephonic capabilities will be utilized to allow individuals to address the Council. Emails may also be submitted. **Members of the public are entitled to participate remotely via GoToMeeting Teleconferencing.** Citizens may join the GoToMeeting by logging on at <https://www.gotomeet.me/CityofLoneStar/city-of-lone-star-city-council-meeting> They may also join by calling +1 (669) 224-3412 and entering the Access Code: 649-245-277. Participants will be asked to mute their phones/microphones until invited to speak during the Public Comments part of the meeting. There will be an audio recording made of the meeting and uploaded to the City website the next business day.

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., Thursday, July 16, 2020.

MINUTES

Present were Mayor Randy Hodges, Mayor Pro Tem Jerri Chism, Aldermen Mona Brown, Lynn Cox, Trent Duke and Rudy Dudley and City Secretary Devon Whatley.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER by Mayor Randy Hodges**
- 2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
Invocation led by Mayor Randy Hodges.
Pledge of Allegiance recited in unison.
- 3. CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.**
- 4. CONSENT ITEMS:**
 - A. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on June 18, 2020.

A motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on June 18, 2020 was made by Mona Brown, with a second by 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: Economic Development Board Minutes and Financial Report
 - 5-7: Financial Reports

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

A motion to approve Reports 5-1 through 5-7 was made by Trent Duke, with a second by Rudy Dudley. All present voted aye.

7. ACTION ITEMS

7-1: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider the Request of Lynn Fry to allow an extension to pay out her water bill balance.

Ms. Lynn Fry addressed the Council seeking an extension to pay her water bill balance. Chief Steven Blythe also spoke on Ms. Fry's behalf. A motion to allow Lynn Fry to pay her monthly bill, with an additional \$100.00 per month toward the delinquent balance for five months (until December 31, 2020) was made by Lynn Cox, with a second by Rudy Dudley. All present voted aye.

7-2: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to call the City General Election on November 3, 2020, by adoption of an Order of Election to elect three aldermen to fill the expiring terms of Jerri Chism, Lynn Cox and Trent Duke.

A motion to adopt the Order of Election was made by Trent Duke, with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.

7-3: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider request for \$6,000.00 expenditure by the Economic Development Board for the purchase of fencing to be installed at the City Park to separate the playground area from the driveway/boat ramp area.

A motion to approve a \$6,000.00 expenditure by the Economic Development Board for the purchase of fencing in the City Park was made by Trent Duke, with a second by Lynn Cox. All present voted aye.

7-4: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider a request by the Economic Development Board to have old transformers behind the ball fields removed by Bowie-Cass.

Economic Development Board Chairman Mitch Cox spoke to the Council requesting permission to remove old transformers behind the ball fields. A motion to approve the removal of old transformers behind the ball fields at the City Park was made by Mona Brown, with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.

7-5: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider a request by the Economic Development Board to relocate the flag poles from the entrance to the City Park to the boat ramp area.

Economic Development Board Chairman Mitch Cox spoke to the Council requesting permission to relocate the flag poles from the entrance to the City Park to the boat ramp area. A motion to approve the relocation of the flag poles was made by Rudy Dudley, with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.

7-6: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider a request for \$5,500.00 expenditure by the Economic Development Board to purchase two storage containers for use in storing Christmas decorations.

Economic Development Board Chairman Mitch Cox spoke to the Council requesting approval for a \$5,500.00 expenditure by the Economic Development Board for the purchase of two storage containers. A motion to approve the \$5,500.00 expenditure was made by Lynn Cox, with a second by Mona Brown. All present voted aye.

8. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Jerri Chism, with a second by Mona Brown. All present voted aye.

/s/Randy Hodges
Randy Hodges, Mayor

/s/ Devon Whatley
Devon Whatley, City Secretary