

**REGULAR MEETING  
LONE STAR CITY COUNCIL  
FIRE HALL – 201 WEST INDUSTRIAL  
August 20, 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://global.gotomeeting.com/join/853779325> They may also join by calling **1 (224) 501-3412** and entering the Access Code: 853-779-325. 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](mailto:citysecretary@lonestartx.net) or by calling 903-656-2311 for staff assistance.**

**Comments must be received before 3:00 p.m., Thursday, August 20, 2020.**

**MINUTES**

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

**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: Comments submitted via email by Cody Wommack were read aloud by City Secretary Devon Whatley.**

**4. CONSENT ITEMS:**

A. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on July 16, 2020.

B. Minutes of the Budget Workshop on July 9, 2020.

**A motion to approve the Minutes was made by Trent Duke, 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: Financial Reports
  - a. Water and Sewer Fund
  - b. General Fund

**A motion to approve reports 5-1 through 5-6 was made by Jerri Chism, with a second by Trent Duke. All present voted aye.**

## **6. ACTION ITEMS**

6-1: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider the request to rezone Rocky Point from semi-developed to commercial by James and Ginger Smith.

**A motion to rezone Rocky Point to commercial was made by Trent Duke, with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.**

6-2: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to approve the Financial Audit for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2019 as presented by the audit firm of Arnold, Walker, Arnold, and Company, P.C.

**Luke Arnold, with Arnold, Walker, Arnold and Company, PC spoke and stated no items were found to be out of sorts in the annual audit. A motion to approve the audit of fiscal year ending September 30, 2019 was made by Trent Duke, with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.**

6-3: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to authorize Mayor Hodges to sign the Letter of Engagement with Arnold, Walker, Arnold, and Company to perform the Financial Audit for the Year Ending September 30, 2020.

**A motion to authorize Mayor Hodges to sign the Letter of Engagement with Arnold, Walker, Arnold and Company was made by Trent Duke, with a second by Lynn Cox. All present voted aye.**

6-4: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider the removal of the three portable buildings of the Lone Star Elementary property.

**Mitch Cox spoke and informed the Council an individual was interested in the buildings, but has since changed his mind. A motion to table this matter until the location of any asbestos in the portable buildings could be clarified, along with the cost of removal was made by Trent Duke, with a second by Lynn Cox. All present voted aye.**

6-5: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider a request by Economic Development Board Chairman Mitch Cox for the City to purchase a storm siren.

**Mitch Cox stated he feels it is the City's responsibility to provide a storm siren, since US Steel is shutting down. Mayor Hodges stated he would ask US Steel if they would donate their siren to the City. A motion to table this matter was made by Trent Duke, with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.**

6-6: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to call the City General Election on November 3, 2020, by adoption of an Amended Order of Election to elect three aldermen to fill the expiring terms of Jerri Chism, Lynn Cox and Trent Duke. The amendment changes the early voting dates to include the additional week of early voting pursuant to the Governor's Proclamation of July 27, 2020.

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

6-7: Review, Discussion and Possible Action by the Council to consider approving Resolution 2020-306, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lone Star, Texas Declaring Surplus Property, Values of Surplus Property and Method of Disposal for the 2012 Dodge Charger Patrol Car, 2004 GMC truck, 1995 Ford Bucket Truck, 2014 Ford Explorer Patrol Vehicle, 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe Patrol Vehicle.

**A motion to approve Resolution 2020-306 was made by Trent Duke, with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.**

6-8: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider make Officer Anthony Moore a full-time police officer. Officer Moore is currently a part-time employee.

**A motion to make Officer Anthony Moore a full-time police officer was made by Trent Duke, with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.**

## **7. ADJOURN**

**A motion to adjourn was made by Jerri Chism, with a second by Trent Duke. All present voted aye.**

/s/Randy Hodges  
Randy Hodges, Mayor

/s/ Devon Whatley  
Devon Whatley, City Secretary