

**REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
LONE STAR CITY COUNCIL
FIRE HALL – 201 WEST INDUSTRIAL
August 17, 2017 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, 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, 551.075, 551.076, 551.077*

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, Lynn Cox, Ryan Harte and Keith Reiter and City Secretary Devon Whatley.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER by Mayor Randy Hodges.**
- 2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
Invocation led by Alderman Lynn Cox
Pledge of Allegiance recited in unison.
- 3. CITIZEN COMMENTS: No citizen comments were made.**
- 4. CONSENT ITEMS:**
 - A. Minutes of the Budget Workshop on July 18, 2017.**

A motion was made by Jerri Chism and second by Mona Brown to approve the Minutes of the Budget Workshop on July 18, 2017. All present voted aye.

- B. Minutes of the Regular Scheduled Meeting on July 20, 2017.**

A motion was made by Jerri Chism and second by Lynn Cox to approve the Minutes of the Regular Scheduled Meeting on July 20, 2017. All present voted aye.

- 5. REPORTS:**
 - 5-1: Judge/Court Report
 - 5-2: Police Department Report
 - 5-3: Fire Chief Report
 - 5-4: Fire Marshall Report
 - 5-5: Public Works Report
 - 5-6: NETWD Director's Report
 - 5-7: Economic Development Corporation Minutes and Financial Report
 - 5-8: Financial Reports
 - a. Water and Sewer Fund
 - b. General Fund

A motion was made by Mona Brown and second by Keith Reiter to approve reports 5-1 through 5-8(b), as presented. All present voted aye. Aldermen Lynn Cox and Mona Brown commended the police and fire departments for their detailed reports

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

6-1: Review, Discussion and Possible Action to approve a Loan Resolution, authorizing and providing for the incurrence of indebtedness for the purpose of providing a portion of the cost of acquiring, constructing, enlarging, improving, and/or extending its City facility to serve an area lawfully within its jurisdiction to serve.

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6-2: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council concerning amending Ordinance 205-D Regulating the Keeping of Animals and Fowl Within the City of Lone Star to allow all fowl, not just chickens. Draft language of a proposed amendment will be considered.

A motion was made by Lynn Cox and second by Jerri Chism to approve the amendment of Ordinance 205-D Regulating the Keeping of Animals and Fowl Within the City of Lone Star, including water fowl. All present voted aye.

6-3: Review, Discussion and Possible Action by the Council to provide a curbside pick-up of garbage/large items by the City for \$25.00 once every six months. If an additional pick-up is requested within that six month window, and additional \$25.00 charge will be incurred for each subsequent request.

A motion was made by Mona Brown and second by Jerri Chism to allow for the curbside pick-up of garbage/large items by the City for a charge of \$25.00, once every six months. Additional pick-ups within that six months will incur an additional charge of \$25.00 per pick-up. These charges may be added to the requestor's water bill. Loads can not exceed the capacity of a sixteen (16) foot trailer. All present voted aye.

6-4: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to approve November 17 and 18, 2017 as Fall Clean-up. Any items placed on the curb during those two days, will be picked up by the City at no charge.

A motion was made by Jerri Chism and second by Mona Brown to approve November 17 and 18, 2017 as Fall Clean-up. Citizens can also take trash to the dumpster themselves for free on these two days. All present voted aye.

6-5: Review, Discussion and Possible Action by the Council concerning the increase in commercial garbage rates. A presentation will be made by Alderman Lynn Cox.

A motion was made by Jerri Chism and second by Keith Reiter to table this item until other sources of revenue can be investigated. Alderman Ryan Harte suggested taking 1% of garbage and water revenues for funding streets. Voting aye were Mona Brown, Jerri Chism, Keith Reiter and Ryan Harte. Voting nay was Lynn Cox.

6-6: Review, Discussion and Possible Action by the Council to consider continuing the \$50.00 water bill credit to Shane Terrell's widow, Karen Terrell.

A motion was made by Ryan Harte and second by Jerri Chism to continue the \$50.00 water bill credit for Shane Terrell's widow, Karen Terrell, indefinitely. All present voted aye.

6-7: Review, Discussion and Possible Action by the Council to consider the applications of Rudy Dudley, Lynn Cox and Nick Nichols for a vacant position on the Economic Development Board.

Nick Nichols withdrew his application for consideration. Alderman Lynn Cox recused himself from Council chambers during this item. He returned following the vote. A motion was made by Mona Brown and second by Jerri Chism to appoint Rudy Dudley to the Economic Development Board. Voting aye were Mona Brown, Jerri Chism, Keith Reiter and Ryan Harte. Absent from voting was Lynn Cox.

6-8: Review, Discussion and Possible Action by the Council to appoint a Water Conservation officer, as required by the State of Texas.

A motion was made by Mona Brown and second by Jerri Chism to appoint City Secretary Devon Whatley as the Water Conservation Officer for the City of Lone Star. All present voted aye.

6-9: Review, Discussion and Possible Action by the Council to approve Ordinance 281, An Ordinance Establishing that the City of Lone Star is a Type A General Law City; and Providing An Effective Date.

A motion was made by Jerri Chism and second by Mona Brown to approve Ordinance 281, An Ordinance Establishing that the City of Lone Star is a Type A General Law City. All present voted aye.

6-10: Review, Discussion and Possible Action by the Council to approve a Resolution from the Ark-La-Tex Council of Governments to jointly prepare a Mitigation Action Plan Five-Year Update.

A motion was made by Lynn Cox and second by Jerri Chism to approve the Resolution to jointly prepare a Mitigation Action Plan Five-Year Update. All present voted aye.

6-11: Review, Discussion and Possible Action by the Council regarding the report by Economic Development Board Chairman Mitch Cox on the Morris County Appraisal District's review of the Lone Star Elementary property.

Mitch Cox spoke and informed the Council that Chief Appraiser, Summer Golden, advised there would be a reduction of the appraisal of the Lone Star Elementary Property. Bob Scaff also advised Mr. Cox that there is a lot of asbestos in the last two wings built at Lone Star Elementary. No action was taken.

6-12: Review, Discussion and Possible Action by the Council regarding a report to be given by Economic Development Board Chairman Mitch Cox and Board member Karl Stoermer on the status of the Economic Development Board.

Mitch Cox advised that Karl Stoermer is pursuing a grant for a fire pumper. Also that efforts are being made to restart the Chamber of Commerce. Ash+Lime consulting firm has been in town to assess the city. They will bring their proposal back in a couple of weeks. Mr. Cox has also spoken with Bob Hawkins, who manages Bill Muñiz's properties. They are in preliminary negotiations to bring new business to town, including a motel. The addition of a washateria and truck stop have been recommended as needs. No action was taken.

6-13: Review, Discussion and Possible Action by the Council to allow Public Works Supervisor Shane Townson to drive a City vehicle home to Mt. Pleasant.

Item died for lack of a motion.

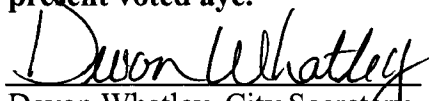
7. EXECUTIVE SESSION: City Council to convene into executive session for the following issues:


7-1: To discuss the possible use of office space at the Lone Star State Bank branch of Community Bank (TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. § 551.072). The council will then re-convene in open session for review, discussion, and possible action on this matter.

A motion was made by Keith Reiter and second by Mona Brown to investigate the additional costs of infrastructure and insurance on the office space inside the Lone Star State Bank building. A report will be made at the next meeting. All present voted aye.

8. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Jerri Chism and second by Ryan Harte. All present voted aye.


Devon Whatley, City Secretary


Randy Hodges, Mayor