

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**LONE STAR CITY COUNCIL**  
**FIRE HALL – 201 WEST INDUSTRIAL**  
**May 16, 2019 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.

**MINUTES**

**Present were Mayor Randy Hodges, Mayor Pro Tem Jerri Chism, Aldermen Mona Brown, Lynn Cox, Rudy Dudley and Trent Duke 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. ELECTION MATTERS:**

Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to Alderman Keith Reiter by Mayor Randy Hodges.

Administer Oath to Newly Elected Officials – City Secretary Devon Whatley.

**4. CITIZEN COMMENTS: No Citizen Comments.**

**5. CONSENT ITEMS:**

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 18, 2019.

**A motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 18, 2019 was made by Trent Duke, with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.**

**6. REPORTS:**

6-1: Judge/Court Report

6-2: Police Department Report

6-3: Fire Chief Report

6-4: Public Works Report

6-5: NETWD Director's Report

6-6: Economic Development Corporation Minutes and Financial Report

6-7: Financial Reports

**A motion to approve Reports 6-1 through 6-7 was made by Mona Brown, with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.**

## 7. NON-ACTION ITEMS:

7-1: Public Works Supervisor Shane Townson and City Secretary Devon Whatley will provide an update on the USDA Loan/Grant Water/Wastewater project, as well as some background information to educate the Council on where this project has been and where it is going.

**City Secretary Devon Whatley provided the history of when the project was approved by the USDA to the current status of the project today, which is anticipation of closing on the loan documents on June 13, 2019. Public Works Supervisor Shane Townson provided information on how the City's sanitary sewer system works, what isn't working properly and why, as well as what the USDA project will repair and replace. Engineer Chris Aylor spoke to the timeline of the project, as well as the priorities of the project.**

7-2: City Secretary Devon Whatley will provide an update on the boat ramp project, as well as an update on the updates to the City Park.

**City Secretary Devon Whatley informed the Council that Contractor William Hart advised her that day that the plan (weather permitting) was to pour the boat ramp at 4:00 am on Saturday, May 18. Engineer Chris Aylor advised that he would make the decision on Friday, May 17 as to whether they will proceed with pouring the boat ramp on Saturday or postpone the pour due to expected heavy rains on Saturday. Mr. Hart advised that the week after the ramp is poured that the rip rap would be placed on each side of the ramp. After the concrete in the ramp had had two weeks to cure, all of the structures would be removed and they would begin work on the boat dock.**

**Alderman Mona Brown stated that the playground equipment was being installed in the City Park and that work on the drainage would be starting the next day.**

## 8. ACTION ITEMS

8-1: Review, Discussion and Possible Action select a Mayor Pro Tem for the term of one year.

**A motion to name Jerri Chism as Mayor Pro Tem for the term of one year was made by Trent Duke, with a second by Rudy Dudley. All present voted aye.**

8-2: Consider adoption of an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of City of Lone Star, Texas, Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Taxable Series 2019A; prescribing the form and terms of said bonds; providing for the security for and payment of said bonds; providing an effective date; and enacting other provisions relating to the subject.

**Bond Attorney Leroy Grawunder addressed the Council, informing them that the loan portion of this project consists of bonds that are sold to USDA and are payable from the net revenue from the Water and Sewer System, that the Payer Registrar for the bonds is US Bank in Dallas.**

**A motion to adopt Ordinance 287, authorizing the issuance and sale of City of Lone Star, Texas, Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Taxable Series 2019A prescribing the form and terms of said bonds; providing for the security for and payment of said**

**bonds; providing an effective date; and enacting other provisions relating to the subject was made by Trent Duke, with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.**

8-3: Consider adoption of an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of City of Lone Star, Texas, Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Taxable Series 2019B; prescribing the form and terms of said bonds; providing for the security for and payment of said bonds; providing an effective date; and enacting other provisions relating to the subject.

**A motion to adopt Ordinance 288, authorizing the issuance and sale of City of Lone Star, Texas, Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Taxable Series 2019B prescribing the form and terms of said bonds; providing for the security for and payment of said bonds; providing an effective date; and enacting other provisions relating to the subject was made by Mona Brown, with a second by Rudy Dudley. All present voted aye.**

8-4: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lone Star Authorizing and Providing for the Incurrence of Indebtedness for the Purpose of Providing A Portion of the Cost of Acquiring, Construction, Enlarging, Improving and/or Extending Its City Water and Sewer Facility to Serve An Area Lawfully Within Its Jurisdiction to Serve.

**A motion to approve A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lone Star Authorizing and Providing for the Incurrence of Indebtedness for the Purpose of Providing A Portion of the Cost of Acquiring, Construction, Enlarging, Improving and/or Extending Its City Water and Sewer Facility to Serve An Area Lawfully Within Its Jurisdiction to Serve was made by Mona Brown and second by Lynn Cox. All present voted aye.**

8-5: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider Resolution 2019-287 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lone Star, Texas, Authorizing the Submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program Application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the Fire, Ambulance and Services Truck (FAST) Fund; and Authorizing the Mayor to Act as the City's Executive Officer and Authorized Representative in All Matters Pertaining to the City's Participation In the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program.

**A motion was made to approve Resolution 2019-287 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lone Star, Texas, Authorizing the Submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program Application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the Fire, Ambulance and Services Truck (FAST) Fund; and Authorizing the Mayor to Act as the City's Executive Officer and Authorized Representative in All Matters Pertaining to the City's Participation In the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program by Mona Brown, second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.**

8-6: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to appoint a Lone Star representative to the Northeast Texas Municipal Water District Board of Directors.

**A motion was made to appoint Sandra Wexler as the Lone Star Representative to the Northeast Texas Municipal Water District Board of Directors by Jerri Chism, with a second by Mona Brown. All present voted aye.**

8-7: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider a proposal by Public Works Supervisor Shane Townson to purchase a public works truck, replacing an existing truck.

**A motion was made to approve the purchase of a Ford F150 by Trent Duke, with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.**

8-8: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council regarding the pursuit of a storm siren grant. Mitch Cox, Chairman of the Economic Development Board will speak and provide an update to his efforts to obtain a grant for a storm siren in Lone Star.

**A motion was made to table this matter by Lynn Cox, with a second by Mona Brown. All present voted aye.**

8-9: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council regarding the state of the Edgemont Subdivision. Contractor/Developer Mitch Cox will address the Council regarding the state of the structures and streets in the Edgemont Subdivision.

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

8-7: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider placing Officer Brooke Elder as a full-time employee (currently part-time), following the departure of part-time officer Eddie Gutierrez.

**A motion was made to make Officer Brooke Elder a full-time employee at a rate of \$15.00 per hour by Trent Duke, with a second by Rudy Dudley. All present voted aye.**

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

9-1: To consider placing Brooke Elder as a full-time police officer (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.

**The City Council convened into executive session at 7:02 pm, then returned to open session at 7:16 pm, with no action having been taken in executive session.**

## **10. ADJOURN**

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

          /s/Devon Whatley            
Devon Whatley, City Secretary

          /s/Randy Hodges            
Randy Hodges, Mayor