

REGULAR MEETING
LONE STAR CITY COUNCIL
FIRE HALL – 201 WEST INDUSTRIAL
January 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.

MINUTES

Present were Mayor Randy Hodges, Mayor Pro Tem Jerri Chism, Aldermen Mona Brown, Trent Duke, Rudy Dudley and Lynn Cox 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: No citizen comments were made.

4. CONSENT ITEMS:

A. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting December 19, 2019.

A motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of December 19, 2019 was made by Jerri 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: NETWD Director's Report
- 5-6: Economic Development Corporation 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 Mona Brown, with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.

6. NON-ACTION ITEMS

6-1: Sergeant Stephen Rathbun will provide a report to the Council regarding readiness of the City during the recent severe weather.

Sgt. Rathbun was unable to attend, but Assistant Fire Chief Roger Dudley spoke. Police and Fire units were assigned to different areas of town. Staging areas were established in

preparation for predicted severe weather. The Morris County Emergency Management Coordinator commended Lone Star for their efforts and preparation. No other city in the County took such action. Public Works Supervisor Shane Townson was out making sure all stand-by generators were functional to ensure water and sewer services continued in the event of a power outage. The City still has steps to take to be NIMS compliant, but we are working on it.

7. ACTION ITEMS

7-1: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to call the City General Election on May 2, 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 call the City General Election and adopt the Order of Election was made by Mona Brown, with a second by Rudy Dudley. All present voted aye.

7-2: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action regarding a briefing by Assistant Fire Chief Roger Dudley to the Council concerning the failure of fire department equipment during recent testing.

Assistant Fire Chief Roger Dudley briefed the Council on the results of hose, pump and ladder testing. 23 sections of hose failed, fire truck pumps passed and some ladders failed. \$3,746.00 will bring the hose into compliance. The air compressor system that charges the SCBAs is dead. The cost to repair it is \$1,800-\$2,300. A new system is approx. \$18,000. A new 14 foot ladder is \$400 and a 24 foot extension ladder is \$718. Part of the issue with the hose is that we have 600 feet of 1986 fire hose.

A motion to appoint Mitch Cox to find grant funds for SCBA equipment, hose and ladders was made by Mona Brown, with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.

7-3: Review, Discussion and Possible Action by the Council to consider adopting Local Park Grant Program Resolution Authorizing Application. This Resolution authorizes the Economic Development Board to apply for a grant through Texas Parks and Wildlife for funds to continue improvements to the City Park and for the creation of a park in the Edgemont Subdivision. All match funds would be the responsibility of the Economic Development Corporation.

A motion to adopt Local Park Grant Program Resolution Authorizing Application was made by Trent Duke, with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.

7-4: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action regarding a request for expenditure by Economic Development Board Chairman Mitch Cox. The request is to expend \$2,000.00 for the removal of an additional 7-10 trees in the City Park and \$14,350.80 for the addition of playground equipment in the City Park for use by smaller children. Approval of the tree expenditure will provide approval by the Council for the removal of additional trees from the City Park.

A motion to approve the requests for expenditures of \$2,000.00 for the removal of an additional 7-10 trees in the City Park and \$14,350.80 for the addition of playground equipment for smaller children in the City park and the approval to remove an additional

7-10 trees in the City Park was made by Lynn Cox, with a second by Rudy Dudley. All present voted aye.

7-5: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action regarding the amendment of Ordinance 282, Ordinance Establishing Rules and Regulations Concerning Placement and Operation of Gaming Rooms Operating Legal Amusement Redemption Machines Within the Incorporated City Limits of Lone Star, Texas, to amend language in Section 3(A)(4) regarding the sale, purchase, possession of consumption of alcoholic beverages. The new language will clarify that the sale, purchase, possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages shall be allowed only pursuant to permits issued to the business by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission. The other amendment is to add language to Section 5(A) stating that the establishment must have their permit posted in plain sight and a copy of Ordinance 282 readily available.

A motion to amend the language in the following sections of Ordinance 282, Section 3(A)(4) allowing the sale, purchase, possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages pursuant to TABC permit and Section 5(A) stating permit must be posted in plain sight and a copy of Ordinance 282 readily available was made by Trent Duke, with a second by Mona Brown. Voting aye were Trent Duke, Mona Brown, Lynn Cox and Jerri Chism. Voting nay was Rudy Dudley. The motion passed.

7-6: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to approve sending a letter to all water customers regarding past-due accounts.

A motion was made to approve sending a letter to all water customers, with discussed corrections to proposed letter, was made by Mona Brown, with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.

7-7: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to approve April as Spring Clean-Up Month.

A motion to declare April as Spring Clean-Up Month was made by Mona Brown, with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.

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

8-1: To discuss the possible sale of Rocky Point, the Lone Star Elementary property, and lots owned by the City of Lone Star in the Edgemont Subdivision (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.

8-2: To consider re-hiring Kenith Taylor as a full-time Code Enforcement 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.

9. RE-CONVENE IN OPEN SESSION: City Council to re-convene in Open Session for Review, Discussion, and Possible action on the following matters:

9-1: Review, Discussion and Possible action to authorize placing the following City-owned lots out to bid:

253 EB Smith Survey – Rocky Point Park (1.5 acres)

Lone Star Elementary Property – In the Leander Kidd Survey, A-170, being part of Block 5, Block 6, Block 12 and Block 14, and parts of Milam Street and Morris Avenue, in the Edgemont Subdivision, an 11 acre tract.

In the Edgemont Subdivision:

Block 8, Lots 28-32

Block 15, Lots 1-4

Block 16, Lots 2-3

Block 17, Lots 11-12

A motion to table this matter for further research into values was made by Trent Duke, with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.

9-2: Review, Discussion and Possible Action by the Council to consider re-hiring Kenith Taylor as a full-time Code Enforcement Officer.

A motion to hire Kenith Taylor as a full-time Code Enforcement Officer, beginning March 1, 2020 at a rate of \$19.25 per hour was made by Jerri Chism, with a second by Mona Brown. All present voted aye.

10. 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