

**SPECIAL BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING**  
**LONE STAR CITY COUNCIL**  
**FIRE HALL – 201 WEST INDUSTRIAL**  
**August 13, 2020 at 6:00 PM**

*We reserve the right to enter into Executive Session on any Agenda item pertaining to  
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.

**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/895318997> They may also join by calling +1 (872) 240-3412 and entering the Access Code: 895-318-997. 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 13, 2020.**

**MINUTES**

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Mayor Randy Hodges.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None.

3. **ACTION ITEMS:**

3-1: Review, discussion and possible action to approve proposed property tax rate for 2020-2021 budget year.

**A motion to approve a proposed property tax rate of \$.535 per \$100 valuation was made by Trent Duke, with a second by Rudy Dudley. All present voted aye. (This vote is merely to approve what rate to have considered at a public hearing and meeting to adopt a tax rate, following proper publication. This vote does NOT adopt the tax rate)**

3-2: Review and discussion of the 2020-2021 General Fund and Water & Sewer Fund Budgets and proposed property tax rate for 2020.

**The Council reviewed the addition of Anthony Moore as a full-time police officer, from part-time. Chief Blythe would like to use funds from the sale of the Tahoe for radios and striping for new patrol trucks. Anther entity may be interested in the Tahoe.**

**A public hearing and meeting on budgets and property tax rate will be held September 8.**

**3. 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**