

*LONE STAR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING-MINUTES
FIRE HALL – 201 WEST INDUSTRIAL
July 20, 2023, 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.

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Called to Order by Mayor Brianna McClain at 6:05pm. Cyndi Andrews, Jerri Chism, Keith Reiter and Tony Johnson were present.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**Invocation – Led by Mayor McClain
Pledge of Allegiance- All in Unison**

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS: *At this time, anyone will be allowed to speak on any matter for a length of time not to exceed **three minutes**. No Council/Board discussion or action may take place on a matter until such matter has been placed on an agenda and posted in accordance with law.*

Jim McGinnis spoke in regard to a code of conduct standards for the sitting Council. Mr. McGinnis spoke in length about the actions from a Council member and how the Council should welcome newcomers to the City.

A second citizen spoke about some comment on social media that Mr. McGinnis was reference to.

Rudy Dudley spoke about having problems getting local contractors to give bids on projects. Rudy then discussed the electronic sign.

Cindy Jackson spoke that they moved here and asked about the requirements for hydrants being flushed. Fire Chief Landon Tidmore answered the Citizens concerned about the hydrants.

4. CONSENT ITEMS:

Minutes of the June 8, 2023, Special Meeting – Personnel Matters

Minutes of the June 21, 2023, Emergency Called Meeting

Minutes of the June 29, 2023, Rescheduled Meeting

Motion made by Jerri Chism to accept the minutes. Cyndi Andrews seconded. 4 For 0 Against.
Motion Carries.

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: EDC Report
- 5-7: Financial Reports
 - a. Water and Sewer Fund
 - b. General Fund

Jerri Chism moved to accept all reports except 5-4 and 5-6 Cyndi Andrews seconded 3 For 0 Against 1 Not voting. Motion Carries.

6. NON-ACTION ITEMS:

6-1: Brandon Singletary, Morris County Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) to give a presentation on a mass warning/messaging system for Morris County and cities within the county.

Brandon spoke about a mass message system. He then showed a video. Brandon explained how the system can be used. The system he is looking at is the Genesis system. Brandon stated the City of Lone Star price would be 400.00 a year.

7. ACTION ITEMS

7-1: Review, Discussion and Possible Action to discuss the City's Certificated Service Areas and the recent installation of a septic system inside the city limits after City employees and/or elected officials told a resident that the city would not provide sewer service (Tabled from June 29, 2023, item 6-5).

Shane explained the areas in town that have not been developed. There was a lot of discussion on who is responsible and who is not. Keith explained he would like the Public works department to make sure they are knowledgeable on the Certificated Service area requirements.

No Action Taken.

7-2: Review, Discussion, and Possible Actions on purchasing a Verizon Hot Spot so the city park will have internet accessibility to procure security cameras for the park after recent park upgrades (tabled from June 29, 2023, item 6-16). Rudy asked that 7-2 be dropped from the agenda. No action on the item.

7-3: Review, Discussion, and Possible action on the reinstatement of the Lone Star Parks and Recreation Board, originally authorized under Ordinance 198 (Tabled from June 29, 2023, item 6-17).

Rudy asked that 7-3 be dropped from the agenda. No action taken on the item.

7-4: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to lower garbage rates (Tabled from June 29, 2023, item 6-22).

Keith stated he would recommend dropping this item until budget time.

No action was taken.

7-5: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to address the procedure for final approval and payment on the baseball field project (Tabled from June 29, 2023, item 6-24).

There was a lot of discussion about the contract and who can sign the contract. Tony Johnson makes a motion to approve the payment. Cyndi Andrews seconded it. 3 For-1 against. Motion Carries.

7-6: Review, Discussion, and Possible action by the Council to consider acquiring insurance from another source besides TML due to increased rates.

Tina stated there is information in the packet about insurance prices. She stated we cannot afford the insurance rate at 100 percent increase. There was a lot of discussion on insurance rates and options.

Keith Reiter made a motion to drop TML and look for another option for insurance. Cyndi Andrews seconded the motion. 3 For 0 Against 1 not voting motion carried.

7-7: Review, Discussion, and Possible action by the Council to address payment to Trent Duke for storage fees of firetruck. Trent explained the fire truck had been at his place since July 9, 2021.

Jerri Chism made a motion to give Trent Duke the title to the Fire Truck. Tony Johnson seconded the motion. 2 For- 2 Against. The mayor voted yes. Motion carried

7-8 Review Discussion, and Possible action by the Council to consider hiring a full-time clerk for the Water and Sewer/Court Clerk position.

Keith Reiter made a motion to not hire a clerk tonight. Cyndi Andrews seconded. 4 for 0 against. Motion Carried

7-9: Review, Discussion, and Possible action by the Council to consider reimbursing Mary Corley for her insurance deductible in the amount of \$2,100 and the purchase of a backflow device in the amount of \$1,500 for sewage backup on November 24, 2022.

Keith asked what happened, Shane explained the situation. There was discussion on the situation. No action was taken.

7-10: Review, Discussion, and Possible action to consider implementing the mass warning/messaging system as presented by Morris County EMC.

No action was taken.

7-11: Review, Discussion, and Possible action to Renew the Total Phosphorus Load Agreement with Northeast Texas Municipal Water District.

Cyndi Andrews made a motion to renew the agreement, Jerri Chism seconded. 4 for 0 Against. Motion carried.

7-12: Review, Discussion, and Possible action by the council to address transition of secretary duties and relieving current secretary on an agreed date.

Discussion was held by Tina and Harriett on being behind and training. It was brought up that Kyle come to the front and help take payments and answer the phone. Tina stated August 4th would be her last day.

No action taken.

8. ADJOURN- Jerri Chism moved to Adjourn, Tony Johnson seconded. 4 for 0 against. Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm.

I certify that the above notice of meeting was posted on the bulletin board at City Hall, City of Lone Star, Texas, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and to the city's website, www.lonestar.tx.net, in compliance with chapter 551, Texas Government Code, on this 17th day July 2023 before 5:00 p.m.

Tina Love
City Secretary

Note: Any subject placed on this agenda, regardless of how the matter is stated may be acted on by the City Council and may be legally approved at this 20th day of July meeting. A quorum of the Economic Development Board may be present. No action will be taken by the Economic Development Board.