

**REGULAR MEETING
LONE STAR CITY COUNCIL
FIRE HALL – 201 WEST INDUSTRIAL
January 21, 2021 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.

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 <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/318019101>. They may also join by calling (571) 317-3122 and entering the Access Code: **318-019-101**. 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 or by calling 903-656-2311 for staff assistance.

Comments must be received before 3:00 p.m., January 21, 2021.

MINUTES

Present were Mayor Pro Tem Jerri Chism, Alderman Mona Brown, Lynn Cox, Rudy Dudley and City Secretary Tina Love. Absent was Mayor Randy Hodges and Alderman Jeremy Livingston.

1. CALL TO ORDER by Jerri Chism at 6:48 P.M.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation led by Rudy Dudley

Pledge of Allegiance recited in unison

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

4. CONSENT ITEMS:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 17, 2020.

A motion to approve December 17, 2020 minutes was made by Mona Brown, with a second by Rudy Dudley. 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: Water District Report
- 5-6: Financial Reports
 - a. Water and Sewer Fund
 - b. General Fund

A motion to approve Reports 5-1 through 5-6 was made by Rudy Dudley, with a second by Mona Brown. All present voted aye.

6. ACTION ITEMS

6-1: Review, Discussion and Possible Action by the Council to call the City General Election on May 1, 2021, by adoption of an Order of Election to elect Mayor and two aldermen to fill the expiring terms of Randy Hodges, Mona Brown, and Rudy Dudley.

A motion to call the City General Election and adopt the Order of Election was made by Lynn Cox, with a second by Mona Brown. All present voted aye.

6-2: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to discuss with Judge Rebecca Foster the court report and any outstanding tickets and warrants.

Judge Rebecca Foster and court clerk, Missy Watkins, presented reports to the council recapping outstanding tickets, citations, and warrants. The process of events that occur after issuance of these citations was explained and efforts made to contact violators. Any violations which exceed 90 days are issued to an outside collection's agency for further assistance. A recurring problem is that mail is returned, and no forwarding address is available. Council discussed various issues that have previously occurred and solutions on how to proceed. A consensus was to dismiss older citations and to focus only on newer citations issued.

A motion to dismiss tickets, citations, and warrants issued prior to January 1, 2020 was made by Rudy Dudley, with a second by Lynn Cox. All present voted aye.

6-3: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to discuss the possible re-zoning changes from residential to commercial at 217 W. Germany, Lone Star, Tx. as discussed at Public Hearing on 1/21/21 @ 5:30 P.M.

As determined by the Public Hearing on 1/21/21, additional information is necessary before a decision is made about rezoning the property located at 217 W. Germany, Lone Star, Tx. It was decided to table this item until a later date.

A motion to table this item until the next City Council meeting was made by Mona Brown, with a second by Rudy Dudley. All present voted aye.

6-4: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to discuss the possible sale of older city owned vehicles and/or equipment.

The consideration to sale the Chevrolet Tahoe, Ford Explorer's, Dodge Charger, and the GMC truck was discussed.

The police department expressed interest in keeping the two Ford Explorers for the police reserves and transportation for out-of-town training activities to minimize mileage on the new patrol trucks. Chief Blythe asked the city to consider donating the Chevrolet Tahoe to the Daingerfield ISD police unit in which we have a memorandum of understanding (MOE) agreement with. Rudy Dudley asked if the Dodge Charger could be used by the Fire Marshall to reduce personal vehicle usage for Fire Department activities. The sale of the one-half ton GMC truck was previously discussed at an earlier council meeting. Shane Townsend, Public Works, asked if we could reverse that decision and keep the GMC truck since it was newer, had less miles, and in better condition, and sale the four door Dodge truck since it was older and had more miles.

The council discussed the vehicles considered for reallocation. The two Ford Explorers, Dodge Charger and one-half ton GMC truck will remain as city property and allocated for usage as previously discussed.

Shane Townson notified the council about the flat bed dump truck having problems dumping loads. The truck runs well, and can be used to move and haul items, but does not dump asphalt correctly. He mentioned we may want to consider selling it in the future if we can find one comparably priced.

A motion to sell the Dodge truck and to donate the Chevy Tahoe to Daingerfield ISD police, was made by Rudy Dudley, with a second from Mona Brown. All present voted aye.

6-5: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to discuss the police departments introduction of a new Wellness SOP and improved departmental standards.

Officer David Hood presented and discussed a new wellness program he would like to implement for our police officers and other city employees. He detailed the benefits and requirements for the new program.

A motion to accept the new wellness program was made by Rudy Dudley, with a second from Mona Brown. All present voted aye.

7. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Mona Brown with a second by Rudy Dudley. All present voted aye.

/s/ Jerri Chism
Jerri Chism, Mayor Pro Tem

/s/ Tina Love
Tina Love, City Secretary