

*LONE STAR CITY COUNCIL  
FIRE HALL – 201 WEST INDUSTRIAL  
September 16, 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.

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**MINUTES**

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Randy Hodges at 6:01 PM**

**2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Invocation – Mayor Randy Hodges**

**Pledge of Allegiance – all in Unison**

**3. CITIZEN COMMENTS:** *At this time, anyone will be allowed to speak on any matter other than personnel matters or matters under litigation, for 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.]*

**No comments.**

**4. CONSENT ITEMS:**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting on July 15, 2021.

Minutes of Special Budget Meeting on July 16, 2021

Minutes of Special Budget Meeting on July 22, 2021

Minutes of Special Budget Meeting on July 29, 2021

Minutes of Special Budget Meeting on August 5, 2021

Minutes of Special Budget Meeting on August 11, 2021

Minutes of Special Budget Meeting on August 18, 2021

Minutes of Special Meeting on August 19, 2021 - Public Hearing to Consider A Property Tax Rate and 2021-2022 Budget

Minutes of Special Meeting on August 19, 2021 – Adoption of 2021-2022 Budget

Minutes of Regular Meeting on August 19, 2021

**A motion to accept all minutes as presented was made by Mona Brown with a second from Jerri Chism. 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 accept reports 5-1 thru 5-6b was made by Jerri Chism with a second from Rudy Dudley. All present voted Aye.**

## **6. ACTION ITEMS**

6-1 Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to approve the Financial Audit for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2020, as presented by the audit firm of Arnold, Walker, Arnold, and Company, P.C.

**Luke Arnold, of Arnold, Walker, Arnold, and Company P.C. spoke to the council about the audit performed for the time period of October 1, 2019 thru September 30, 2020. There were know issues found and a audit report was provided to council for review.**

**A motion to approve the audit report was made by Lynn Cox with a second from Jerri Chism. All present voted Aye.**

6-2 Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to authorize Mayor Hodges to sign the Letter of Engagement with Arnold, Walker, Arnold, and Company to perform the Financial Audit for the Year Ending September 30, 2021.

**A motion to allow Mayor Hodges to sign the letter of engagement with Arnold, Walker, Arnold, and Company to perform the financial audit for the year ending September 30, 2021, was made by Mona Brown with a second from Rudy Dudley. All present voted Aye.**

6-3: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council for extension and future expansion of water main on CR2208 as presented by Dusty Ansley (pending additional information).

**Dusty Ansley updated the Council on some changes to previous project cost for the CR2208 Waterline Extension. The original estimate identified 6,473 ft. of 6", PVC Waterline along Hwy. 259; whereas the correction identifies 1,460 ft. of 6" PVC waterline. Additionally, the quantity of fire hydrants identified in schedule 3 of the project were changed from 8 hydrants to 4 hydrants. The correction and changes reduced the estimate from \$870,397.00 total to \$536,969.00. Mr. Ansley has spoken with different contractors and thinks he possibly could get a lower quote for this project.**

**Mr. Ansley purchased 27 acres and discussed the layout of a proposed housing addition. He identified the roadway with a 10 ft. easement for water. He stated Bowie Cass will bury the electrical lines and the line will be approximately 5 ft. parallel to the waterlines. The addition is**

**estimated to have between 34-40 homes built at a minimum of 3,000 – 7,000 ft. per home. Additional updates and information will be provided at the next council meeting.**

**No action taken.**

6-4: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider partnering with Rocky Point Adventures for the upcoming Halloween Trunk or Treat.

**Karl Cochran of Rocky Point Adventures (RPA) expressed RPA’s interest in participating in the Halloween Trunk or Treat festivities by offering their facility to hold the event. A shuttle would take participants to RPA where they would be escorted around the sandy peninsula of the park where vendors and volunteers would hand out candy. A concern of having children around the water after dark was discussed as well other events that will be occurring later that evening at RPA. Historically, the event has occurred at the Crumps parking lot where local churches, businesses and citizens have easy access to come or go while participating in the activities.**

**A motion to decline the offer of relocating the Halloween Trunk or Treat was made by Mona Brown, two voted for relocation, one voted against, and two abstained from voting.**

**Mayor Hodges expressed his appreciation for RPA offering their facility to host the Trunk or Treat but declined the offer and will continue to host the Trunk or Treat at the Crumps parking lot.**

6-5: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider a proposed supplement to ordinance #54 for regulation of tiny houses within the city limits (tabled from previous meeting).

**Rudy discussed adding information to the existing ordinance about disallowing tiny houses. A discussion occurred about residential requirements within the city limits. A residential home must be at least 900 ft. A structure on commercial property can be 750 ft. minimum. The ordinance identifies these requirements.**

**No action taken.**

6-6: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider approving an expenditure by the Lone Star Economic Development Corporation in the amount of \$19,118.00 (previously \$16,312) for the “Fence It” company to replace the chain-link fencing at the big baseball field located at the City Park limits (tabled from previous meeting).

**This item was tabled.**

6.7 Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider approving an expenditure by the Lone Star Economic Development Corporation in the amount of \$20,660.00 for Lonestar Concrete Technologies to re-furbish and seal the concrete and striping on the old basketball court located at the City Park (tabled from previous meeting).

**This item was tabled.**

6.8 Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider approving the Economic Development Corporation hiring an engineering firm, such as KSA, to perform an engineering study regarding the drainage issues at the Lone Star City Park (tabled from previous meeting).

**This item was tabled.**

6-9: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider installing speed bumps to slow traffic down and place a guard rail to mark the drainage ditch at the corner of Jefferson and West Germany (update).

**Rudy discussed people driving at excessive speeds down West Germany to Rocky Point. Individuals have complained about their safety if walking down the roadway due to the extra traffic. It was suggested to consider installing speed bumps at various locations down West Germany to slow traffic down. Depending on the type and length of a speed bump will determine the final cost. Some estimates researched include one from U-Line @\$1257.65, Tree Top @ \$1001.86 and Amazon @ \$270.61. Most of the roadway is 14 ft. wide and some areas are 16 ft. wide. After extensive discussions about safety and speed bump placement, it was suggested t place four speed bumps down West Germany at staggered intervals.**

**A motion to purchase two sets of speed bumps from Amazon was made by Lynn Cox and a second from Jeremy Livingston. All present voted Aye.**

6-10: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider Resolution 2021-312 Declaring Surplus Property, Values of Surplus Property and Method of Disposal for a wooden desk no longer utilized by the City.

**Resolution 2021-312 identifies a wooden desk as surplus property no longer needed by the City. An estimated value of \$25.00 was identified but can be negotiated per the resolution. A motion to dispose of the surplus property was made by Mona Brown with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted Aye.**

6-11: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider transferring usage of one Ford Explorer vehicle from the Lone Star Police Department to the Lone Star Fire Department, Fire Marshall.

**Currently, the LSVFD Fire Marshall utilizes his personal vehicle for fire department business and callouts. The police department has offered the Fire Marshall a Ford Explorer that is not currently utilized, after removal of equipment and police markings, if approved by council.**

**A motion to transfer the usage of the Ford Explorer from the Police Department to the Fire Marshall was made by Lynn Cox, with a second from Mona Brown. Motion passed with a vote of four Aye's and one abstain.**

6-12: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider Police Officer Collin Way as a part-time officer, on a PRN or as needed basis, without benefits, and consider the budgeted salary increase in six months based upon part-time performance.

**Chief Blythe discussed that officer Collin Way has had an unforeseen event to happen in his personal life and is no longer able to work as a full-time employee. Chief Blythe expressed that Officer Way enjoys working for the LSPD and expressed his interest to remain as a part time employee, if allowed. Officer Way is aware that if considered as a part-time employee there would be no benefits and should consider getting benefits elsewhere. Chief Blythe discussed Officer Way's work performance and asked the council to consider the budgeted salary increase in six months, as scheduled, based upon Officer Way's part-time performance.**

**A motion to approve Officer Collin Way as a part-time officer, with no benefits, and consider salary increase as budgeted until the unforeseen circumstances are resolved, with a second from Rudy Dudley. All present voted Aye.**

6-13: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider the City Secretary opening a new checking account for monthly deposits toward the annual truck payments.

**The City Secretary approached the Council to consider opening a separate checking account to allocate funds toward the annual truck payments. The amount of money deposited each month could be based upon availability or established by the council. Lynn Cox suggested depositing \$4,000 during the tax receipt months of November, December, and January, and consider re-evaluating the deposit dollar amount later at January's council meeting.**

**A motion to open a new checking account to deposit funds for the annual truck payments was made by Lynn Cox with a second from Mona Brown. All present voted Aye.**

6-14: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider approving an expenditure by the Lone Star Economic Development Corporation in the amount of \$9,201.25 to purchase 8 each, 8 channel CCTV security & surveillance camera's from FMN Systems of Granbury Tx. Purchase is dependent on internet connectivity and with an understanding the EDC agrees to pay for the first year of internet service at approximately \$175.00/month if the City agrees to pay the monthly internet service after the first year.

**This item was tabled.**

6-15: Review, discussion, and possible action by the Council to consider approving an expenditure by the Lone Star Economic Development Corporation in the amount of \$4,211.84 for payment to Royal Plumbing, of Longview, Tx. to remove and replace the City Park's old bathroom fixtures and ensure no leakage of new fixtures.

**This item was tabled.**

6-16: Review, discussion, and possible action by the Council to consider approving an expenditure by the Lone Star Economic Development Corporation to pay \$665.85 to Daniel Trip for pier repairs at the Lone Star City Park.

**This item was tabled.**

6-17: Review, discussion, and possible action by the Council the final quote for sign replacement and authorization to proceed with VIP grant to Spoon's BBQ.

**Rudy Dudley spoke to the Council about the EDC, Visual Improvement Program. Spoons BBQ has completed all the required paperwork and provided a quote of \$581.76 for sign cost and \$645 for installation, totaling \$1,226.76. The EDC's 50% grant portion is \$613.38 which leaves roughly \$1,386.00 of \$2,000.00 for Spoons to spend on exterior improvements to the business. Rudy approached the council for authorization to proceed with the BIP grant for Spoons BBQ.**

**A motion to award Spoon's BBQ the VIP grant was made by Lynn Cox with a second from Mona Brown. All present voted Aye.**

6-18: Review, discussion, and possible action to consider for hire, Felipe Andrade to fill a vacant police officer position at the Lone Star Police Department.

**Chief Steven Blythe introduced Felipe Andrade. Felipe currently lives in Grand Prairie, Tx. but is willing to relocate to the area. He has passed the background check, PFT, written exam and interview board and is being presented to council as a candidate for hire.**

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

**The City Council convened into executive session at 7:36 pm.**

7-1: To consider for hire, Felipe Andrade, to fill a vacation police officer position at the Lone Star Police Department (TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. § 551.074). The council will then reconvene in open session for review, discussion, and possible action on this matter.

**The City Council reconvened in Open Session at 7:47 pm. No action was taken.**

**8.0 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/ Tina Love  
Tina Love, City Secretary