

*LONE STAR CITY COUNCIL
FIRE HALL – 201 WEST INDUSTRIAL
October 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.

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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., October 21, 2021.

MINUTES

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation – Lynn Cox

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.]*

Citizen Keith Reiter wanted to express publicly his appreciation for the assistance a Lone Star Police officer provided after his daughter's wedding at City Park. Mr. Reiter stated the officer turned on his lights, as it was getting dark, as well as help the family load up chairs. It was determined later the officer who assisted Mr. Reiter's family was officer Felipe Andrade.

4. CONSENT ITEMS:

Minutes of Regular Meeting on September 16, 2021

A motion to accept the minutes of September 16, 2021, as written, was made by Mona Brown with a second by 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 Mona Brown. All present voted aye.

6. ACTION ITEMS

6-1: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council for extension and future expansion of water main on CR2208 as presented by Dusty Ansley (pending updates and additional information).

Mr. Ansley provided an updated copy of KSA budget to connect to the water main on CR2208. Mr. Ansley has begun clearing trees on the property in preparation of moving forward with the project. He states that pipe prices are continuously going up at an estimated 10% per month and he wants to start purchasing material if the City is ok with him connecting to the current water lines. Shane Townson, W & S Supervisor, discussed the water lines on Priscilla supply 3 homes and a lot of water is utilized to keep the lines flushed to these homes. The KSA estimate identified an estimated cost of \$102,600 to replace approximately 1,700 ft. of 6" pipe on top of the ground. Shane discussed this 6" line doesn't have to be replaced now, but in the future, the City may qualify for a CDBG grant to help pay for this waterline replacement. In the past, similar waterline projects qualified for CDBG grants. Kenny Taylor discussed there is a possibility of this waterline being throttled back to the equivalency of a 2" line or a gate valve may be partially closed to reduce water flow. This will need to be evaluated further to know how to proceed when updates are made.

Mr. Ansley provided additional details about the project. He is investigating the possibilities of installing aerobic systems for the new homes since there is no lift station in the area to remove the sewer. He also discussed that Bowie Cass requires water and fire hydrants in the area; otherwise, all electrical expenses for power lines have to be paid up front. It is possible the City may qualify for up to \$8,000 utilizing a fire hydrant program offered by Northeast Texas Municipal Water District (NETMWD). This needs to be checked into further. A lot of activities are going on to get the project started. Mr. Ansley will continue to update the City of his progress.

A motion to allow Dusty Ansley to connect to the 6" line located at 2208 was made by Lynn Cox, with a second from Mona Brown. All present voted Aye.

6-2: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to evaluate necessary actions for the sale of the Lone Star Elementary School.

The Lone Star Elementary School was placed on the market in the past as well as other possibilities considered for its usage, but the property remains unsold. The council

was approached to consider placing the school on the market again which requires a new appraisal and new bid submissions if marketable.

A motion to get an appraisal and pursue the sale of the Lone Star Elementary School was made by Mona Brown, with a second from Jerri Chism. All present voted Aye.

6.3 Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to approve City of Lone Star Tax Roll Approval and Tax Levy Resolution for Tax Year 2021.

A motion to accept the City of Lone Star Tax Roll Approval and Tax Levy Resolution for Tax Year 2021 was made by Jerri Chism, with a second by Mona Brown. All present voted Aye.

6.4 Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to consider a Volunteer Service Application from Allison Hudson as a new member of the Lone Star EDC.

Allison Hudson was introduced to the Council members. She has attended a few of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) meetings and has expressed her interest in becoming a member of the EDC.

A motion to accept the Volunteer Service Application for Mrs. Hudson was made by Mona Brown, with a second from Jerri Chism. All present voted Aye.

6.5 Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to solicit proposals for administrative services for ARP Act eligible projects from the American Rescue Plan Act program funding from the U. S. Department of Treasury.

The City of Lone Star has received funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The City considered Due to the extensive reporting requirements, the council was asked to consider soliciting proposals for administrative services.

A motion authorizing soliciting proposals for administrative services was made by Mona Brown, with a second from Rudy Dudley. All present voted Aye.

6.6 Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider allowing Rudy Dudley, EDC Chairman, to attend the annual TML Economic Development Conference at Lost Pines, Texas on November 11-12, 2021. Expenses for the conference (\$320.00), motel (\$160/night +taxes, est.), meals and travel are to be reimbursed from EDC.

Mona Brown discussed it is imperative that Rudy Dudley attend the upcoming training at the TML Economic Development Conference and asked for the council's approval to attend this training.

A motion to approve Rudy Dudley to attend the TML Economic Development Conference was made by Mona Brown, with a second from Jerri Chism. All present voted Aye.

6.7 Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider allowing the Lone Star EDC to become a member city of the Texas EDC with benefits including free

webinars, training, and seminar discounts. Cost is \$525.00 for active membership/year and \$125.00 for volunteer membership/year/per person.

The Texas Economic Development Council (TEDC) website identifies member cities which are part of the organization. The City of Lone Star is not a member of the TEDC which reduces our opportunity to network with other cities and limits access to additional EDC resources. EDC Chairman Rudy Dudley approached the council about becoming a member of the TEDC to increase networking opportunities, access to free training, free webinars, and seminar discounts. The active membership provides a member access to all information in the TEDC website, which can be downloaded and shared with other EDC members. The volunteer membership does not provide access to all areas of the website.

A motion to move forward with the Lone Star EDC becoming a member of the TEDC was made by Mona Brown, with a second from Jerri Chism. All present voted Aye.

6.8 Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to solicit bids for the preparation and installation of the City Christmas decorations and consider removal and storage of decorations after the holidays.

7.0 ADJOURN

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 18th day October, 2021 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 21st day of October 2021 meeting. A quorum of the Economic Development Board may be present. No action will be taken by the Economic Development Board.