

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

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., December 16, 2021.

**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 P.M.**

**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 citizen comments.**

**4. CONSENT ITEMS:**

Minutes of Regular Meeting on November 18, 2021

**A motion to accept minutes of November 18, 2021 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

**Mayor Randy Hodges expressed his appreciation for the details provided in the departmental reports and wanted to thank our police department, volunteer firemen, first responders, and EMS for all they do for the City of Lone Star. Alderman Lynn Cox expressed his appreciation for details included in the police reports.**

**A motion to accept reports 5-1 thru 5-6a-b 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 to identify land parcels for consideration in the sale of the Lone Star Elementary school, have property surveyed, and consider hiring a licensed commercial appraiser to evaluate property.

**A schematic of parcels surrounding the Lone Star Elementary school and proposed Edgemont Park property was provided for reference. Estimated property values, based upon Morris County Appraisal district, were provided for each of these parcels. Discussed the land value and the need to have the property surveyed. Additional information is needed. No action taken.**

6-2. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council the second presentation by EDC Chairman Rudy Dudley for suggested Park Improvements and Grants proposed by project 2022-001 in accordance with Texas Local Government Code 505.151, Subchapter D.

**EDC Chairman, Rudy Dudley provided Council the second presentation for suggested Park Improvements and the Grant proposal for project 2022-001 as required by Texas Local Government Code 505.151, Subchapter D. If Council approves, the EDC wants to proceed with the items identified in project 2022-001. The first project being the Engineering study and repairs of the drainage issues at the City Park. Other project items to following after drainage issues are corrected.**

**A motion for the EDC to move forward with project 2022-001 was made by Lynn Cox, with a second from Jerri Chism. All present voted Aye.**

6-3: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council consider implementing a Fire Fighter retention program.

**Assistant Fire Chief, Roger Dudley, discussed the need to recruit additional members for the Volunteer Fire Department. Currently, there are 12 members, but only 7 of the 12 members are active. Roger discussed various correspondence he has reviewed and found a recruitment kit which includes various correspondence, banners and patches that will be given to new members. Copies of correspondence included in the recruitment kit was provided to Council for review. The banners and patches will display our new fire truck logo and selected verbiage. Roger asked Council for approval to proceed in ordering the recruitment kit and banners for display.**

**A motion to order the recruitment kits and banners was made by Mona Brown, with a second from Jerri Chism. All present voted Aye.**

6-4: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council for the EDC to purchase additional Christmas ornaments and lights to replace damaged and non-working lights not to exceed \$20K.

**EDC members Mona Brown and Rudy Dudley discussed the need to repair, replace, or restring Christmas decorations that were damaged or broken. The cost to repair or restring the decorations with commercial LED lights, would need to be compared to ornament replacement, which is approximately \$300-\$500 per ornament. Also consider purchasing a few solar boxes to use for lights in areas without electricity. We currently have approximately 30-35 lighted Christmas ornaments, but all are not working. The desire to expand our Christmas ornament display into the City Park was expressed. The EDC is asking for the Council's approval to repair or purchase additional lighted ornaments within the next 1-3 years to not exceed \$20k of the period of time.**

**A motion to approve the EDC to purchase additional ornaments or lighting over a period of 1-3 years was made by Lynn Cox, with a second from Jeremy Livingston. All present voted Aye.**

6-5: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider the members of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and the City Council to sign a non-disclosure agreement for City records.

**The need for members of the EDC and City Council to sign a non-disclosure agreement for record purposes was discussed.**

**A motion to move forward with the non-disclosure agreement was made by Mona Brown, with a second from Jerri Chism. All present voted Aye.**

6-6: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to identify or create a city logo to be used for all city affiliates (EDC, Public Works, City Council).

**Rudy Dudley discussed not having a City logo to include on letterhead, website, apparel, or signage. Per discussions, a logo was discussed several years ago, and possibly one was drawn up, but was never implemented. Lynn Cox referenced the Design Factory may have created a logo. He could check with the Design Factory to see if they have any Logo information on file.**

**A motion for Lynn Cox to contact the Design Factory about the Logo was made by Jerri Chism, with a second from Mona Brown. All present voted Aye.**

6-7: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to amend the "City of Lone Star Game Room Regulations", Ordinance 282-2 to include game room permit fees and updates.

**Code Enforcement Officer, Kenny Taylor, discussed the City of Lone Star Game Room Regulations, Ordinance 282-2, was rescinded in the past because the rules and**

**regulations identified in the County ordinance were more stringent than the City's ordinance. Officer Taylor researched other cities, located in Morris county, which have game rooms, and found that each of these cities were charging game room permit fees annually either by establishment or per each gaming machine. Officer Taylor presented to Council for consideration and review, an amendment to the City of Lone Star Game Room Regulations ordinance to include an annual permit fee for each game room. The amendment will be presented to legal for review.**

**A motion to accept the amendment and present to legal for review was made by Rudy Dudley with a second from Mona Brown. All present voted Aye.**

6.8: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to approve the attendance of the Texas Municipal Clerk's Association Election Law Seminar in Denton, Texas, January 12-14, 2022, in Denton Texas by City Secretary Tina Love.

**A motion to approve Tina Love to attend the Texas Municipal Clerks Association Election Law Seminar in Denton was made by Lynn Cox with a second from Rudy Dudley. All present voted Aye.**

## **7.0 ADJOURN**

**A motion to adjourn was made by Jerri Chism, with a second from Mona Brown. All present voted Aye.**

/s/ Randy Hodges  
Randy Hodges, Mayor

/s/ Tina Love  
Tina Love, City Secretary