

**SPECIAL MEETING  
TO ADOPT 2020 – 2021 BUDGET  
LONE STAR CITY COUNCIL  
FIRE HALL – 201 WEST INDUSTRIAL  
September 8, 2020 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 IS OPEN TO 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 at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/332983301> They may also join by calling +1 (408) 650-3123 and entering the Access Code: 332-983-301. Participants will be asked to mute their phones/microphones unless they are addressing the Council. 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](mailto:citysecretary@lonestartx.net) or by calling 903-656-2311 for staff assistance.**

**Comments must be received before 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 8, 2020.**

**MINUTES**

**Present were Mayor Randy Hodges, Mayor Pro Tem Jerri Chism, Aldermen Rudy Dudley, Mona Brown and Lynn Cox and City Secretary Devon Whatley. Absent was Alderman Trent Duke.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER by Mayor Randy Hodges.**

**2. ACTION ITEMS:**

2-1: Review, Discussion and Possible Action to adopt the proposed City of Lone Star General Fund and Water and Sewer Fund Budgets for Fiscal Year 2020 – 2021.

**A motion to adopt the City of Lone Star General Fund and Water and Sewer Fund Budgets for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 was made by Mona Brown, with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.**

2-2: Review, Discussion and Possible Action to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the budget. This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$9,186.00, which is a 0% increase from last year's budget.

**A motion to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the budget was made by Lynn Cox, with a second by Mona Brown. All present voted aye.**

2-3: Review, Discussion and Possible Action to increase the property tax rate by the adoption of a rate of \$.535000, which is effectively a 3.04% increase over the last year's tax rate.

**A motion to increase the property tax rate by the adoption of a tax rate of \$.535000, effectively a 3.04% increase in the tax rate was made by Mona Brown, with a second by Lynn Cox. All present voted aye.**

2-4: Review, Discussion and Possible Action to approve Ordinance 295 Adopting a Tax Rate for the City of Lone Star for Tax Year 2020.

**A motion to approve Ordinance 295 Adopting a Tax Rate for the City of Lone Star for Tax Year 2020 was made by Mona Brown, with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.**

### 3. 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/ Devon Whatley  
Devon Whatley, City Secretary