

**REGULAR MEETING
LONE STAR CITY COUNCIL
FIRE HALL – 201 WEST INDUSTRIAL
October 15, 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 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 at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/298300917> They may also join by calling [1 \(224\) 501-3412](tel:12245013412) and entering the Access Code: 298-300-917. 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., Thursday, October 15, 2020.

MINUTES

Present were Mayor Randy Hodges, Aldermen Mona Brown, Trent Duke and Lynn Cox and City Secretary Devon Whatley. Mayor Pro Tem Jerri Chism came it at Item 5. Absent was Alderman Rudy Dudley.

1. CALL TO ORDER by Mayor Randy Hodges.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation led by Mayor Randy Hodges.

Pledge of Allegiance recited in unison.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS: No public comments.

4. CONSENT ITEMS:

A. Minutes of the Public Hearing on Budget and Tax Rate on September 8, 2020.

B. Minutes of the Special Meeting Adopting Budgets and Tax Rate on September 8, 2020.

C. Minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 17, 2020.

A motion to approve Consent Items A-C was made by Trent Duke, with a second by Mona Brown. 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 Mona Brown, with a second by Trent Duke. All present voted aye.

6. ACTION ITEMS

6-1: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council on comments from Jerry Stoermer regarding grant funding for the fire department.

Jerry Stoermer presented bunker equipment and explained the current state of the Fire Department equipment. Mr. Stoermer explained grants that have been applied for and grants that are still needed.

A motion to have the SCBA tank air compressor repaired for the amount of \$1,900.00 and to use \$50,000.00 of a \$100,000.00 CD to pay for the purchase of bunker gear, 14 SCBA packs, 21 45 minute SCBA bottles and extension ladder was made by Trent Duke, with a second by Lynn Cox. All present voted aye.

6-2: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to approve City of Lone Star Tax Roll Approval and Tax Levy Resolution for Tax Year 2020.

A motion to approve the City of Lone Star Tax Roll Approval and Tax Levy Resolution for Tax Year 2020 was made by Trent Duke, with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.

6-3: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider adopting a \$20.00 trip charge for subsequent trips by the Public Works Department to turn on water service. Customers are informed at the time they pay their deposit for water/sewer service, someone must be home between the hours of 3:30 pm and 4:30 pm, when the Public Works Department comes to turn on the water. On multiple occasions, there has been no one home, resulting in multiple return trips. The charge would only be applied if only more than one attempt is made.

A motion to approve a \$20.00 trip charge for subsequent trips by the Public Works Department to turn on water service was made by Mona Brown, with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.

6-4: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider a request for variance of Ordinance 181 by Trent Duke to temporarily place a camper at 513 North Main for overnight security.

A motion to grant the request for variance of Ordinance 181 to allow the temporary placement of a camper at 513 North Main was made by Jerri Chism, with a second by Lynn Cox. Voting Aye were Mona Brown, Lynn Cox and Jerri Chism. Trent Duke abstained. Motion carried.

6-5: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider hiring Jason “Paul” Dorough to the Public Works Department.

A motion to hire Jason “Paul” Dorough at a rate of \$13.50 per hour, then increase to \$13.75 after 6 months was made by Trent Duke, with a second by Mona Brown. All present voted aye.

6-6: Review, Discussion and Possible Action by the Council to consider approving administrative staffing position.

A motion to approve the hiring of an administrative staffing position was made by Trent Duke, with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION: City Council to convene into executive session for the following issues:

7-1: To consider hiring Jason “Paul” Dorough to the Public Works Department (TEX. GOV’T CODE ANN. § 551.074). The council will then re-convene in open session for review, discussion, and possible action on this matter.

7-2: To consider approving administrative staffing position (TEX. GOV’T CODE ANN. § 551.074). The council will then re-convene in open session for review, discussion, and possible action on this matter.

8. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Jerri Chism, with a second by Trent Duke. All present voted aye.

/s/Randy Hodges
Randy Hodges, Mayor

/s/ Devon Whatley
Devon Whatley, City Secretary