

REGULAR MEETING
LONE STAR CITY COUNCIL
FIRE HALL – 201 WEST INDUSTRIAL
November 19, 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/222802189> .They may also join by calling **+1 (646) 749-3122** and entering the Access Code: 222-802-189. 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, November 19, 2020.

MINUTES

Present were Mayor Randy Hodges, Mayor Pro Tem Jerri Chism, Alderman Mona Brown, Lynn Cox, Trent Duke and City Secretary Devon Whatley. Absent was Alderman Rudy Dudley. Alderman Trent Duke relinquished his seat to Jeremy Livingston following the administration of oath. Oath was administered to Jerri Chism, Lynn Cox, and Jeremy Livingston.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** by Mayor Randy Hodges.
- 2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
Invocation led by Lynn Cox
Pledge of Allegiance recited in unison

3. ELECTION MATTERS:

Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to Alderman Trent Duke by Mayor Randy Hodges.

Administer Oath to Newly Elected Officials – City Secretary Devon Whatley.

Oath administered to Jerri Chism, Lynn Cox, and Jeremy Livingston.

- 4. CITIZEN COMMENTS:** No public comments.

5. CONSENT ITEMS:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting on October 15, 2020.

A motion to approve October 15, 2020 minutes was made by Jerri Chism, with a second by Mona Brown. All present voted aye.

6. REPORTS:

- 6-1: Judge/Court Report
- 6-2: Police Department Report
- 6-3: Fire Chief Report
- 6-4: Public Works Report
- 6-5: Water District Report
- 6-6: Financial Reports
 - a. Water and Sewer Fund
 - b. General Fund

A motion to approve Reports 6-1 through 6-6 was made by Mona Brown, with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.

7. ACTION ITEMS

7-1: Review, Discussion and Possible Action select a Mayor Pro Tem for the term of one year.

Jerri Chism was nominated to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for the term of one year. A motion was made to appoint Jerri Chism as Mayor Pro Tem by Mona Brown, with a second by Lynn Cox. All present voted aye.

7-2: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council following comments from Beverly Williams and Donald Grant regarding their water bill following a leak and the maintenance of their ditch on Wildrose.

Ms. Beverly Williams claims a water leak was caused after construction work was performed in Wildrose area. The leak was identified on her private property; therefore, it was her responsibility to contact a plumber for repairs. She notified council that repairs were made but she still had a leak. Discussion occurred between Ms. Williams and council. An agreement was made to roll the November water bill of \$98.34 to December, but both water bills were to be paid in full by December 20th or her water would be cut off. Ms. Williams agreed to pay the water bills in full by the deadline. Additionally, Ms. Williams discussed the ditch in front of her house not being mowed. City Water Works Director, Shane Townson, explained to with Ms. Williams that it was the homeowner's responsibility to maintain private property and she would be responsible to mow the ditch and that it was not the city's responsibility.

A motion was made to extend Ms. William's water payments to December 20th by Lynn Cox, with a second by Mona Brown. All present voted aye.

7-3: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council following comments from Sean Spencer with Heartland Playgrounds with an update on the Park Grant submitted by the Economic Development Corporation.

Sean Spencer, Heartland Playgrounds, updated the council about the proposed Edgemont park and the Texas Parks and Wildlife grant the Economic Development Committee has applied for. Grant results will be announced in March, 2021.

No action taken.

7-4: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider a request by the Economic Development Board to expend \$6,500.00 for the purchase of a concrete pad and 30'x30' pavilion at the City Park.

A motion to approve \$6,500 for the Economic Development Board to purchase a concrete pad and 30' x 30' pavilion for the City Park was made by Lynn Cox, with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.

7-5: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider a request by the Economic Development Board to expend another \$500.00 to Bowie-Cass for additional lighting at the City Park.

A motion to approve \$500 for the Economic Development Board to purchase additional lighting from Bowie Cass for the City Park was made by Mona Brown, with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.

7-6: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider a request by the Economic Development Board to expend up to \$1,000.00 for a toddler swing set at the City Park.

A motion to approve \$1,000 for the Economic Development Board to purchase a toddler swing for the City Park was made by Jerri Chism, with a second by Lynn Cox. All present voted aye.

7-7: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider a request by Court Clerk Melissa Watkins to receive holiday pay as a part-time employee.

A motion to approve holiday pay for part-time Court Clerk Melissa Watkins was made by Mona Brown, with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.

7-8: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider naming Associate Municipal Judge Rebecca Foster as the City's Municipal Court Judge.

A motion to name Associate Municipal Judge Rebecca Foster as the City's Municipal Court Judge was made by Jerri Chism, with a second by Mona Brown. All present voted aye.

7-9: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider approving the amendment of Ordinance 273, An Amended Ordinance Providing for Water and Sewer Rates; Water Tapping Fees; Connection, Reconnection, Transfer, and Other Miscellaneous Service Fees; An Increase In Amount of Deposit to Secure Payment of Bills; Establishing New Rates and Fees and The Terms and Conditions Thereof; Providing Penalty for Violation of Terms; Repealing All Prior Ordinances or Parts of Ordinances In conflict Herewith; and

Providing A Severability Clause to include the \$20.00 Trip Charge adopted at the Regular Meeting of the City Council on October 15, 2020.

A motion to approve the amendment of Ordinance 273 to include the addition of a \$20.00 trip charge was made by Mona Brown, with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.

7-10: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to approve the withdrawal of \$57,005.31 from Water & Sewer CD 9925 on deposit at Community Bank for the purchase of a sewer jetter machine, as provided in the 2020-2021 Water and Sewer Fund Budget.

A motion to approve the withdrawal of \$57,005.31 from Water & Sewer CD 9925 at Community Bank for the purchase of a sewer jetter machine was made by Mona Brown, with a second by Lynn Cox. All present voted aye.

7-11: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to approve the withdrawal of \$18,289.80 from General Fund CD 92363 on deposit at Community Bank for the repaving of Lacewood Drive, as provided in the 2020-2021 General Fund Budget.

A motion to approve the withdrawal of \$18,289.80 from General Fund CD 92363 at Community Bank for the repaving of Lacewood Drive was made by Lynn Cox, with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.

7-12: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider authorization to issue requests for proposals (RFP) for administrative services and requests for qualifications (RFQs) for engineering services related to the 2021-2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA).

A motion to approve authorization to issue request for proposals (RFP) for administrative services and requests for qualifications (RFQ's) for engineering services related to the 2021-2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) was made by Mona Brown, with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.

7-13: Review, Discussion and Possible Action by the Council to adopt the City's holiday schedule for 2021.

A motion to approve the adoption of the City's holiday schedule for 2021 was made by Mona Brown, with a second by Jerri Cox. All present voted aye.

7-14: Review, Discussion and Possible Action by the Council to consider for hire, candidates for the City Secretary position.

A motion to consider for hire Tina Love for the City Secretary position at \$42,500, with a review in six months, was made by Mona Brown, with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.

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

8-1: To consider for hire, candidates for the City Secretary 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.

No action was taken during executive session.

9. 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