

REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
LONE STAR CITY COUNCIL
FIRE HALL – 201 WEST INDUSTRIAL
January 28, 2016 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, 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, 551.075, 551.076, 551.077

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.

MINUTES

Present were Mayor Karl Stoermer, Mayor Pro Tem Martha Wexler, Aldermen Mona Brown, Earl Alexander, Jerri Chism and Randy Hodges and City Secretary, Devon Whatley.

1. CALL TO ORDER by Mayor Karl Stoermer

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation led by Judge Bob Mattox

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Karl Stoermer

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS: Sharon Brown spoke regarding the trash cans, basketball goals and overgrown hedges over the sidewalks. She also voiced her concerns about dogs running loose. She also spoke about speeding vehicles and the danger the pose to those in motorized chairs.

4. CONSENT ITEMS:

A. Minutes of the Regular Scheduled Meeting on December 17, 2015

A motion by Mona Brown and second by Jerri Chism to approve the minutes of December 17, 2015, as presented. ALL VOTED AYE.

5. REPORTS:

5-1: Judge/Court Report

5-2: Police Department Report

5-3: Fire Chief Report

5-4: Fire Marshall Report

5-5: NETWD Director's Report

5-6: Economic Development Corporation Minutes

5-7: Financial Reports

a. Water and Sewer Fund

b. General Fund

A motion by Jerri Chism and second by Earl Alexander to approve reports 5-1 through 5-7 (a) and (b), as presented. ALL VOTED AYE.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

6-1: This year's General Election is May 7, 2016 to elect three Aldermen. The seats on the ballot are currently held by Earl Alexander, Martha Wexler and Jerri Chism. Deadline to file an Application for Place on the Ballot is 5:00 pm on February 19, 2016. See City Secretary, Devon Whatley, for more information.

6-2: The Third Annual Fireman's Valentine's Day Charity Dinner will be Sunday, February 14, 2016 from 5:30 – 7:00 pm at the Lone Star Baptist Encampment Dining Facility. Tickets are \$20.00 per person and available from members of the Lone Star VFD or at City Hall.

7. ACTION ITEMS:

7-1: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to approve the Financial Audit for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2015 as presented by the audit firm of Arnold, Walker, Arnold, and Company, P.C. .

Luke Arnold with Arnold, Walker, Arnold and Company, P.C. gave a report stating that everything in the audit looked good. Ms. Wexler asked questions regarding GASB 68, pension funding and health benefits. A motion was made by Mona Brown and second by Jerri Chism to approve the Financial Audit for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2015. ALL VOTED AYE.

7-2: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to authorize Mayor Stoermer to sign the Letter of Engagement with Arnold, Walker, Arnold, and Company to perform the Financial Audit for the Year Ending September 30, 2016.

A motion was made by Randy Hodges and second by Jerri Chism to authorized Mayor Stoermer to sign the Letter of Engagement with Arnold, Walker, Arnold, and Company to perform the financial audit for the year ending September 30, 2016. ALL VOTED AYE.

7-3: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to call the City General Election on May 7, 2016 to elect three aldermen to fill the expiring terms of Earl Alexander, Martha Wexler and Jerri Chism.

A motion was made by Randy Hodges and second by Jerri Chism to call the City General Election on May 7, 2016 to elect three aldermen to fill the expiring terms of Earl Alexander, Martha Wexler and Jerri Chism. ALL VOTED AYE.

7-4: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action regarding a report by Court Clerk Tina Sparks explaining the annual report provided by McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen, P.C. on the collection of delinquent fines and fees owed to the Municipal Court.

Court Clerk, Tina Sparks reviewed the report with the Council. No action was taken.

7-5: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action regarding the Lone Star Police Department/Lone Star Municipal Court's participation in the Warrant Roundup. Municipal Judge Bob Mattox and Municipal Clerk Tina Sparks will provide the Council with information regarding this year's event.

Court Clerk, Tina Sparks provided information on the Warrant Roundup and statistics from last year's event. No action was taken.

7-6: Review, Discussion and Possible Action regarding pursuing grants through the Ark-La-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) for the Police Department. Officer Bret Gutierrez will speak about the grants.

A motion was made by Martha Wexler and second by Jerri Chism to support Officer Bret Gutierrez in pursuing grants through ATCOG for two new patrol vehicles. ALL VOTED AYE.

7-7: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to approve contract with TLC Office Systems for a new telephone system.

A motion was made by Martha Wexler and second by Mona Brown to pay for the purchase of a new telephone system from CD# 92363. ALL VOTED AYE.

7-8: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action regarding correspondence to water customers regarding the City's policy on delinquent/non-payment of water and sewer bills.

No action was taken.

7-9: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to approve Fire Chief Jerry Stoermer's attendance of the State Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association Fire Chief Academy in Austin, Texas. This program takes place over the course of four weekends throughout 2016. The cost of the schooling is covered by scholarship. The only out-of-pocket expense is for travel to and from Austin.

A motion was made by Martha Wexler and second by Jerri Chism to allow Fire Chief Jerry Stoermer to attend the State Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association Fire Chief Academy in Austin, Texas. ALL VOTED AYE.

7-10: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action regarding a report from Mitchell Cox and Mike Alcorn regarding the current status of estimates and repairs at the Lone Star Elementary property.

Mitch Cox gave a report on the school roof. The roofing contractor said the roof is in very bad condition, but repaired three spots as promised. The estimate to repair the roof is \$160,000.00. The fencing was put on hold, but gates were already ordered and installed. Mr. Cox reviewed the previous status of electrical, plumbing, flooring and HVAC. The boarding of the third wing is complete. The total estimated repairs is currently \$499,000.00. No action was taken.

7-11: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action regarding the destruction of the portable classroom buildings on the Lone Star Elementary property.

No action was taken.

7-12: Review, Discussion and Possible Action regarding the sale of timber from the City Park.

A motion was made by Mona Brown and second by Martha Wexler to thin the timber at the park without removing stumps. ALL VOTED AYE.

7-13: Review, Discussion and Possible Action regarding the sale of timber from the Lone Star Elementary property.

A motion was made by Mona Brown and second by Martha Wexler to sell the timber from the Lone Star Elementary property and adjoining City-owned property. ALL VOTED AYE.

7-14: Review, Discussion and Possible Action regarding the sale of the Lone Star Elementary property at auction.

A motion was made by Randy Hodges and second by Jerri Chism to approve the sale of the Lone Star Elementary property at auction. ALL VOTED AYE.

7-15: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action regarding the sale of the following lots in the Edgemont Subdivision, owned by the City. These lots would be sold at auction.

Block 8, Lots 28, 29, 30, 31, 32

Block 12, Lot 11

Block 14, Lots 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18

Block 15, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4

Block 16, Lots 2 and 3

Block 17, Lots 11 and 12

A motion was made by Mona Brown and second by Jerri Chism to approve the sale of the following lots at auction:

- Block 8, Lots 28, 29, 30, 31, 32**
- Block 12, Lot 11**
- Block 14, Lots 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15**
- Block 15, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4**
- Block 16, Lots 2 and 3**
- Block 17, Lots 11 and 12**

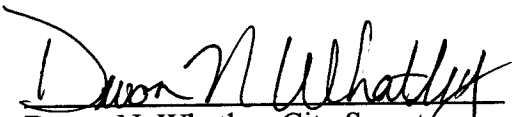
Lots 16-18 of Block 14 were removed as they are not owned by the City. ALL VOTED AYE.

7-16: Review, Discussion and Possible Action regarding bringing the Kelly Miller Circus to Lone Star.

A motion was made by Martha Wexler and second by Jerri Chism to approve bringing the Kelly Miller Circus to Lone Star. ALL VOTED AYE.

8. ADJOURN

A motion by Jerri Chism and second by Mona Brown to adjourn. ALL VOTED AYE.


Devon N. Whatley, City Secretary

Karl Stoermer, Mayor