

REGULAR MEETING
LONE STAR CITY COUNCIL
FIRE HALL – 201 WEST INDUSTRIAL
September 20, 2018 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.

MINUTES

Present were Mayor Randy Hodges, Mayor Pro Tem Jerri Chism, Aldermen Mona Brown, Lynn Cox, Keith Reiter and Trent Duke and City Secretary Devon Whatley.

1. CALL TO ORDER by Mayor Randy Hodges.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation led by Alderman Lynn Cox

Pledge of Allegiance recited in unison.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS: There were no citizen comments made.

4. CONSENT ITEMS:

- A. Minutes of the Special Budget Workshop Meeting on August 1, 2018.
- B. Minutes of the Special Budget Workshop Meeting on August 16, 2018.
- C. Minutes of the Regular Meeting on August 16, 2018.

A motion to approve Consent Items A-C was made by Jerri Chism and second by Lynn Cox. All present voted aye.

5. REPORTS:

- 5-1: Police Department Report
- 5-2: Fire Chief Report
- 5-3: Fire Marshall Report
- 5-4: Public Works Report
- 5-5: NETWD Director's Report
- 5-6: Economic Development Corporation Minutes and Financial Report
- 5-7: Financial Reports
 - a. Water and Sewer Fund
 - b. General Fund

A motion to approve reports 5-1 through 5-7 was made by Mona Brown and second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.

6. NON-ACTION ITEMS:

6-1: Economic Development Board Chairman Mitch Cox will speak to the Council regarding his intent to pursue the spraying of Ellison Creek Reservoir for Hydrilla next year. He intends on contacting property owners around the lake and requesting their participation in this project. Each property owner would be responsible for paying their portion of the spraying.

Economic Development Board Chairman Mitch Cox informed the Council he is looking into what it will take to have Ellison Creek Reservoir sprayed for Hydrilla next Spring.

6-2: Economic Development Board Chairman Mitch Cox will inform the Council of his contact with Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) in pursuit of grants for a used fire pumper truck and tornado siren system.

Mr. Cox informed the Council that Nancy Hohn with Ark-Tex Council of Governments will be attending the October 18 Council meeting to discuss grants for a used pumper truck for the Fire Department. Fire Chief Landon Tidmore and Fire Marshall Bobby Livingston are researching the cost of used pumper trucks.

6-3: Police Chief Steven Blythe will introduce Reserve Officer Caleb Wall.

Police Chief Steven Blythe introduced Reserve Officer Caleb Wall.

7. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

7-1: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council regarding a request of the Economic Development Board to expend \$6,000.00 in Economic Development Board funds to replace the drainage pipe in the City Park.

EDC Chairman Mitch Cox informed the Council that 280 feet of 18 inch plastic pipe would be needed to redirect drainage between the boat ramp and swimming area. Bobby Livingston will donate the labor. This will replace the existing drain pipe.

A motion was made by Trent Duke and second by Lynn Cox to approve the Economic Development Board to expend \$6,000.00 to replace the drainage pipe. All present voted aye.

7-2: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider the recommendation to appoint Ginger Smith to the Economic Development Board.

A motion was made by Jerri Chism and second by Trent Duke to appoint Ginger Smith to the Economic Development Board. All present voted aye.

7-3: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider hiring a company to maintain the networks and technology for the City.

Lacy Marshall with Cynergy Technology, Daniel Knight with Absolute Technologies, Kenny Prince with Datamax and Jacky Ouin with ETV spoke and answered questions from the Council.

Mona Brown made a motion to hire Cynergy Technology. The motion died for lack of second.

Trent Duke made a motion to hire Absolute Technologies. The motion died for lack of second.

A motion was made by Lynn Cox and second by Jerri Chism to have each company conduct an evaluation of the City's network/technology and return on September 27, 2018 for another meeting. Voting aye were Trent Duke, Mona Brown, Lynn Cox and Jerri Chism. Voting nay was Keith Reiter. The motion carried.

7-4: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider the recommendation of Officer Kenny Taylor to place three dumpsters in town from October 22 through October 26 for Fall Clean-up. This would make dumpsters available to citizens 24 hours a day, free of charge, to encourage the clean-up of properties.

A motion was made by Jerri Chism and second by Trent Duke to place three dumpsters at Germany and Alamo Streets from October 22 through October 26 for Fall clean-up. All present voted aye.

7-5: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider an increase in wages for Officer Kenith Taylor, following his passing the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement exam to attain a Jailer's License.

This matter was considered in executive session. Following a return to open session, a motion was made by Keith Reiter and second by Jerri Chism to increase Kenith Taylor's wage to \$17.00 per hour. All present voted aye.

7-6: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider updates to the security system of City offices. Court Clerk/Associate Judge Tina Sparks will speak regarding the proposed updates.

A motion was made by Trent Duke and second by Jerri Chism to approve the updates to the Court security system. This would provide 4 digital cameras, 2 analog cameras and larger storage quoted in the first quote. All present voted aye.

7-7: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider permitting City Secretary Devon Whatley to attend The Secretary of State's Election Law Seminar in Austin on November 28-30, 2018.

A motion was made by Jerri Chism and second by Lynn Cox to allow City Secretary Devon Whatley to attend The Secretary of State's Election Law Seminar. All present voted aye.

7-8: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to cast a vote on the ballot for the TML MultiState Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool Board of Trustees for TML Region 15.

A motion to vote for Wendy Hudman was made by Jerri Chism and second by Mona Brown. All present voted aye.

7-9: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to cast a vote on the ballot for the TML Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board of Trustees.

A motion to vote for Dietrich von Biedenfeld, Bert Lumbreras, Byron Black and Bert Echterling was made by Trent Duke and second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.

7-10: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider hiring a part-time police officer.

This item was considered in Executive Session. Following the return to Open Session, a motion was made by Mona Brown and second by Trent Duke to hire Eddie Gutierrez as a part-time police officer at a rate of \$10.00 per hour. All present voted aye.

7-11: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider hiring a full-time police officer.

This item was considered in Executive Session. Following the return to Open Session, a motion was made by Mona Brown and second by Lynn Cox to hire James Kerby as a full-time police officer at a rate of \$14.00 per hour. All present voted aye.

7-12: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider hiring a public works employee.

This item was considered in Executive Session. Following the return to Open Session, a motion was made by Trent Duke and second by Jerri Chism to hire Jason Sperier at a rate of \$11.25 per hour. All present voted aye.

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

8-1: To discuss hiring a part-time police officer (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.

8-2: To discuss hiring a full-time police officer (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.

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9. RE-CONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

10. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Jerri Chism and second by Mona Brown to adjourn. All present voted aye.

/s/ Randy Hodges
Randy Hodges, Mayor

/s/ Devon Whatley
Devon Whatley, City Secretary