

REGULAR MEETING
LONE STAR CITY COUNCIL
FIRE HALL – 201 WEST INDUSTRIAL
August 16, 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 Keith Reiter, Mona Brown, Trent Duke and Lynn Cox 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:

Travis Pool asked when the City is going to tell the citizens about money Larry Fleet stole. He also stated that Alderman Mona Brown is telling everyone that the new police chief is a done deal. He also stated that the City only needs three officers for 24 hour coverage.

Stanley Gray stated that he grew up in Lone Star, moved away and has moved back. He believes that whoever is the police chief should be consistent. He prefers the City hire someone internal. He knows the game rooms are paying out cash and are illegal. He wants the new police chief to stop the game rooms. He also stated that the stop sign at Germany and Fannin are covered in brush and need to be cleaned up.

Lewis Reynolds spoke and stated he wants the Council to hire Hershel Stroman as police chief.

A motion was made by Jerri Chism and second by Lynn Cox to accept the citizen comments. All present voted aye.

4. CONSENT ITEMS:

- A. Minutes of the Special Meeting on July 3, 2018.
- B. Minutes of the Special Budget Workshop Meeting on July 12, 2018.
- C. Minutes of the Special Meeting on July 23, 2018.

A motion was made by Lynn Cox and second by Jerri Chism to approve the minutes of July 3, 2018, July 12, 2018 and July 23, 2018. 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 was made by Jerri Chism and second by Trent Duke to approve reports 5-1 through 5-7(b). All present voted aye.

6. NON-ACTION ITEMS:

6-1: An update on the USDA grant/loan will be provided, as well as an updated debt service schedule.

City Secretary Devon Whatley reported that the paperwork for the USDA grant/loan had been sent to the Office of General Council for review and comment. One of the comments that came back was a request to adjust the debt service schedule. Bond attorney Leroy Grawunder revised the schedule. The new schedule should save the City approximately \$40,000.00. The debt service schedule will be presented in the form of an Ordinance for approval at a later date.

7. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

7-1: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider hiring Cynergy Technology to maintain the networks and technology for the City.

Lacy Marshall and Jesse Lazenby with Cynergy Technology spoke to the Council regarding the services provided by Cynergy Technology. A motion was made by Keith Reiter and second by Trent Duke to delay the decision until the September meeting, until additional companies can be contacted for proposals. All present voted aye.

7-2: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council regarding a request of the Economic Development Board to remove up to eight trees from the boat ramp area at Rocky Point, to allow for better access to the ramp. Mitch Cox, Chairman of the Economic Development Board will be present to speak.

Matter was not heard. No action taken.

7-3: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council regarding a request of the Economic Development Board to install drainage pipe in the City Park. Mitch Cox will be present to speak.

Matter was not heard. No action taken.

7-4: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to approve a grant administrator to apply for and administer the 2019 Community Development Block Grant from the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Kathy Boyles with GrantWorks was present and answered questions regarding the Community Development Block Grant. The Evaluation of Proposals recommended Traylor and Associates to serve as grant administrator. A motion was made by Trent Duke and second by Jerri Chism to approve GrantWorks as grant administrator for the 2019-2020 Community Development Block Grant. All present voted aye.

7-5: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to review and possibly approve the quote by Spartan Construction and Roofing for the repair and replacement of the roof on City Hall.

A proposal by JC Lanier was also considered and chosen. A motion was made by Trent Duke and second by Keith Reiter to hire JC Lanier to replace the roof on City Hall with 30 year shingles, with the understanding that the price will be slightly more than the original \$6,000.00 bid. All present voted aye.

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

8-1: To discuss naming/hiring a Police Chief (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.

9. RE-CONVENE IN OPEN SESSION: City Council to re-convene in Open Session for Review, Discussion, and Possible action to name/hire a Police Chief, following the retirement of Chief Larry Fleet.

A motion was made by Lynn Cox and second by Mona Brown to appoint Steven Blythe as Police Chief. Voting aye were Mona Brown, Lynn Cox and Jerri Chism. Voting nay were Trent Duke and Keith Reiter. Motion carried.

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