

REGULAR MEETING
LONE STAR CITY COUNCIL
FIRE HALL – 201 WEST INDUSTRIAL
February 21, 2019 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, Trent Duke and Lynn Cox and City Secretary Devon Whatley. Absent was Alderman Mona Brown.

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: None.

4. CONSENT ITEMS:

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 17, 2019.

A motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 17, 2019 was made by Jerri Chism with a second by Trent Duke. 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: NETWD Director's Report

5-6: Economic Development Corporation Minutes and Financial Report

5-7: Financial Reports

A motion to approve Reports 5-1 through 5-7 was made by Jerri Chism with a second by Trent Duke. All present voted aye.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

6-1: Conduct a public hearing regarding the demolition of structures located at 260 San Jacinto, 708 Northaven and 620 Sunnybrook as presented by Code Enforcement Officer Kenith Taylor.

Officer Kenith Taylor presented evidence to support the demolition of structures located at 260 San Jacinto, 708 Northaven and 620 Sunnybrook. No one was present to represent any of these properties.

7. ACTION ITEMS

7-1: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider the demolition of structures located at 260 San Jacinto, 708 Northaven and 620 Sunnybrook.

A motion to approve the demolition of structures located at 260 San Jacinto, 708 Northaven and 620 Sunnybrook was made by Trent Duke, with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.

7-2: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider the information presented to the Council by Economic Development Board Chairman Mitch Cox regarding a storm siren to be purchased with the aid of a grant.

Frederick Engelbrecht with Storm Sirens, Inc. was present and spoke to the Council regarding the sirens available. A motion to authorize Mitch Cox to research other cities with similar sirens was made by Lynn Cox with a second by Trent Duke. All present voted aye.

7-3: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider a presentation by Sean Spencer with Heartland Park and Recreation for playground equipment to be installed in the City Park and potentially in an additional park in the Edgemont Subdivision.

A motion was made to authorize the Economic Development Board to expend \$65,000.00 for city park equipment and \$10,000.00 for the creation of the park in the Edgemont Subdivision by Lynn Cox with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.

7-4: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider granting permission for the Economic Development Board to clear and use city-owned property in the Edgemont Subdivision for use as a park.

A motion to allow the Economic Development Board to create a park on City-owned property at Bond and Germany Streets 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 replacing the City's phone system, due to recent system failures and inability to promptly repair the failures. The City's IT Administrator Hunter Bonner with Absolute Technologies will speak.

A motion was made to pursue researching a new phone system by Keith Reiter and second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.

7-6: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider allowing Public Works employee Jason Sperier to take a City vehicle home to Ore City when he is on-call.

A motion to allow Jason Sperier to take a City vehicle home to Ore City while he is on call was made by Trent Duke with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.

7-7: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider appointing Assistant Fire Chief Roger Dudley as the City's Fire Marshall and discussing compensation.

A motion was made to appoint Roger Dudley as Fire Marshall, with a stipend of \$100 per month and allowance of \$2,000 for training to obtain Fire Marshall certification by Trent Duke with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.

7-8: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council regarding the \$50.00 per month discount on water, sewer and garbage services for active members of the Lone Star Volunteer Fire Department. This discussion is to bring current how this discount is earned and provide an opportunity for questions.

Assistant Fire Chief Roger Dudley informed the Council that the requirements to receive this discount are about to change. A motion to table this matter until the Fire Department is able to provide more details was made by Jerri Chism with a second by Trent Duke. All present voted aye.

7-9: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider Resolution 2019-292, Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lone Star, Texas Authorizing the Appointment of a Representative to Serve as a Director on the Ark-Tex Council of Governments Board of Directors.

A motion was made to table this matter until the responsibilities could be better defined by Trent Duke with a second by Lynn Cox. All present voted aye.

7-10: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to amend Ordinance 192-A, the "Junked Vehicle Ordinance" to change the fines from \$500.00 to \$200.00 in accordance with new regulations.

A motion was made to change the fine from \$500.00 to \$200.00 by Trent Duke, with a second by Keith Reiter. All present voted aye.

7-11: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to approve the Interlocal Agreement Between Morris County and the City of Lone Star for the use of the County's electronic voting equipment for the early voting period and for Election Day.

A motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement was made by Trent Duke with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.

7-12: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to discuss additional sources of funding for street repairs and improvements.

Alderman Lynn Cox spoke and suggested adding an additional fee to water bills to help fund street repairs. Alderman Keith Reiter suggested increasing property taxes, resulting in an election and allowing the citizens to choose whether they want an increase. A motion was made to wait until budget workshops to determine an amount to budget for streets and consider an appropriate tax rate by Keith Reiter with a second by Trent Duke. All present voted aye.

8. ADJOURN

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

Randy Hodges, Mayor

Devon Whatley, City Secretary