

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**LONE STAR CITY COUNCIL**  
**FIRE HALL – 201 WEST INDUSTRIAL**  
**September 19, 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 Mona Brown and Lynn Cox and City Secretary Devon Whatley. Absent were Aldermen Rudy Dudley and Trent Duke.**

**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: Brenda Lennon, a member of the Lone Star Volunteer Fire Department, spoke to inform the Council that the Fire Department would be hosting a National Night Out on October 17, 2019 from 5 to 7 pm in the Dollar Tree parking lot.**

**4. CONSENT ITEMS:**

- A. Minutes of the Budget Workshop on August 1, 2019.
- B. Minutes of the Budget Workshop on August 13, 2019.
- C. Minutes of the Public Hearing on Tax Rate on August 27, 2019.
- D. Minutes of the Budget Workshop on August 27, 2019.

**A motion to approve Consent Items A through D was made by Jerri Chism with a second by Mona Brown. 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. Water and Sewer Fund
  - b. General Fund

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

## 6. NON-ACTION ITEMS

6-1: Economic Development Board Chairman Mitch Cox will update the Council on the City Park updates and future Edgemont park.

**Mitch Cox was unable to attend and speak.**

6-2: Public Works Director Shane Townson will update the Council on the USDA project, as well as possible violations at our wastewater treatment plant and the plan to prevent future violations.

**Mr. Townson advised the Council that the crew on the USDA project would finish Lacewood the following week. Lakeshore, North Shore and East Germany have been completed. Lakeshore Drive lines have passed the bacteriological tests and water meters would be connected soon. Following meter connections, old lines will be pulled and capped and driveways and streets repaired.**

**Mr. Townson also informed the Council that the effluent ammonia levels at the Wastewater Treatment Plant have exceeded our permit. The source of the additional ammonia has been identified and the problem is being rectified.**

## 7. ACTION ITEMS

7-1: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider raising the commercial water rate. Currently the in-town commercial rate is \$24.00 for the first 2000 gallons of water used and \$6.00 for each additional 1,000 gallons used. The proposed rate is \$25.00 for the first 2,000 gallons and \$8.50 for each additional 1,000 gallons used. The out-of-town rate is \$36.00 for the first 2,000 gallons and \$9.00 for each additional 1,000 gallons (1.5 times the in-town rate). The proposed out-of-town rate is \$37.50 for the first 2,000 gallons and \$12.75 for each additional 1,000 gallons (this rate is 1.5 times the proposed in-town rate). This increase takes into account the additional work a commercial account requires by the public works department in managing what commercial businesses discharge into the public waste system.

**A motion to approve increasing the commercial water rate to \$25.00 for the first 2,000 gallons and \$8.50 for each additional 1,000 gallons used was made by Mona Brown with a second by Lynn Cox. All present voted aye.**

7-2: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider increasing water tap fees and sewer tap fees. Current fees are: ¾" water tap \$550.00, 1" water tap \$650.00, sewer tap \$400.00. The proposed tap fees are: ¾" water tap \$600.00, 1" water tap \$700.00, 2" \$2,000.00\*, sewer \$600.00. \*The high cost for the 2" tap is inclusive of a meter and the actual tap and valve, which are approximately \$1,500.00).

**A motion to increase tap fees to \$600.00 for ¾" tap, \$700.00 for 1" water tap, \$2,000.00 for 2" water tap and \$600.00 for sewer tap was made by Lynn Cox with a second by Mona Brown. All present voted aye.**

7-3: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider hiring Raymond “Lynn” Hoon as a permanent part-time Public Works employee, effective October 1, 2019. Mr. Hoon has worked for the City as “Summer help” for the last two Summers.

**A motion to hire Raymond “Lynn” Hoon as a permanent part-time Public Works employee was made by Mona Brown, with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.**

7-4: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider setting Fall Clean-Up on October 21-25. Dumpsters will be placed on the empty lot just East of City Hall and available 24 hours a day.

**A motion to set Fall Clean-Up on October 21 through October 27 was made by Jerri Chism, with a second by Lynn Cox. All present voted aye.**

7-5: 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 December 4-6, 2019.

**A motion to approve City Secretary Devon Whatley’s attendance of the Secretary of State’s Election Law Seminar was made by Lynn Cox, with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.**

7-6: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to consider permitting Court Clerk Melissa Watkins to attend Texas Municipal Courts Education Center New Clerk’s School in Austin on December 9-13, 2019.

**A motion to approve Court Clerk Melissa Watkins’ attendance of the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center New Clerk’s School was made by Mona Brown, with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.**

7-7: Review, Discussion and Possible Action by the Council to consider Ordinance Nominating Candidates for the Morris County Appraisal District Board of Directors. The Council will select five nominees for the Appraisal District Board of Directors ballot.

**A motion to nominate Lynn Cox for the Appraisal District Board of Directors ballot was made by Jerri Chism, with a second by Mona Brown. Voting aye were Jerri Chism and Mona Brown. Lynn Cox abstained.**

7-8: Review, Discussion and Possible Action by the Council to consider hiring Kenneth Jones as a full-time police officer.

**A motion to hire Kenneth Jones as a full-time police officer at a rate of \$14.50 per hour, with consideration for a \$1.00 per hour raise following a 90-day probationary period 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 hiring Kenneth Jones as 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.

**City Council entered executive session at 6:37 pm, no action was taken and open session was resumed at 6:55 pm.**

**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