

**REGULAR MEETING
LONE STAR CITY COUNCIL
FIRE HALL – 201 WEST INDUSTRIAL
March 19, 2020 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 Rudy Dudley, 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 Mayor Randy Hodges.
Pledge of Allegiance recited in unison.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS: No citizen comments.

- 4. CONSENT ITEMS:**
A. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting February 20, 2020.

A motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 20, 2020 was made by Mona Brown, with a second by Jerri Chism. 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 was made by Trent Duke, with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.

7. ACTION ITEMS

7-1: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council following Mayor Randy Hodges' addressing COVID-19 and the City of Lone Star.

A motion to suspend water service disconnections for the duration of the Governor's Order of 03/19/2020 was made by Rudy Dudley, with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.

A motion to lock the doors of the City's offices due to COVID-19 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 regarding the request for variance of Ordinance 181 by Jed Loupee to place a mobile home at 132 South Shore.

Mr. Loupee presented signatures of neighbors who are not opposed to the presence of his home. A motion to grant a variance to Ordinance 181 was made by Mona Brown, with a second by Trent Duke. Voting aye were Trent Duke, Mona Brown and Jerri Chism. Voting Nay were Rudy Dudley and Lynn Cox. The motion passed.

7-3: Review, Discussion and Possible Action regarding the 2.22% rate increase proposed by Sanitation Solutions.

A motion to deny the requested 2.22% rate increase by Sanitation Solutions was made by Lynn Cox, with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.

7-4: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to consider Ordinance 291, An Ordinance of the City Council Establishing a Procedure for Sale of City Owned Property; and Providing an Effective Date. This Ordinance describes the properties to be sold and the procedure for selling them.

A motion to approve Ordinance 291, with a change to the minimum bid for the Elementary School property to \$75,000.00 was made by Jerri Chism, with a second by Mona Brown. Voting Aye were Rudy Dudley, Jerri Chism, Lynn Cox and Mona Brown. Voting Nay was Trent Duke. The motion passed.

7-5: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to consider repealing Section XXIII (A)-(D) of Ordinance 205C, the requirement for animal registration within the City. Code Enforcement Officer/Animal Control Officer Kenith Taylor will be present to speak on this item.

A motion to repeal Section XXIII (A)-(D) of Ordinance 205C, eliminating the requirement for animal registration within the City was made by Mona Brown, with a second by Trent Duke. All present voted aye.

7-6: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to consider designating Kenith Taylor as the Local Rabies Control Authority for the City of Lone Star for the purposes of the Rabies Control Act of 1981.

A motion to designate Kenith Taylor as the Local Rabies Control Authority for the City of Lone Star for the purposes of the Rabies Control Act of 1981 was made by Mona Brown, with a second by Trent Duke. All present voted aye.

7-7: 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 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 was made by Trent Duke, with a second by Jerri Chism. All present voted aye.

7-8: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action by the Council to appoint an Election Judge and Alternate Election Judge for the General Election to be held on May 2, 2020.

A motion to approve the Order of Appointment for Early Voting Ballot Board and Election Judge and Alternative appointing Barbara Lynn Fry as Election Judge and Latricia Ottinger as Alternate Judge was made by Mona Brown, with a second by Trent Duke. All present voted aye.

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

8-1: To discuss the pay for Associate Municipal Judge Rebecca Foster (TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. § 551.074).

9. RE-CONVENE IN OPEN SESSION: City Council to re-convene in Open Session for Review, Discussion, and Possible action on the following matters:

9-1: Review, Discussion and Possible action to determine pay for Associate Municipal Judge Rebecca Foster.

A motion to pay Associate Municipal Judge Rebecca Foster \$100 per appearance was made by Trent Duke, with a second by Mona Brown. All present voted aye.

10. 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