

LOUIS RIGBY
Mayor
JOHN ZEMANEK
Councilmember At Large A
DOTTIE KAMINSKI
Councilmember At Large B
DANNY EARP
Mayor Pro-Tem
Councilmember District 1



CHUCK ENGELKEN
Councilmember District 2
DARYL LEONARD
Councilmember District 3
KRISTIN MARTIN
Councilmember District 4
JAY MARTIN
Councilmember District 5
MIKE CLAUSEN
Councilmember District 6

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA PORTE OCTOBER 24, 2016

The City Council of the City of La Porte met in a regular meeting on **Monday, October 24, 2016**, at the City Hall Council Chambers, 604 West Fairmont Parkway, La Porte, Texas, at **6:00 p.m.** to consider the following items of business:

1. Mayor Rigby called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members of Council present: Councilmembers Engelken, J. Martin, K. Martin, Zemanek, Clausen, and Kaminski. Absent: Councilmembers Earp and Leonard. Also present were City Secretary Patrice Fogarty, City Manager Corby Alexander, and Assistant City Attorney Clark Askins.

2. **INVOCATION** – The invocation was given by Assistant City Attorney Clark Askins.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Jay Martin.

4. **PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS and RECOGNITIONS**

(a) Proclamation – Municipal Court Week – Mayor Rigby

Mayor Rigby presented a proclamation to Municipal Court for Municipal Court Week.

(b) Recognition – The City of La Porte 2016 Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award – Mayor Rigby

Mayor Rigby recognized the Finance Department for receiving the 2016 Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award.

(c) Recognition – The City of La Porte Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for Fiscal Year 2015 – Mayor Rigby

Mayor Rigby recognized the Finance Department for receiving the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for Fiscal Year 2015.

(d) Recognition – The City of La Porte Certificate of Achievement for excellence in Financial Reporting for Fiscal Year 2015 – Mayor Rigby

Mayor Rigby recognized the Finance Department for receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for Fiscal Year 2015.

(e) Recognition – City of La Porte Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting for Fiscal Year 2015 – Mayor Rigby

Mayor Rigby recognized the Finance Department for receiving the Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting for Fiscal Year 2015.

- (f) Recognition – City of La Porte Traditional Finance Star and the Contract and Procurement Star – Mayor Rigby

Mayor Rigby recognized the Finance Department for receiving the Traditional Finance Star and the Contract and Procurement Star.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** (Limited to five minutes per person.)

Courtney Dodge, 201 S. Virginia, addressed Council and advised the Mayor she has been trying to schedule a meeting with him and has not been successful.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA** *(All consent agenda items are considered routine by City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember requests an item be removed and considered separately.)*

- (a) Consider approval or other action regarding minutes of meeting held on October 10, 2016 – P. Fogarty
- (b) Consider approval or other action regarding a Resolution appointing one representative and one alternate to the H-GAC 2017 General Assembly and Board of Directors – P. Fogarty
- (c) Consider approval or other action regarding approval of proposed settlement agreement to resolve pending litigation: USOR Site Group PRP v. Texas A&M Contractors – C. Alexander
- (d) Consider approval or other action regarding the purchase of vehicles by the La Porte Fire Control, Prevention and Emergency Medical Services District – R. Nolen
- (e) Consider approval or other action regarding purchase of fleet equipment from CAP Fleet Outfitters under Texas Buy Board Contract 430-13 – K. Adcox
- (f) Consider approval or other action awarding Bid # 16024 for Re-Bid of Parks Mowing – R. Epting

Regarding Item F, Mayor Rigby advised the item is being removed for consideration by City Manager Corby Alexander.

Councilmember Engelken made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items pursuant to staff recommendations. Councilmember K. Martin seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0. Councilmembers Earp and Leonard were absent.**

7. **AUTHORIZATIONS**

- (a) Consider approval or other action adopting an Ordinance establishing Drug Free Zones and adopting a map illustrating the Drug Free Zone perimeters – K. Adcox

Police Chief Ken Adcox presented a summary.

Councilmember Engelken made a motion to adopt an Ordinance establishing Drug Free Zones and adopting a map illustrating the Drug Free Zone perimeters. Councilmember J. Martin seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0. Councilmembers Earp and Leonard were absent.**

Prior to council action, Assistant City Attorney Clark Askins read the caption of **Ordinance 2016-3657: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LA PORTE, TEXAS APPROVING A MAP AS THE OFFICIAL RECORD OF THE LOCATION AND BOUNDARIES OF DRUG-FREE ZONES WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS IN ORDER TO AID CRIMINAL PROSECUTION IN ENHANCEMENT OF CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR UNLAWFUL DRUG ACTIVITIES IN THESE ZONES; CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; FINDING COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.**

8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- (a) Discussion and possible action regarding construction of the Wharton Weems Blvd entryway monument. – T. Leach

Assistant City Manager Traci Leach presented a summary.

Councilmember J. Martin made a motion to review the two options on a rebid and come back to a future meeting with a recommendation. Councilmember Engelken seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0. Councilmembers Earp and Leonard were absent.**

9. REPORTS

- (a) Receive report of La Porte Development Corporation Board – Councilmember Engelken

Councilmember Engelken provided a report of the La Porte Development Corporation Board meeting held prior to the City Council Meeting.

- (b) Receive report regarding City of La Porte insurance coverage proposals – M. Hartleib

Human Resources Manager Matt Hartleib introduced Consultants with IPS, Brent Weeger and John Heerwagen. Mr. Heerwagen provided an update report on the proposal process.

10. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

City Manager Corby Alexander reported that Public Works Director Sharon Valiante will be leaving the City of La Porte.

- 11. COUNCIL COMMENTS** regarding matters appearing on the agenda; recognition of community members, city employees, and upcoming events; inquiry of staff regarding specific factual information.

Councilmember J. Martin commented he hates to see Public Works Director Sharon Valiante leave the City of La Porte and thanked her for her services; thanked Police Chief Ken Adcox for the ordinance for Drug-Free Zones and thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for Fright Night; Councilmember K. Martin commented she hates to see Public Works Director Sharon Valiante leave the City of La Porte and thanked Municipal Court and the Finance Department for their hard work; Councilmember Kaminski congratulated Municipal Court and the Finance Department; commented she will miss Public Works Director Sharon Valiante and advised Parks and Recreation Director Roslyn Epting she has received good comments on the activities for Fright Night; thanked Police Chief Ken Adcox for the ordinance for Drug-Free Zones and sent prayers out to Councilmember Earp and his family; Councilmember Zemanek congratulated Municipal Court and the Finance Department; thanked Public Works Director Sharon Valiante for her services and asked everyone to pray for Councilmember Earp and encouraged everyone to go out and vote in the election; Councilmember Engelken congratulated Municipal Court and the Finance Department; wished Public Works Director Sharon Valiante well in her future endeavors; commented he appreciates the ordinance for Drug-Free Zones and commented he was surprised the water tank in Fairmont Parks was in the Houston Chronicle and came in fourth place; Councilmember Clausen wished Public Works Director Sharon Valiante good luck; congratulated Municipal Court and the Finance Department and commented Councilmember Earp will be in his prayers; and Mayor Rigby thanked Municipal Court and the Finance Department for their hard work.

12. **ADJOURN** - There being no further business, Councilmember Engelken made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Councilmember Clausen seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0. Councilmembers Earp and Leonard were absent.**

Patrice Fogarty, City Secretary

Passed and approved on November 14, 2016.

Mayor Louis R. Rigby