

LOUIS R. RIGBY
Mayor
BRANDON LUNSFORD
Councilperson At Large A
BRENT McCAULLEY
Councilperson At Large B
MANDI WILLIAMS
Councilperson District 1
CHUCK ENGELKEN
Councilperson District 2



BILL BENTLEY
Councilperson District 3
THOMAS GARZA
Councilperson District 4
JAY MARTIN
Mayor Pro Tem
Councilperson District 5
ROBBIE McLARRIN
Councilperson District 6

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA PORTE
AUGUST 23, 2021**

The City Council of the City of La Porte met in a regular meeting on Monday, August 23, 2021, at the City Hall Council Chambers, 604 West Fairmont Parkway, La Porte, Texas, at 6:00 p.m., 2021, with the following in attendance:

Councilpersons present: Louis Rigby, Brandon Lunsford, Mandi Williams, Chuck Engelken, Bill Bentley, Thomas Garza

Councilpersons attending remotely: Robbie McLarrin

Councilpersons absent: Brent McCaulley, Jay Martin

Council-appointed officers present: Corby Alexander, City Manager; Lee Woodward, City Secretary; Clark Askins, Assistant City Attorney

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Rigby called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **INVOCATION** – The invocation was given by Assistant City Attorney Clark Askins and pledges were led by Councilperson Mandi Williams.

3. **PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND RECOGNITIONS**

- a. **Presentation and Update from La Porte Independent School District by Dr. Walter Jackson, Superintendent of LPISD. [Louis R. Rigby, Mayor]**
- b. **Recognition of City employees for years of service [Louis R. Rigby, Mayor]**

4. **CITIZEN COMMENT** (*Generally limited to five minutes per person; in accordance with state law, the time may be reduced if there is a high number of speakers or other considerations.*)

Terry Matthews asked the Council to apply property ordinances consistently, particularly in the flood plain, and related issues with a neighboring property. Mark Matthews shared his experiences with City staff and concerns over knowledge of and regard for the law and uniform enforcement. Doyle McArthur expressed disquiet about the Lubrizol release on the 15th and the potential related impacts to the community, such as property value and perception of security.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA** (*Approval of Consent Agenda items authorizes each to be implemented in accordance with staff recommendations provided. An item may be removed from the consent agenda and added to the Statutory Agenda for full discussion upon request by a member of the Council present at this meeting.*)

- a. **Approve the minutes of the August 9, 2021, City Council regular meeting. [Louis R. Rigby, Mayor]**
- b. **Approve purchase of herbicides, growth regulators, fungicides, insecticides, and fertilizer from Simplot Turf & Horticulture under existing BuyBoard Contract No. 611-20 for the purpose of maintaining the turf at the La Porte Bay Forest Golf Course, in the amount of \$38,026.00. [Billy Stoker, Golf Course Manager]**
- c. **Adopt Resolution 2021-53 acknowledging the valid public purpose of the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) Community Assistance Visit to the City of La**

- Porte and affirming the City's intent to continue participating in the National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System. [Teresa Evans, Director of Planning and Development]
- d. Adopt Ordinance 2021-3840 for the purpose of vacating, abandoning, and closing the portion of the Strang Road right-of-way situated south of State Highway 225, west of State Highway 146, and north of the Union Pacific railroad tracks, and authorizing execution and delivery of a deed to adjoining landowner. [Teresa Evans, Director of Planning and Development]
 - e. Receive report from tax assessor regarding the anticipated combined 2021 Ad Valorem collection rate of 98.5%. [Michael Dolby, Finance Director]
 - f. Adopt Ordinance 2021-3842 for the purpose of adopting a map as the official record of the location and boundaries of drug-free zones within the City of La Porte city limits. [Steve Deardorff, Chief of Police]

City Manager Corby Alexander confirmed item d had been pulled and would not be considered. Councilperson Engelken moved to approve the consent agenda; the motion was seconded by Councilperson Bentley; the motion was adopted, 7-0.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ASSOCIATED ORDINANCES

- a. Public hearing to receive comments regarding the La Porte Fire Control, Prevention, and Emergency Medical Services District's proposed budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, which begins October 1, 2021, as approved by the Board of Directors of the District at its meeting held on July 15, 2021; followed by discussion and possible action to approve or deny the FY21-22 proposed budget of the La Porte Fire Control, Prevention, and Emergency Services District. [Carl Holley, Fire Chief]

Mayor Rigby opened the public hearing at 6:35 p.m. There were no public comments. Mayor Rigby closed the public hearing at 6:42 p.m. Councilperson Engelken moved to approve the La Porte Fire Control, Prevention, and Emergency Medical Services District's proposed budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year; the motion was seconded by Councilperson Bentley. The motion was adopted, 7-0.

7. STATUTORY AGENDA

- a. Presentation, discussion, and possible action to approve appointments and reappointments to various City boards, committees, and commissions. [Louis R. Rigby, Mayor]

Councilperson Engelken moved to approve the following appointments and reappointments to various boards, committees, and commissions; the motion was seconded by Councilperson Bentley; the motion was adopted, 7-0.

Airport Advisory Board (3-year terms)
Hector Villareal for Position 4, resident
Van Wigginton for Position 5, Individual in
a leadership position approved or suggested
by the Chancellor of the San Jacinto College

Ch. 172 Employee, Retiree Insurance and
Benefits Board (two-year terms)
Donna O'Conner for Citizen Position 1
Juliane Graham for Citizen Position 2

Civil Service Commission (3-year term)
Keith Trainer (ratification of City Manager's
appointment)

Drainage and Flooding Committee
Mandi Williams

La Porte Health Authority (2-year terms)
Robert D. Johnston, M.D.

La Porte Development Corporation (2-year
terms)
Nancy Ojeda
John Blakemore

Planning and Zoning Commission (3-year
terms/to coincide with term of office of the
appointing Councilperson)
Richard Warren for District 2 position
James Walter for District 3 position
Lou Ann Martin for District 5 position
Donna O'Conner for At-Large A position

Zoning Board of Adjustments (2-year terms)
Pat McCabe for Alternate 1
John Blakemore for Alternate 2

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting, August 26
- Drainage and Flooding Committee meeting, September 13
- City Council Meeting, September 13
- Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, September 16
- Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting, September 23
- La Porte Development Corporation, September 27
- City Council meeting, September 27

City Manager Alexander said staff would work with the Matthews and the Shorts and hoped for a resolution.

9. COUNCIL COMMENTS Hear announcements concerning matters appearing on the agenda; items of community interest; and/or inquiries of staff regarding specific factual information or existing policy from the Mayor, Councilmembers, and City staff, for which no formal action will be discussed or taken.

Councilpersons offered appreciation that the City Manager was well and able to return to service; commended the service recognition award recipients; expressed concern over the recent industrial events and the sharing of information; hoped for resolution of the Matthews' situation; noted the positivity on Main Street with the new painting of the utility boxes; thanked Ray Mayo and Lindsay French for resolving issues in District 3; and shared appreciation for Superintendent Jackson's report on LPISD.

ADJOURN – Without objection, the Council adjourned at 6:54 p.m.


Lee Woodward, City Secretary

