

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



BILL BENTLEY
Councilperson District 3
RICK HELTON
Councilperson District 4
JAY MARTIN
Councilperson District 5
ROBBIE McLARRIN
Councilperson District 6

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA PORTE
NOVEMBER 14, 2022**

The City Council of the City of La Porte met in a regular meeting on Monday, November 14, 2022, at the City Hall Council Chambers, 604 West Fairmont Parkway, La Porte, Texas, at 6:00 p.m., with the following in attendance:

Councilpersons present: Louis Rigby, Brandon Lunsford, Brent McCaulley, Mandi Williams, Chuck Engelken, Bill Bentley Rick Helton, Jay Martin, Robbie McLarrin

Councilpersons attending remotely: None

Councilpersons absent: None

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 Clark Askins, Assistant City Attorney, and pledges were led by Councilperson Brandon Lunsford.

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

- a. **Recognition of 2022 City University graduates.** [Louis R. Rigby, Mayor]
Sixteen citizens, members of the seventh City University cohort, were recognized.
- b. **Proclamation in recognition of Municipal Court Week.** [Louis R. Rigby, Mayor]
- c. **Recognition of City employees for years of service.** [Louis R. Rigby, Mayor]
Denise Mitrano, Municipal Judge for 10 years; Tom Henderson, 25 years in the Fire Department
- d. **Employee of the Quarter - Sgt. Matthew Novosad, SRO Division** [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.*)

There were no comments.

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 minutes of the October 24, 2022, regular City Council meeting and of the special combined meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Council held on October 26, 2022.** [Louis R. Rigby, Mayor]
- b. **Authorize purchase of Neptune Technology Group, Inc. meters and parts from Core and Main, Inc. of Houston, not to exceed budgeted amounts for FY 2023.** [Michael Dolby, Finance Director]
- c. **Award Bid #23002 'Annual Requirements Contract for Plastic Garbage Bags' to Houston Poly Bag I, Ltd., for the base bid amount of \$242,720.00 for annual requirements and**

additional stock of 6000 rolls for \$39,360.00, for a total amount of \$282,080.00. [Ray Mayo, Director of Public Works]

- d. Approve the FY 2022 audit/asset forfeiture report and associated financial records provided by the La Porte Police Department, as required by Chapter 59 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure. [Steve Deardorff, Chief of Police]
- e. Approval of \$85,321.20 for expenses associated with the operation and administration of the Senior Nutrition Program at the Norman Malone Senior Center for Fiscal year 2022 - 2023. [Tim Miller, Parks and Recreation Director]

Mayor Pro Tem Engelken moved to approve the consent agenda; the motion was seconded by Councilperson Bentley; the motion was adopted, 9-0.

6. STATUTORY AGENDA

- a. Presentation, discussion, and possible action to address merit-based adjustments for the positions of City Manager, City Secretary, and Municipal Court Judge for the 2023 fiscal year. [Louis R. Rigby, Mayor]

Councilperson Martin moved to suspend merit-based adjustments for the positions of City Manager, City Secretary, and Municipal Court Judge for the 2023 fiscal year; the motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Engelken; the motion was adopted, 9-0.

- b. Presentation, discussion, and possible action on recommendation from the Chapter 172 Employee and Retiree Insurance and Benefits Board to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement for Stop Loss insurance coverage, as part of the City of La Porte health insurance plan, for the 2023 plan year. [Matt Hartlieb, HR Manager]

Mayor Pro Tem Engelken moved to accept recommendation from the Chapter 172 Employee and Retiree Insurance and Benefits Board to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement for Stop Loss insurance coverage, as part of the City of La Porte health insurance plan, for the 2023 plan year, provided by Unum/Stealth Partner Group; the motion was seconded by Councilperson Bentley; the motion was adopted, 9-0.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ASSOCIATED ORDINANCES

- a. The City Council will hold a public hearing to receive comments on the recommendation of the Dangerous Buildings Inspections Board for condemnation of eight (8) dangerous/substandard structures located at 742 S. Blackwell St.; 9306 Carlow Ln.; 3217 Clarksville St.; 914 S. Broadway St.; 122 S. 16th St.; 3317 Bernard St.; and 2410 Sens Rd./0 Sens Rd. [Curtis Tarver, Deputy Building Official]

Mayor Rigby opened the public hearing at 6:40 p.m. Curtis Tarver, Deputy Building Official, provided a presentation. He said staff recommended that no action be taken on 122 S. 16th until the outcome of the probate process was known. The City Manager was asked to determine if taxes were current on any of the property

Leo Longoria spoke on behalf of Charlie Aguilar, who is closing on 914 S. Broadway tomorrow and intends to develop residential and commercial entities at the location. Mr. Longoria said he believed documentation could be presented to the City within 30 days. Matt Daeumer, Assistant City Manager, said he had met with Mr. Aguilar, who believed he could possibly complete the project in about 120 days.

Charles Patrick Hale, Jr. said he had inherited 3217 Clarksville after the death of his father and inquired about the voluntary consent process and asked for a 180-day postponement.

Mayor Rigby closed the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

- b. **Consideration and possible action to adopt Ordinance 2022-3900 ordering the condemnation of dangerous/substandard structures located at 2410 Sens Rd. and 0 Sens Rd., La Porte, Texas. [Curtis Tarver, Deputy Building Official]**

Mayor Pro Tem Engelken moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-3900 ordering the condemnation of dangerous/substandard structures located at 2410 Sens Rd. and 0 Sens Rd., La Porte, Texas; the motion was seconded by Councilperson Bentley; the motion was adopted, 9-0.

- c. **Consideration and possible action to adopt Ordinance 2022-3901 ordering the condemnation of dangerous/substandard structures located at 742 S. Blackwell, La Porte, Texas. [Curtis Tarver, Deputy Building Official]**

Mayor Pro Tem Engelken moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-3901 ordering the condemnation of dangerous/substandard structures located at 742 S. Blackwell, La Porte, Texas; the motion was seconded by Councilperson Bentley; the motion was adopted, 9-0.

- d. **Consideration and possible action to adopt Ordinance 2022-3902 ordering the condemnation of dangerous/substandard structures located at 9306 Carlow Ln, La Porte, Texas. [Curtis Tarver, Deputy Building Official]**

Councilperson Helton moved to postpone consideration of Ordinance 2022-3902 ordering the condemnation of dangerous/substandard structures located at 9306 Carlow Ln, La Porte, Texas, until staff attempts to make contact with the people living on the property; the motion was seconded by Councilperson McCaulley; the motion was adopted, 9-0.

- e. **Consideration and possible action to adopt Ordinance 2022-3903 ordering the condemnation of dangerous/substandard structures located at 122 S. 16th Street, La Porte, Texas. [Curtis Tarver, Deputy Building Official]**

Mayor Pro Tem Engelken moved that no action be taken on 122 S. 16th for sixty days; the motion was seconded by Councilperson Bentley; the motion was adopted, 9-0.

- f. **Consideration and possible action to adopt Ordinance 2022-3904 ordering the condemnation of dangerous/substandard structures located at 3217 Clarksville, La Porte, Texas. [Curtis Tarver, Deputy Building Official]**

Mayor Pro Tem Engelken moved that no action be taken on 3217 Clarksville, La Porte, Texas, for six months; the motion was seconded by Councilperson Bentley; the motion was adopted, 9-0.

- g. **Consideration and possible action to adopt Ordinance 2022-3905 ordering the condemnation of dangerous/substandard structures located at 3317 Bernard, La Porte, Texas. [Richard Glass, Building Official]**

Mayor Pro Tem Engelken moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-3905 ordering the condemnation of dangerous/substandard structures located at 3317 Bernard, La Porte, Texas; the motion was seconded by Councilperson Bentley; the motion was adopted, 9-0.

- h. **Consideration and possible action to adopt Ordinance 2022-3906 ordering the condemnation of dangerous/substandard structures located at 914 S. Broadway St., La Porte, Texas. [Curtis Tarver, Deputy Building Official]**

Mayor Pro Tem Engelken moved to postpone consideration of Ordinance 2022-3906 ordering the condemnation of dangerous/substandard structures located at 914 S. Broadway St., La Porte, Texas, for sixty days; the motion was seconded by Councilperson Williams; the motion was adopted, 9-0.

8. REPORTS

a. Present 4th Quarter CIP Report to City Council. [Matt Daeumer, Assistant City Manager]

Mr. Daeumer offered a presentation. Councilperson Martin asked Mr. Daeumer to consider options to spend down some of the funds in GEN675 Community Coop Projects for the next fiscal year, including considering increasing the City incentive match to \$10,000. Mr. Daeumer agreed to bring proposed changes to the Council.

b. Present annual review of the City of La Porte Investment Policy. [Shelley Wolny, Assistant Finance Director]

Mrs. Wolny presented the report and noted no changes were recommended.

c. Receive report of the Fiscal Affairs Committee meeting. [Mayor Pro Tem Engelken]

Mayor Pro Tem Engelken reported the Committee met and reviewed purchasing card expenditures, heard the favorable investment report, and considered the Investment Policy.

d. Receive report of the Drainage and Flooding Committee meeting. [Councilperson Martin]

Councilperson Martin reported the Committee met, received updates and discussed drainage projects, and set the next meeting for January 9, 2023.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

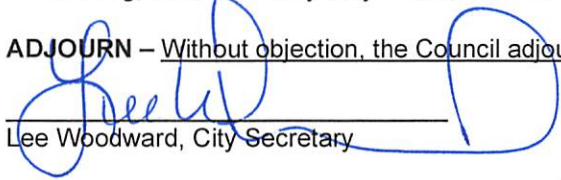
- City Council meeting, December 12
- Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, November 15

The City Manager said there were no reports.

10. COUNCIL COMMENT 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, Councilpersons, and City staff, for which no formal action will be discussed or taken.

Councilpersons congratulated graduates of City University, Sgt. Novosad, service award recipients, and Municipal Court staff; expressed their appreciation of the CIP report and Public Works for their work on City projects; wished all a happy and safe Thanksgiving; recognized the Court's Active Shooter training; welcomed Ray Mayo back; and thanked veterans for their service.

ADJOURN – Without objection, the Council adjourned at 7:25 p.m.



Lee Woodward, City Secretary

