

LOUIS RIGBY
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Councilperson At Large A
STEVE GILLETT
Councilperson At Large B
DANNY EARP
Councilperson District 1
CHUCK ENGELKEN
Councilperson District 2



BILL BENTLEY
Councilperson District 3
Mayor Pro-Tem
THOMAS GARZA
Councilperson District 4
JAY MARTIN
Councilperson District 5
NANCY OJEDA
Councilperson District 6

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA PORTE FEBRUARY 10, 2020

The City Council of the City of La Porte met in a regular meeting on Monday, February 10, 2020, 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, Danny Earp, Chuck Engelken, Bill Bentley, Thomas Garza, Jay Martin, Steve Gillett, Nancy Ojeda

Councilpersons absent: Brandon Lunsford

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Rigby called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGES** – The invocation was given by Councilmember Jay Martin, the pledges of allegiance to the U.S. and Texas flags were led by Councilperson Steve Gillett.
3. **PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND RECOGNITIONS**
 - a. Recognition of the retirement of Donald Ladd, Assistant Fire Chief. [Mayor Rigby]
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.*)

Chuck Rosa spoke on dangerous buildings and proposed that the City pay for Code Enforcement fines. Debbie Hoot spoke in support of the proposed *Trap, Neuter, Release Program*.

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 regular session held on January 27, 2020. [Mayor Rigby]**
 - b. **Adopt Ordinances 2020-IDA-134 through 2020-IDA-138, authorizing the execution of Industrial District Agreements with companies in the Battleground and Bayport Industrial Districts, for a twelve-year term beginning January 1, 2020. [Corby Alexander, City Manager]**
 - c. **Consider and discuss the adoption of ordinance 2020-3781 approving an amendment to the City's Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget for additional funding of \$230,000 to replace the roof at the Recreation and Fitness Center. [Michael Dolby, Director of Finance]**
 - d. **Adopt Resolution 2020-02 authorizing the resale of tax delinquent property located at Lot 12, Block 110, Town of La Porte. [Shelley Wolny, Treasurer]**

Councilperson Engelken moved to approve the consent agenda items a, c, and d; the motion was adopted, 8-0. Councilperson Earp has previously signed a conflict of interest affidavit and did not participate in the discussion or vote on item b. Councilperson Engelken moved to approve item b; the motion was adopted, 6-1, Councilperson Garza voting against.

6. **STATUTORY AGENDA**
 - a. **Presentation, discussion, and possible action to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with La Porte Girls Softball Association for the use of the Little Cedar Bayou Park Softball Facilities for league operations. [Rosalyn Epting, Director, Parks and Recreation]**

Councilperson Garza moved to execute an agreement with the La Porte Girls Softball Association for the use of the Little Cedar Bayou Park Softball Facilities for operations of their league, with an initial term to be the date of execution through December 31, 2020, with two (2) additional one-year renewals after the initial term concludes, and with renewals, the agreement will expire December 31, 2022; the motion was adopted, 8-0.

- b. **Presentation, discussion, and possible action to consider approving an agreement with the Friends of La Porte Cemetery, a Texas nonprofit corporation, pertaining to the conveyance of approximately 1.14 acres of land described as Lots 1-16, inclusive, in Block 1151 of Town of La Porte, to the Friends of La Porte Cemetery, for use as a public cemetery. [Jason Weeks, Assistant City Manager]**

Councilperson Engelken moved to approve a reverter agreement and special warranty deed with the Friends of the La Porte Cemetery, a Texas nonprofit corporation pertaining to the conveyance of approximately 1.14 acres of land noted as Lots 1-16, inclusive, in Block 1151, of Town of La Porte, a subdivision in Harris County, Texas, to the La Porte Cemetery Association to be utilized for public purposes. The motion was adopted, 8-0.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ASSOCIATED ORDINANCES

- (a) **The City Council will hold a hearing to receive comment regarding the revocation of the massage business permit issued to the owners and operators of the business for Perfect Massage for violation of Section 22-423(a) of the City of La Porte Code of Ordinances, followed by discussion and possible action to revoke the massage business permit issued to the owners and operators of the business for Perfect Massage. [Corby Alexander, City Manager]**

City Manager Corby Alexander gave a brief presentation. Mayor Rigby opened the public hearing at 6:47 p.m. Michelle Bradshaw, attorney, Bradshaw Law Office spoke in support of business owner Juan Wei Li. Mayor Rigby closed the public hearing at 7:09 p.m. Councilperson Garza moved to revoke the massage business permit for Perfect Massage located at 11001 C Fairmont Parkway, La Porte, Texas; the motion was adopted, 8-0.

8. REPORTS

- (a) **Accept the 2019 La Porte Police Department (LPPD) Racial Profiling Report. [Matt Daeumer, Assistant Chief]**
- (b) **Receive a report on the Drainage and Flooding Committee meeting. [Councilmember Jay Martin]**

Councilperson Martin reported that the Committee met and received reports and updates on various projects and addresses concerns. The Committee will meet again on March 9.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

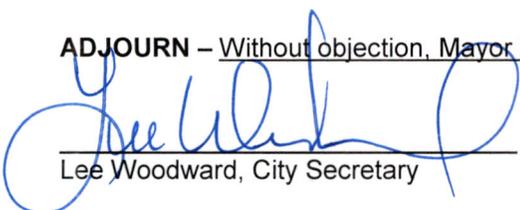
- Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, February 20
- La Porte Development Corporation Board meeting, February 24
- City Council meeting, February 24
- Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting, February 27

Mr. Alexander said there were no reports.

10. COUNCIL COMMENTS regarding matters appearing on the agenda; recognition of community members, city employees, and upcoming events; inquiry of staff regarding specific factual information or existing policies.

Councilpersons congratulated Donald Ladd on his retirement; thanked City Secretary Administrative Assistant Shawna Jones for her service; welcomed Councilperson Gillett back; recalled Saturday's City Council Strategic Planning session and lauded the service of former District 4 Councilpersons Tommy Moser and Kristin Moser Martin; shared appreciation with staff for the preparation and execution of Strategic Planning; expressed appreciation for revoking the massage parlor license and for previously approving the 2019 update to the massage business ordinance; acknowledged the time staff stays late at Council meetings; congratulated Sharon Harris on her recertification with the Texas Municipal Clerks Association.

ADJOURN – Without objection, Mayor Rigby adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.



Lee Woodward, City Secretary