

LOUIS RIGBY  
Mayor  
BRANDON LUNSFORD  
Councilperson At Large A  
STEVE GILLETT  
Councilperson At Large B  
DANNY EARP  
Councilperson District 1  
CHUCK ENGELKEN  
Councilperson District 2  
Mayor Pro-Tem



BILL BENTLEY  
Councilperson District 3  
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  
AUGUST 24, 2020**

**The City Council of the City of La Porte met in a regular meeting on Monday, August 24, 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, Bill Bentley, Thomas Garza Jay Martin

**Councilpersons attending remotely:** Brandon Lunsford, Steve Gillett, Chuck Engelken, Nancy Ojeda

**Councilpersons absent:** None

**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. Mayor Rigby reminded Councilperson Garza that the Council's adopted Rules of Procedure required Councilpersons to wear a mask during Council meetings. Councilperson Garza said he was exempted from wearing a face covering for medical reasons and would not be wearing one. The Mayor reminded Councilperson Garza that he had the opportunity to attend the meeting electronically and could go to his office in City Hall. Councilperson Garza declined to participate remotely. The Mayor asked the Sergeant-at-Arms to remove Councilperson Garza. Councilperson Garza moved that the Council contravene the Mayor's direction. The motion did not receive a second and was not considered. Councilperson Garza was escorted from the room.
2. **INVOCATION** – The invocation was given by Reverend Walter Brumley, La Porte River of God Church, and pledges were led by Councilperson Nancy Ojeda.
3. **PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND RECOGNITIONS**
  - a. **Recognition of Kelly Garner's retirement after thirty-one years of service with the City of La Porte and the Bay Forest Golf Course. [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.*)

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 the minutes of the meeting held on August 10, 2020. [Mayor Rigby]**
  - b. **Approve an enhancement grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 pursuant to application by Marion (Marty) and Vicki Campise for the refurbishment/renovation of façade, signage, roofing and parking facilities at the old bank building located at 100 W. Main Street in La Porte, Texas. [Jason Weeks, Assistant City Manager]**
  - c. **Approve a proposed economic development incentive agreement with Marion (Marty) and Vicki Campise in connection with 100 W. Main Street, an incentive project for the refurbishment and renovation of the old bank building located at 100 W. Main Street in La Porte, Texas, in an amount not to exceed \$85,000.00. [Jason Weeks, Assistant City Manager]**
  - d. **Approve a 2020-2021 Police Civil Service Pay Scale adjustment pursuant to the Meet and Confer Agreement. [Matt Hartleib, HR Manager]**

- e. Approve a three (3) year agreement for the City of La Porte to provide Emergency 9-1-1 Dispatch, Jail Services, Animal Control, Emergency Medical Services, Fire Suppression, and Fire Prevention (Fire Marshal's Office) services to the City of Morgan's Point, for the period beginning October 1, 2020, at total monthly rate of \$8,434.38. [Jason Weeks, Assistant City Manager]
- f. Approve a three (3) year agreement for the City of La Porte to provide Emergency 9-1-1 Dispatch and Jail Services to the City of Shoreacres for the period beginning October 1, 2020, at total monthly rate of \$5,528.45. [Jason Weeks, Assistant City Manager]
- g. Approve an Operator's Agreement between La Porte Area Water Authority and the City of La Porte for a three-year period commencing October 1, 2020. [Ray Mayo, Director of Public Works]
- h. Award Bid #20016 to Tandem Services, LLC for Citywide in-Fill Sidewalk and Pavement Rehabilitation Project and authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Tandem Services, LLC in the amount of \$853,626.00. [Ray Mayo, Director of Public Works]
- i. Approve total annual expenditures to Romco Construction Equipment exceeding \$50,000.00 for sole-source equipment parts and repairs. [Ray Mayo, Director of Public Works]
- j. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a new agreement with La Porte Boys' Baseball Association for use of baseball fields at Pecan Park and Fairmont Park. [Rosalyn Epting, Director of Parks & Recreation]
- k. Adopt proposed amendments to the Planning and Zoning Commission Rules and Bylaws. [Ian Clowes, City Planner]
- l. Adopt Resolution 2020-21 authorizing the City Manager to sign the grant award and other documents for the Commercial Motor Vehicle STEP grant. [Steve Deardorff, Police Chief]
- m. Adopt Resolution 2020-22 authorizing the City Manager to sign the grant award and other documents for the STEP Comprehensive Grant. [Steve Deardorff, Police Chief]
- n. Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Dr. Oscar Boultinghouse, M.D., Medical Director for the City of La Porte EMS Division from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2023. [Lisa Camp, EMS Chief]
- o. Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Association of Bayport Companies for City of La Porte EMS coverage in the Bayport Industrial District, from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2023. [Lisa Camp, EMS Chief]
- p. Authorize the City Manager to execute an Agreement Letter with the companies located within the Battleground Industrial District for City of La Porte EMS coverage from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2023. [Lisa Camp, EMS Chief]

Mayor Rigby announced item m would be pulled for individual consideration. The Mayor moved to approve the consent agenda; the motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Engelken and adopted, 8-0. Mayor Pro Tem Engelken moved to adopt Resolution 2020-22 authorizing the City Manager to sign the grant award and other documents for the STEP Comprehensive Grant; the motion was seconded by Councilperson Earp and adopted, 8-0.

## 6. STATUTORY AGENDA

- a. **Presentation, discussion, and possible approval or other action on a request from Waste Corporation of America to allow a 0.3 percent increase in rates for Commercial Solid Waste Collection. [Ray Mayo, Director of Public Works]**

Councilperson Gillett moved to approve a request from Waste Corporation of America to allow a 0.3 percent increase in rates for Commercial Solid Waste Collection; the motion was seconded by Councilperson Earp and adopted, 8-0.

- b. **Presentation, discussion, and possible action to approve an Interlocal Grant Agreement and the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Small Cities Terms and Conditions between Harris County and the City of La Porte. [Kristin Gauthier, Emergency Management Coordinator]**

Mayor Pro Tem Engelken moved to approve an Interlocal Grant Agreement and the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Small Cities Terms and Conditions between Harris County and the City of La Porte; the motion was seconded by Councilperson Bentley and adopted 8-0.

- c. **Presentation, discussion, and possible action to approve payment of expenses under contract with Harris County to provide election services for the City of La Porte 2020 general election on November 3, 2020. [Lee Woodward, City Secretary]**

Mayor Pro Tem Engelken moved to approve payment of expenses under contract with Harris County to provide election services for the City of La Porte 2020 general election on November 3, 2020; the

motion was seconded by Councilperson Martin and adopted 8-0. Councilperson Ojeda expressed her appreciation for the addition of an early voting polling location in the La Porte city limits.

**d. Presentation, discussion, and possible action on nominations to the 2020 Charter Review Committee. [Mayor Rigby]**

The Mayor noted there were no additional nominations and the Charter Review Commission would be composed of the members below. He added that the City Secretary would verify each is a resident of La Porte.

<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Nominating member of Council</u>
Tanya Jackson	Mayor Rigby
Paul Larson	Councilperson Lunsford, At-Large A
Barry Beasley	Councilperson Gillett, At-Large B
Mark Follis	Councilperson Earp, District 1
John Blakemore	Mayor Pro Tem Engelken, District 2
Larry Turner	Councilperson Bentley, District 3
Sammi Hammers	Councilperson Garza, District 4
David Brady	Councilperson Martin, District 5
Kristin Martin	Councilperson Ojeda, District 6

**7. REPORTS**

**a. Receive a report on the La Porte Development Corporation Board meeting. [Councilperson Nancy Ojeda]**

Councilperson Ojeda said the La Porte Development Corporation approved prior meeting minutes, elected Richard Warren as President and Nancy Ojeda as Vice President for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, and approved an \$85,000 enhancement grant for 100 W. Main Street.

**8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

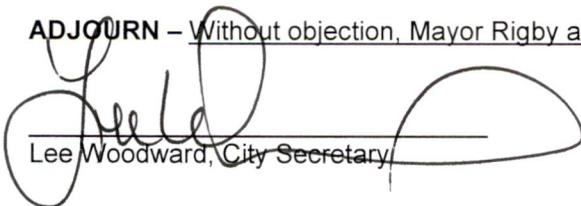
- Drainage and Flooding Committee meeting, September 14
- Fiscal Affairs Committee meeting, September 14
- City Council meeting, September 14
- Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, September 17
- Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting, September 24
- City Council meeting, September 28

City Manager Corby Alexander noted the postponed Fourth of July fireworks show will not be held for Labor Day.

**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 thanked Chief Deardorff and LPPD for their recent successes in curtailing crime; congratulated Trudy Rayburn at EMS for earning her Certified Public Manager designation; congratulated Kelly Garner on his retirement and offered appreciation of all he has done over the years; expressed condolences to the family of the recently deceased Council candidate Chuck Rosa; noted hearing U.S. Senator Ted Cruz speak at a local meeting last week; encouraged everyone to remain safe, healthy, and patient as preparations continue for the incoming storm; recalled the efforts of City employees in former storm events; and recognized the significant efforts of the Emergency Management Division in advance of the weather.

**ADJOURN** – Without objection, Mayor Rigby adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

  
Lee Woodward, City Secretary