

LOUIS RIGBY
Mayor
JOHN ZEMANEK
Councilmember At Large A
DOTTIE KAMINSKI
Councilmember At Large B
DANNY EARP
Councilmember District 1
CHUCK ENGELKEN
Councilmember District 2



DARYL LEONARD
Councilmember District 3
KRISTIN MARTIN
Councilmember District 4
JAY MARTIN
Mayor Pro-Tem
Councilmember District 5
MIKE CLAUSEN
Councilmember District 6

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA PORTE
APRIL 11, 2016**

The City Council of the City of La Porte met in a regular meeting on **Monday April 11, 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:

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

2. **INVOCATION** – The invocation was given Dee Spears, Fairmont Park Church.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Dottie Kaminski.

4. **PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, and RECOGNITIONS**

(a) Proclamation – Fair Housing Month in the City of La Porte – Mayor Rigby

Mayor Rigby presented a proclamation on Fair Housing Month in the City of La Porte to Planning and Development Director Tim Tietjens.

(b) Proclamation – Sexual Assault Awareness Month – Mayor Rigby

Mayor Rigby presented a proclamation in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month to Shannon Nevoll from Bay Area Turning Point.

(c) Proclamation – Rose Hall Day – Mayor Rigby

Mayor Rigby presented a proclamation in honor of Rose Hall Day to her family members.

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

Bill Scott, 1722 Lomax School Road, addressed Council regarding claims made by the LPPD of his behavior when visiting LPPD regarding a ticket given to his son's girlfriend, which he was requesting be dismissed.

Barbara Norwine, 202 S. Lobit, addressed Council but did not speak due to her video not loading.

Amanda Barfield-Kastl, 219 Crescentview St., addressed Council praising the City Manager's Office for their kindness and for going above and beyond to help citizens. She is very grateful for LPPD for keeping streets safe, and working with the City Manager with Head Start to keep kids safe.

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 the minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on March 24, 2016 and the Regular City Council Meeting held on March 28, 2016 – P. Fogarty
- (b) Consider approval or other action regarding Buy Board purchase for pre-fabricated restroom facility for installation at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park – R. Epting

Councilmember Leonard moved to approve the Consent Agenda items pursuant to staff recommendations. Councilmember Clausen seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 8/0. Councilmember Earp was absent.**

7. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- (a) Discussion and possible action regarding appointment to fill one vacancy on the La Porte Development Corporation Board of Directors – P. Fogarty

City Secretary Patrice Fogarty presented a summary.

Councilmember Zemanek moved to appoint Shelley Fuller to fill the vacancy on the La Porte Development Corporation Board, said vacancy being created when Mike Cooksley resigned. Councilmember Leonard seconded. **MOTION PASSED.**

Ayes:	Councilmembers Zemanek, Kaminski, Leonard, Clausen, K. Martin and Engelken
Nays:	Mayor Rigby and Councilmember J. Martin
Absent:	Councilmember Earp

8. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

There were no reports.

9. **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 Kaminski congratulated the family on the tribute to Rose Hall Day; and the proclamations regarding Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and Fair Housing Month in the City of La Porte. Councilmember Zemanek recognized the honor of Rose Hall and the tribute from City employees to help honor her by proclaiming a Rose Hall Day. Councilmember Leonard stated it was nice to see employees wearing purple to represent Rose, and remarked that the likeness of Rose's 3D image etched in the crystal gift from the family is amazing will be well received at City Hall. Councilmember Engelken stated if you look up class in the dictionary, you will see Rose's picture. She was a good ambassador for the City. Her legacy will live on in the City of La Porte; Councilmember Clausen agreed with everything that was said about Ms. Rose. Councilmember J. Martin stated he was really pleased with the turnout for Rose, that she was a great friend and dear lady, and was quite the role model for any person interested in being a class act. He thanked Amanda Barfield-Kastl for her comments, stating that it is good to hear positive things about our police department; and he welcomed back Mayor Rigby, stating the Mayor had a rough week, and he is glad to have him back. Councilmember K. Martin stated Rose was very rare, and the City was fortunate to have had her working here. She also said she is glad to have the Mayor back and to take it easy. Mayor Rigby commented about Rose Hall that it is rare to find someone loved by so many for so long. He thanked everyone for their thoughts, prayers and well wishes, and feels stronger every day.

10. **ADJOURN** - There being no further business, Councilmember Engelken made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Councilmember Zemanek seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 8/0. Councilmember Earp was absent.**

Patrice Fogarty, City Secretary

Passed and approved on April 25, 2016.

Mayor Louis R. Rigby