



## **WRECKER COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA**

Notice is hereby given of a Meeting and Public Hearing of the La Porte Wrecker Committee to be held on July 19, 2016, at 2:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 604 West Fairmont Parkway, La Porte, Texas, for the purpose of considering the following agenda items:

1. Call to order.
2. Roll call of members.
3. Consider approval of the October 7, 2014, meeting minutes.
4. Conduct public hearing to consider possible action under Section 78-223 of the City of La Porte Code of Ordinances to suspend, cancel, or revoke wrecker permit numbers 95 and 96 issued to Taylor Towing.
  - A. Open public hearing
  - B. Staff comments
  - C. Public comments
  - D. Close public hearing
5. Consider possible action to suspend, cancel, or revoke wrecker permit numbers 95 and 96 issued to Taylor Towing.
6. Administrative Reports
7. Committee comments on matters appearing on agenda or inquiry of staff regarding specific factual information or existing policy.
8. Adjourn

A quorum of City Council members may be present and participate in discussions during this meeting; however, no action will be taken by Council.

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### **CERTIFICATION**

I certify that a copy of the July 19, 2016, agenda of items to be considered by the City of La Porte Wrecker Committee was posted on the City Hall bulletin board on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

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**City of La Porte  
Wrecker Committee**

**Minutes of August 26, 2014**

Committee Members Present: Planning Director Tim Tietjens (designated representative of the City Manager), Asst. Police Chief Ron Parker (for Lt. Gary Rice, designated representative of the Police Chief), and City Secretary Patrice Fogarty

Staff Members Present: Assistant City Attorney Clark Askins and Office Coordinator Peggy Lee

1. Call to order.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Tim Tietjens at 3:03 p.m.

2. Roll call of members.

Tim Tietjens, Patrice Fogarty, and Ron Parker were present for roll call.

3. Consider approval of the August 26, 2014, meeting minutes.

**Motion by Ron Parker to approve the Minutes of August 26, 2014.**

**Second by Patrice Fogarty. Motion carried unanimously.**

4. Conduct public hearing to consider possible action under Section 78-223 of the City of La Porte Code of Ordinances to suspend, cancel, or revoke wrecker permit numbers 93, 94, 95, and 96 issued to Taylor Towing.

A. Open public hearing

Chairman Tietjens opened the public hearing at 3:04 p.m.

B. Staff comments

Chairman Tietjens stated the hearing was prompted after receiving complaints that Taylor Towing had not been responding appropriately to call-outs from the wrecker rotation list utilized by the Police Department.

C. Public comments

Walt Jones addressed the Committee. Mr. Jones owns a storage facility in La Porte where Taylor Towing has contracted with him to store his towed vehicles. Mr. Jones stated that Taylor Towing has made attempts to show up for tows when called by the Police Department, but often times when they arrived, other wrecker companies were already on the scene and were allowed to perform the tow. Mr. Jones personally witnessed it happen on three occasions.

Paul Taylor, with Taylor Towing, addressed the Committee. Mr. Taylor stated his driver that lived in La Porte quit in April or May and since that time he has been having to pass on call-

outs. Mr. Taylor is trying to position another driver in La Porte, but is experiencing difficulty finding appropriate housing. Mr. Taylor stated he has contacted the Police Department and asked to be placed on hold until he could get a driver in La Porte.

Walt Jones spoke again on behalf of Taylor Towing.

Ron Parker reported at least 42% of all call-outs to Taylor Towing did not result in a tow, for various reasons.

D. Close public hearing

Chairman Tietjens closed the public hearing at 3:27 p.m.

5. Consider possible action to suspend, cancel, or revoke wrecker permit numbers 93, 94, 95, and 96 issued to Taylor Towing.

**Motion by Ron Parker to suspend Wrecker Permit Numbers 93, 94, 95, and 96 issued to Taylor Towing, until December 31, 2014, at which time all wrecker permits are due for renewal.**

**Second by Patrice Fogarty. Motion carried unanimously.**

6. Review and discuss Section 78-301 of the City of La Porte Code of Ordinances related to issuance of auto wrecker permits.

**Motion by Chairman Tietjens to direct the Police Department to continue issuing color coded windshield stickers to permit holders in accordance with Section 78-301 of the Code of Ordinances.**

**Second by Ron Parker. Motion carried unanimously.**

7. Administrative Reports

There were no administrative reports.

8. Committee comments on matters appearing on agenda or inquiry of staff regarding specific factual information or existing policy.

There were no committee comments.

9. Adjourn.

Chairman Tietjens adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.