

**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**  
Mayor Pro-Tem  
Councilmember District 4  
**JAY MARTIN**  
Councilmember District 5  
**NANCY OJEDA**  
Councilmember District 6

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA PORTE  
JANUARY 8, 2018**

The City Council of the City of La Porte met in a regular meeting on **Monday, January 8, 2018**, 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:

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Rigby called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members of Council present: Councilmembers Ojeda, J. Martin, K. Martin, Kaminski, Zemanek, Leonard, Engelken, and Earp. Also present were City Secretary Patrice Fogarty, City Manager Corby Alexander, Assistant City Manager Jason Weeks and Assistant City Attorney Clark Askins.
2. **INVOCATION** – The invocation was given by Assistant City Attorney Clark Askins.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Kristin Martin.
4. **PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, and RECOGNITIONS**
  - (a) Recognition – Winners of the 2017 Christmas Parade – Mayor Rigby  
  
Mayor Rigby recognized the Winners of the 2017 Christmas Parade.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** (Limited to five minutes per person.)  
  
Bobby Murray, 10303 Rustic Rock Rd., addressed Council and informed he met with Chief Adcox in regards to his concern of the adoption process at the Animal Shelter and offered his assistance, if needed.
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 meeting held on December 11, 2017– P. Fogarty
  - (b) Consider approval or other action regarding an Ordinance ordering a general election of the City of La Porte to be held on May 5, 2018, for the election of officials to offices of Councilperson-District 2; Councilperson-District 3 and Mayor; and consider approval of other action regarding Ordinance calling a special election on May 5, 2018 to consider reauthorization of local sales and use tax to continue to provide revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets – P. Fogarty
  - (c) Consider approval or other action awarding Bid #18004 for Bulk Fuel Supply Rebid – D. Pennell

- (d) Consider approval or other action awarding RFQ #17604 for Spencer Highway Fence and Sidewalk Project design and construction phase services and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a professional service agreement with Cobb Fendley and Associates Inc., in the amount of \$95,922.00 – D. Pennell
- (e) Consider approval or other action authorizing the City Manager to approve an amendment to the Phase II Little Cedar Bayou Drainage Improvement Contract – D. Pennell
- (f) Consider approval or other action regarding an Ordinance vacating, abandoning and closing a portion of Cedar Ave., right-of-way located in Block 17 of Sylvan Beach Subdivision – I. Clowes
- (g) Consider approval or other action authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Association of Bayport Companies, Inc., for provision of emergency medical services to ABC Inc., member companies located within the Bayport Industrial District for the City of La Porte Emergency Management Services – R. Nolen

Councilmember Engelken made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items pursuant to staff recommendations. Councilmember Leonard seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 9/0.**

Ayes:	Mayor Rigby, Councilmembers Leonard, Engelken, Ojeda, Zemanek, Kaminski, Earp, J. Martin, and K. Martin
Nays:	None
Absent:	None

Prior to council action, Assistant City Attorney Clark Askins read the caption of **Ordinance 2018-3691**: AN ORDINANCE ORDERING THE REGULAR ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE CITY OF LA PORTE, TEXAS; DESIGNATING ELECTION PRECINCTS AND POLLING PLACES; PROVIDING FOR A JOINT ELECTION WITH THE LA PORTE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF VOTING MACHINES APPOINTING ELECTION OFFICIALS; PROVIDING FOR METHOD, LOCATIONS AND DATES OF EARLY VOTING; PROVIDING FOR AN EARLY VOTING BALLOT BOARD; PROVIDING FOR RETURN AND CANVASS OF VOTES OF SAID ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR A RUN-OFF ELECTION, IF NECESSARY, ON THE SEOCND SATURDAY IN JUNE; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; FINDING COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

Prior to council action, Assistant City Attorney Clark Askins read the caption of **Ordinance 2018-3692**: AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION OF THE CITY OF LA PORTE TO PERMIT VOTING FOR OR AGAINST THE PROPOSITION: "THE REAUTHORIZATION OF THE LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX IN THE CITY OF LA PORTE AT THE RATE OF ONE-FOURTH OF ONE PERCENT TO CONTINUE PROVIDING REVENUE FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF MUNICIPAL STREETS" DESIGNATING ELECTION PRECINCTS AND POLLING PLACES; PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF VOTING MACHINES APPOINTING ELECTION OFFICIALS; PROVIDING FOR METHOD AND DATES OF EARLY VOTING; PROVIDING FOR AN EARLY VOTING BALLOT BOARD; PROVIDING FOR RETURN AND CANVASS OF VOTES OF SAID ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; FINDING COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

Prior to council action, Assistant City Attorney Clark Askins read the caption of **Ordinance 2018-3693**: AN ORDINANCE VACATING, ABANDONING AND CLOSING A PORTION OF THE CEDAR AVENUE RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED IN BLOCK 17 OF THE SYLVAN BEACH SUBDIVISION AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A DEED TO THE ADJOINING LANDOWNERS; FINDING COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW; CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS CLAUSE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

**7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

There were no additional reports.

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

Councilmembers K. Martin, Kaminski, Zemanek, Leonard, Engelken and Earp congratulated the parade winners and wished everyone a Happy New Year; Councilmember Zemanek congratulated the parade winners and said Roll Tide, the rallying cry for the Alabama Crimson Tide football team; Councilmember Ojeda commented she is looking forward to the EMS classes, congratulated the parade winners and wished everyone a Happy New Year; Councilmember J. Martin informed he has been contacted by homeowners awaiting home buyout plans from FEMA and requested Staff send a letter to FEMA to expedite the process and commented that with the creation of the new MUD, it may be a good time to renew the Main Street Advisory Board; and Mayor Rigby congratulated the parade winners, commented all the events were great, and informed that he attended the La Porte Fire Department Christmas party where Jimmy Crate was recognized for 50 years of services as a La Porte firefighter.

9. **ADJOURN** - There being no further business, Councilmember Engelken made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Councilmember Leonard seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 9/0.**

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Patrice Fogarty, City Secretary

Passed and approved on January 22, 2018.

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Mayor Louis R. Rigby