

LOUIS RIGBY
Mayor
BRANDON LUNSFORD
Councilperson At Large A
BRENT McCULLLEY
Councilperson At Large B
TREY KENDRICK
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
JANUARY 11, 2021**

The City Council of the City of La Porte met in a regular meeting on Monday, January 11, 2021, 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, Brent McCaulley, Trey Kendrick, Chuck Engelken, Bill Bentley, Thomas Garza (*left at 6:01 p.m.*), Jay Martin, Nancy Ojeda

Councilpersons attending remotely: Brandon Lunsford

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. 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 said he was exempted from wearing a face covering for medical reasons and would not be wearing one. The Mayor asked the Sergeant-at-Arms to remove Councilperson Garza. Councilperson Garza moved that the Council oppose the Mayor's direction, which he termed as illegal. 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 Councilperson Nancy Ojeda, and pledges were led by Councilperson Jay Martin.

3. **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.*)

Richard Warren, speaking as President of the Brookglen Homeowner's Association and as a resident, thanked the Council for shade structures over benches at the playgrounds in their neighborhood.

4. **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 December 14 and 21, 2020, City Council meetings. [Mayor Louis R. Rigby]
- b. Approve the appointment of Nolan Allen to the District 1 position on the City of La Porte's Planning and Zoning Commission. [Louis R. Rigby, Mayor]
- c. Adopt Ordinance 2021-3812 for the purpose of vacating, abandoning, and closing the sixteen- (16-) foot alley right-of-way situated in Block 375, Town of La Porte, and the North J Street right-of-way situated between North Broadway Street and North 1st Street, and authorizing execution and delivery of a deed to adjoining landowner. [Ian Clowes, City Planner]
- d. Approve Cisco Smartnet renewal with DataVox under the DIR Contract #TSO-4167 in the amount of \$73,251.86. [Grady Parker, IT Manager]
- e. Adopt Ordinance 2021-3813, approving amendments to the City's Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget. [Shelley Wolny, Treasurer]

- f. **Adopt Ordinance 2020-IDA-162, authorizing the execution of Industrial District Agreement with Clark Freight Lines, Inc., for a twelve- (12-) year term beginning January 1, 2020. [Corby Alexander, City Manager]**

Mayor Pro Tem Engelken moved to approve consent agenda; the motion was seconded by Councilperson Bentley; the motion was adopted, 8-0.

5. STATUTORY AGENDA

- a. **Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding proposed amendments to the La Porte Home Rule Charter, as presented by the 2020 Charter Review Commission. [Mayor Louis R. Rigby]**

Commission Chair Kristin Martin reported on the work of the Commission and Commission members were thanked by the Council for their service. Councilpersons made inquiries on the recommendations.

- b. **Presentation, discussion, and possible action to adopt Ordinance 2021-3814, calling a special election for proposed amendments to the La Porte Home Rule Charter, to be held on May 1, 2021. [Louis R. Rigby, Mayor]**

Mayor Pro Tem Engelken moved to adopt Ordinance 2021-3814, calling a special election for proposed amendments to the La Porte Home Rule Charter, to be held on May 1, 2021, including modification to the proposed wording of Amendment U, to change the text in Section 5.01(b)(1) of the La Porte Charter to read *if the thirty-first day of January is* rather than *if the first day of February is*; the motion was seconded by Councilperson Kendrick; the motion was adopted, 8-0.

- c. **Presentation, discussion, and possible action to adopt Ordinance 2021-3815, calling a special election to fill a vacancy in the position of Councilperson-District 6. [Louis R. Rigby, Mayor]**

Mayor Pro Tem Engelken moved to select March 27, 2021 as the election date for the Councilperson-District 6 special election to fill a vacancy and adopted Ordinance 2021-3815 providing for the election; the motion was seconded by Councilperson Kendrick; the motion was adopted, 8-0.

6. REPORTS

- a. **Receive report of the Drainage and Flooding Committee meeting. [Councilperson Jay Martin]**

Councilperson Martin reported the Committee met and received updates on drainage concerns, noting the next meeting would be February 8.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, January 21
- Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting, January 28

City Manager Corby Alexander added there would be a La Porte Development Corporation meeting on January 25.

8. **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 the Charter Review Commission members; offered condolences to the family of former Police Chief Bobby Powell; recognized EMS and Finance for recent awards; encouraged the City developing programs to offer advantages to the citizens; and

~~ADJOURN~~ Without objection, Mayor Rigby adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m.


Lee Woodward, City Secretary

