

**LOUIS RIGBY**  
Mayor  
**JOHN ZEMANEK**  
Councilmember At Large A  
**STEVE GILLETT**  
Councilmember At Large B  
**DANNY EARP**  
Councilmember District 1  
**CHUCK ENGELKEN**  
Councilmember District 2



**BILL BENTLEY**  
Councilmember District 3  
**KRISTIN MARTIN**  
Councilmember District 4  
**JAY MARTIN**  
Councilmember District 5  
**NANCY OJEDA**  
Councilmember District 6  
Mayor Pro-Tem

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA PORTE FEBRUARY 25, 2019

The City Council of the City of La Porte met in a regular meeting on Monday, February 25, 2019, at the City Hall Council Chambers, 604 West Fairmont Parkway, La Porte, Texas, at 6:00 p.m., with the following in attendance:

**Councilmembers present:** Louis Rigby, Steve Gillett, Danny Earp, Chuck Engelken, Bill Bentley, Kristin Martin, Jay Martin, John Zemanek, Nancy Ojeda

**Councilmembers 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.
2. **INVOCATION** – The invocation was given by Councilmember Jay Martin.
3. **PLEDGES** – The pledges of allegiance to the U.S. and Texas flags were led by Councilmember Kristin Martin.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** (Limited to five minutes per person.) - Chuck Rosa and Thomas Garza offered public comment.
5. **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 minutes of the meeting held on February 11, 2019. [L. Woodward, City Secretary]
  - (b) Consider approval or other action regarding Resolution 2019-01 authorizing the resale of tax delinquent property located at Lots 9 and 10, Block 80, Town of La Porte. [Shelley Wolny, Treasurer]
  - (c) Consider approval or other action regarding Resolution 2019-02 nominating Valvoline LLC to the office of the Texas Governor's Office of Economic Development and Tourism. [Ryan Cramer, Economic Development Coordinator]
  - (d) Consider approval or other action regarding Resolution 2019-03 supporting H.B. 1192 which decreases the administration fee for collection of sales tax from 2% to 1% for the City of La Porte and La Porte Fire Control District. [Jason Weeks, Assistant City Manager]

Councilmember Engelken moved to approve the consent agenda; the motion was adopted, 9-0.

### 6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- (a) Discussion and possible action changing the voluntary contribution option on the monthly utility bill to be used for animal control services instead of beautification and trail system projects. [Corby Alexander, City Manager]

Councilmember Engelken moved to split the donation options on the utility bills into two (one for the current beautification option and another for the animal shelter), have the current funds used for beautification, and have staff track the funding. Councilmember Ojeda moved to amend by striking

“split the donation options” and add “add an option for donating to the animal shelter.” The motion to amend was lost, 4-5, Councilmembers Earp, Engelken, Bentley, and Zemanek, and Mayor Rigby voting against. The main motion was adopted, 7-2, Councilmembers Ojeda and K. Martin voting against.

**7. REPORTS**

- (a) **Receive 2018 La Porte Police Department Racial Profiling Report. [Ron Parker, Police Chief]**
- (b) **Receive report of the La Porte Drainage and Flooding Committee Meeting. [Councilmember J. Martin]**
- (c) **Receive report of the La Porte Development Corporation Board Meeting. [Councilmember Ojeda]**

**8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS** – City Manager Corby Alexander announced there were no reports to be provided.

**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 or existing policies.

Councilmembers thanked the Parks Department for a successful basketball season and the success of *Mardi Gras on Main Street*, as well as for the PD report. Councilmember Bentley said he and the Mayor enjoyed the Civic Clubs events of the weekend, Councilmember Gillett said he had attended the groundbreaking for the upcoming Highway 146 projects. Mayor Rigby reminded all of the importance of fighting for local control in the activities of the Texas Legislature. He also shared that Thursday, April 4, will be the last day to register for the May general election.

**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION** – The City Council reserves the right to meet in closed session on any agenda item, should the need arise, and if applicable pursuant to authorization by Title 5, Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in:

**Texas Government Code – Section 551.072 – Deliberation regarding purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property: Meet with City Manager and City Attorney to discuss value of real property in industrial districts, concerning negotiations with industry representatives for terms of new Industrial District Agreements.**

*(Councilmember Earp has a Conflict of Interest affidavit on file for this item, did not participate in the deliberations, and left the meeting as the Council adjourned into executive session.)* The Council adjourned into executive session at 6:28 p.m.

**11. RECONVENE** into regular session and consider action, if any, on item(s) discussed in executive session.

The Council reconvened into open session at 7:22 p.m. No action was taken.

**10. ADJOURN** – Without objection, Mayor Rigby adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

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Lee Woodward, City Secretary