

# MINUTES

## THE CITY OF LOMETA

COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL  
100 E SAN SABA ST, LOMETA TX 76853  
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### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

March 1, 2021

7 p.m.

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Stephen Brister Hicks called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Mayor Stephen Brister Hicks led council and guest in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas Flag.
- III. **INVOCATION** Melissa Cantu led council and guests in prayer.
- IV. **ROLL CALL**

Mayor, Stephen Brister Hicks	PRESENT
Councilmember, Doug Brister	PRESENT
Councilmember, James Dickison	PRESENT (via telephone)
Councilmember, Marsha Laughlin	ABSENT
Councilmember, Ronnie Cartwright	PRESENT
Councilmember, Susan Hines	PRESENT
- V. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES FOR THE FEBRUARY 1, 2021 REGULAR MEETING AND FEBRUARY 22, 2021 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING.** A motion was made by Doug Brister with a second by Ronnie Cartwright to approve the regular and special called meeting minutes. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- VI. **REVIEW, RATIFY AND ACCEPT THE BILLS PAID DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2021.** A motion was made by Susan Hines with a second by Doug Brister to approve the bills the month of February 2021. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- VII. **OPEN FORUM** *Larry Koch approached council with a proposition to look into purchasing a property located between HWY 190 and the Lometa Regional Park that is listed for sale at \$600,000.*
- VIII. **BUSINESS** THE SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED, CONSIDERED, OR ACTED UPON ARE AS FOLLOWS:  
*(ITEMS DO NOT HAVE TO BE TAKEN IN THE SAME ORDER AS SHOWN ON THE MEETING NOTICE).*

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## OLD BUSINESS

1. **Discuss the financial operating processes in the administrative department.** A motion was made by Marsha Laughlin with a second by Doug Brister. Motion killed 2:3.
2. **Discussion and action regarding rental and servicing arrangement for a portable toilet for the maintenance department at the City Yard.** Motion killed.

## NEW BUSINESS

3. **Discussion and possible action – ORDINANCE NO. 03012021- Court AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOMETA, TEXAS, PROVING FOR THE PROCEDURE, PRACTICE AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE LOMTA MUNICIPAL COURT CONSISTENT WITH STATE LAW INCLUDING THE ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS BY EXECUTION AGAINST THE PROPERTY OF THE DEFENDANT INCLUDING THE FILING OF ABSTRACTS OF JUDGMENT WITH THE LAMPASAS COUNTY CLERK OR IMPRISONMENT FOR THE COLLECTION OF FINES IMPOSED BY THE LOMETA MUNICIPAL COURT; PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF THE OFFICE OF MUNICIPAL COURT CLERK AND APPOINTMENT OF COURT CLERK; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** A motion was made by Ronnie Cartwright with a second by Susan Hines upon changes made to Section 17 changing the jury duty payment to \$10 along with the typo errors. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
4. **Discussion and possible action – ORDINANCE NO. 03012021- Judge AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOMETA, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR FILLING THE OFFICE OF JUDGE OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT BY APPOINTMENT; PROVIDING FOR THE PROCEDURE TO FILL AN UNEXPIRED TERM; PROVIDING OF THE SETTING OF THE JUDGE'S SALARY; PROVIDING FOR THE NOTIFICATION TO THE TEXAS JUDICIAL COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR THE SEPARATION OF THE OFFICE OF JUDGE OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT AND THE OFFICE OF MAYOR; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CITY ORDINANCE NO. 04-19-93, ORDINANCE NO. 08152008, ORDINANCE NO. 051412 AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** A motion was made by Susan Hines with a second by Ronnie Cartwright. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
5. **Discussion and possible action – ORDINANCE NO. 03012021-SW by approving the Municipal Court Judge Appointment Ordinance 03012021-SW for Sharon Watson. AN ORDINANCE ACKNOWLEDGING THE APPOINTMENT OF SHARON WATSON AS MUNICIPAL JUDGE; SETTING COMPENSATION; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** A motion was made by Ronnie Cartwright with a second by Marsha Laughlin. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

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6. **Discuss and take possible action relating to the addition of sewage in the RV Park area within Lometa Regional Park.** Motion killed and an estimate is expected to be obtained before Council can move further.
7. **Discuss and take possible action regarding an Aflac Presentation given to council by Tim Purcell.** A motion was made by Susan Hines with a second by Ronnie Cartwright to allow eligible employees to voluntarily participate in the Aflac Transcend Cafeteria Program with no cost to the City. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

**IX. REPORTS: MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS, WHEN NECESSARY.**

**MAYOR:**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

**CHIEF OF POLICE:** monthly reports

**CITY SECRETARY:**

**MUNICIPAL COURT:** Linebarger update

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** monthly run reports

- X. **ADJOURN** At 8:43 p.m. a motion was made by Doug Brister with a second by Susan Hines to adjourn the meeting. Meeting is adjourned.

**APPROVED:**



Mayor Stephen Brister Hicks

**ATTEST:**



Lindsey Grant, City Secretary



Date: April 5, 2021