



# City of League City, TX

300 West Walker  
League City TX 77573

## Meeting Agenda City Council

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Tuesday, September 22, 2020

6:00 PM

Council Chambers  
200 West Walker Street

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### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL - MEETING POSTPONED TO SEPTEMBER 29, 2020**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the City Council of League City, Texas will be held on September 22, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, located at 200 West Walker Street, League City, TX 77573, Texas for the purpose of considering and taking action on all matters on the agenda for the meeting, including approval of an agreement with the law firm of Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP as special counsel to perform all legal services necessary to collect delinquent ad valorem taxes and also to collect unpaid fines, fees and court costs as provided in Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 103.0031 and authorizing the execution of such agreement.

The agreement to be considered is necessary for the delinquent ad valorem taxes owed to the City of League City to be collected in the most effective manner. The City desires that such delinquent tax, penalties and interest be collected as provided in the Texas Tax Code and the City further desires that such unpaid fines, fees and court costs be collected as provided in Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 103.0031.

The Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP firm is fully qualified to provide this representation, being the largest delinquent collection law firm in the State of Texas, as well as the United States and having been engaged in this specialized legal service for more than 40 years. In addition, the Linebarger Goggan Blair and Sampson, LLP firm possesses infrastructure and technology, such as call center technology, that the City does not currently possess.

Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP has represented the City of League City for the past 37 years with competence and professionalism, in the collection of delinquent property taxes, beginning in approximately 1983.

Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP has represented the City of League City for the past 9 years with competence and professionalism, in the collection of unpaid fines, fees and court costs, beginning in March 2011.

The specialized legal services required by this agreement cannot be adequately performed by the attorneys and supporting personnel of the City due to the high cost of implementing the appropriate infrastructure and technology and employing sufficient in-house attorneys and staff with the level of experience and competence necessary to perform these activities.

For delinquent ad valorem tax collections, Linebarger will be compensated on a contingent fee basis as provided in the Texas Tax Code Sections 6.30, 33.07, 33.08, 33.11, and 33.48. These Texas Tax Code sections specifically provide for an additional penalty on delinquent taxes to compensate collection attorneys. A contract to pay inside or outside attorneys on an hourly basis would represent an additional cost to the City.

For the collection of unpaid fines, fees and court costs, Linebarger will be compensated on a contingent fee basis as provided in Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 103.0031. This Article specifically provides for an additional collection fee in the amount of 30 percent in certain cases to compensate collection attorneys. A contract to pay inside or outside attorneys on an hourly basis would represent an additional cost to the City.

Entering into the proposed agreement is in the best interests of the residents of the City of League City because the delinquent taxes and unpaid fines, fees and court costs will be professionally and competently collected without the additional costs to the City of League City of implementing infrastructure and technology, and employing in-house personnel or paying outside counsel on an hourly fee basis which would otherwise be required.

#### **CERTIFICATE OF NOTICE**

This is to certify that the above Notice of Meeting was posted on the bulletin board of City Hall of the City of League City, Texas, on or before the 18th day of September, 2020 prior to 12:30 p.m. as well as the City's public internet webpage, [www.leaguecitytx.gov](http://www.leaguecitytx.gov) and was posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code.

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**DIANA M. STAPP**  
**CITY SECRETARY**

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