



City Council Special Meeting  
January 29, 2015, 7:00 PM  
City Hall - 665 Country Club Road

Minutes

Call to Order

Mayor Rebecca Mark called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Present:

Mayor Rebecca Mark	Mayor Pro Tem Kathleen Peele (absent)
Councilmember Wayne Millsap	Councilmember Jim Olk
Councilmember Steve Duke	Councilmember Debbie Fisher (absent)
Councilmember Philip Lawrence (7:16 p.m.)	

Staff:

Fire Chief Jim Kitchens	Finance Director Liz Exum
City Manager Joni Clarke	Admin Assistant Jennifer Clark
Public Works Dir. Stanton Foerster	
Development Svc. Dir. Joe Hilbourn	

It was determined that a quorum was present.

Everyone was reminded to turn off or silence cell phones.

Councilmember Wayne Millsap led everyone in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizens' Input

1) Citizens' Input.

Paul Rathgeb, 10 Rollingwood Drive, came forward to urge the Council to reject any proposal that could restrict the rural lifestyle enjoyed by Lucas, including the proposed changes to our Animal Control Ordinance.

Public Hearings

- No public hearings are scheduled for this meeting

Regular Agenda

2) Consider the termination of a contract between Southwest Securities, Inc. and the City of Lucas for financial advisory services.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Wayne Millsap made a Motion to authorize the City Manager to terminate the Financial Advisory agreement with Southwest

Securities effective January 29, 2015. Councilmember Jim Olk seconded the Motion. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

- 3) Consider entering into an agreement with SAMCO Capital Markets, Inc. for public financial services and municipal bond underwriting, sales and trading and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Wayne Millsap made a Motion to approve the Financial Advisory contract with SAMCO Capital Markets, Inc. and authorize the City Manager to enter into this agreement. Councilmember Jim Olk seconded the Motion. Motion carried. Vote: 5-0

- 4) Presentation, discussion and provide guidance to staff regarding a potential Collector Street Project [**Public Works Director Stanton Foerster, PE and Louis Frisbie, PE, Metropolitan Infrastructure, PLLC**]
- a. Summary of street project process used to identify the necessity of the collector street project.
  - b. Final Report of Initial Street Assessment performed by Metropolitan Infrastructure.
  - c. Action Plan Establishing Project Milestones and Associated Timeline for the Collector Street Project
  - d. Explaining Our Approach to Crucial Project Components and Mitigation of Public Impact
    - Utility & Drainage Component
    - Detours and Traffic Impact
    - Phasing
  - e. Identification of Priority Safety Enhancement Projects
    - Bridge Condition Assessment
    - Possible Bridge Design and Costs
    - Roadway Safety Projects
  - f. Collector Street Project Segments
    - Blondy Jhune Road
    - Winningkoff Road
  - g. Funding Strategies (Financial Advisor Mark McLiney)
    - Possible Issuance of Certifications of Obligation for funding Priority Safety Enhancement Projects
    - Timeline for Issuance of Certifications of Obligation Bonds
    - Possible Issuance of General Obligation Bonds for funding Collector Street Project
    - Updated Timeline (November Election) for Issuance of General Obligation Bonds

5) Receive Citizen Feedback and Comments regarding Potential Collector Street Project

Ronnie Buck, 1960 Winningkoff Road, came forward to speak on safety measures on the narrow roads regarding speed control. Mr. Buck would like to see more enforcement on speed control to make the roads safer.

Tim Baney, 1865 Shady Lane, came forward to ask if the engineering width versus the comfort width of the S curve on Winningkoff currently meet engineering standards. If this road meets the engineering width I am afraid. This is a scenario that needs to be repaired immediately. The S curve makes this a very uncomfortable road to drive.

Thomas Kufman, 1600 Tokalan Court, came forward to strongly urge Council to keep the tree lined roads in order to keep the property values up.

Ilene Mougler, 651 Stinson Road, came forward to ask that whatever repairs are made to other roads should set a precedence for Stinson Road. As development progresses in Lucas our roads are taking a beating from the heavy trucks. I encourage the builders and developers to be responsible for repairing the damage they have caused.

Christine Churchill, 1125 Brockdale Park, I like the idea for keeping the canopy area for the horses. Another thing mentioned was making it less attractive for faster driving on Stinson Road. Could this be done on Winningkoff? Anything that could be done to slow traffic on Winningkoff would be appreciated.

Paul Rathgeb, 10 Rollingwood Drive, came forward to say safety first. The s curve on Winningkoff is collapsing and split into and falling apart. Anything that is splitting and falling apart under the weight of cars should be looked into is a concern to me. I applaud the "keep it country" feel and wanting to preserve the existing footprint.

Don Kendall, 285 East Forest Grove Road, came forward to applaud the City Council for putting together a plan to get our roads fixed. Another thing I do feel we need is a minimum of 12 feet for safety. On Forest Grove we need to add a turn lane onto Country Club Road. I hope you are planning for turn lanes on all major intersections.

Donna Carmickle, 2655 County Road 321, the S curve was a not good option. If you want to slow traffic maybe taking out the medians would help. At County Road 321 the ditch is very deep and the water is pooling up there. Water running over the brand new pavement destroying that new pavement. If the City wants to do horse trails reach out to Trinity Trails Preservation Associations and they will assist you with that.

Tracy Matern, 2 Choice Lane, came forward to say the Forest Grove curve is expensive, unnecessary, and dangerous we don't need them, please do not put anymore in.

Carol Winston, 315 East Blondy Jhune, on the corner of one of the bridges is a 200 year old pecan tree what is being considered? Public Works Director Stanton Foerster stated we have historically avoided trees like this one we will work around this tree.

- 6) Consider the identification of priority safety enhancement projects, design elements pertaining to identified segments of Blondy Jhune and Winningkoff Roads, funding strategies and provide guidance to staff regarding our approach and action plan for the City's potential Collector street project.

City Manager Joni Clarke commented that staff has some consensus in a two phase approach. The reconstruction of the two bridges on Blondy Jhune and the s curve would be something we need to take immediate action on. We are really anxious to move on to the design work with Louise Frisbie with Metro Metropolitan Infrastructure. Staff would like to get together some solid costs figures and the immediate safety enhancement projects.

Mayor Rebecca Mark explained the difference between a certificate of obligation and a bond. A Certificate of Obligation is something that Council could issue; however issuing a bond would require an election. I am very much in favor of moving ahead as soon as possible.

Councilmember Wayne Millsap stated this bond election will increase our tax rate. We could spread this out over a number of years. I would like some input on concrete versus asphalt. I think with concrete you don't have to make the road as wide and you could color the concrete. We need to make that decision before we let the project out.

Peggy Rusterholtz, 215 West Blondy Jhune Road, I live on the south side of Blondy Jhune roundabout are good to slow drivers down for that small portion of the road. However, drivers are going to speed up to it and when they have driven through the roundabout. The bridges you are talking about widening on Blondy Jhune there are still homeowners that own to the center of the road. I would encourage you to look into this very carefully. Public Works Director Stanton Foerster commented that when we construct a road we pay very close attention to details. Prescriptive right away is the term when homeowners own to the center of the road. The key to speed is straight, flat, and wide roads.

Catherine Habib, 11 Pecan Grove Circle, before this meeting I was concerned about roundabouts slowing down traffic. Would stop signs detour more drivers from using Lucas roads as a cut through? Public works Director Stanton Foerster commented State law makes it clear stop signs should not be used to control speed.

Christine Churchill, 1125 Brockdale Park, I am a taxpayer each roundabouts you are proposing has a cost of \$350,000, and as a tax payer that is a lot of money. When a stop sign could fix the problem for under a \$100.

Tim Baney, 1865 Shady Lane, I understand that an engineer could build anything but taking more land does not set well with me. I moved out here for the narrow roads and I don't think roundabout fit here.

Mayor Rebecca Mark commented that we need to give staff the latitude to bring the very best options. City Staff has a very difficult balancing act and trying to please everybody. Then taking all those concerns in the safest, and the most cost effective way. Mayor Rebecca Mark went on to say go ahead and authorize the study. As a City Council we need to and keep our thought and options open and flexible. I would ask all of our residents do the same keeping their open mind as we go into this study.

City Manager Joni Clarke will work with Louis Frisbie of Metropolitan Infrastructure and Public works Director Stanton Forester to pull together the safety enhancements that need to be made and place this item on the March 19<sup>th</sup> City Council agenda.

### Executive Session

The City Council may convene in a closed Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D of the Texas Government Code.

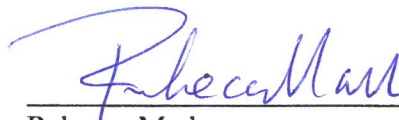
- An Executive Session is not scheduled for this meeting.

### Reconvene into Regular Session

#### 7) Adjournment.

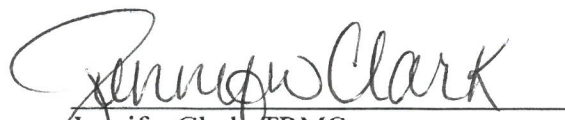
MOTION: Councilmember Wayne Millsap made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 p.m. Councilmember Philip Lawrence seconded the Motion. Motion carried. Vote: 5-0.

These minutes were approved by a majority vote of the City Council on February 19, 2015.



Rebecca Mark  
Mayor

ATTEST:



Jennifer Clark, TRMC  
Administrative Assistant