



Town Hall Meeting

February 7, 2016

2:00 P.M.

City Hall - 665 Country Club Road – Lucas Texas

Minutes

Call to Order

Mayor Olk called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. and introduced the Board members from the City Council and the Planning and Zoning Commission that were present and in the audience.

City Council//Planning and Zoning Commission Members Present:

Mayor Jim Olk
Mayor Pro Tem Kathleen Peele
Councilmember Debbie Fisher
Councilmember Tim Baney
Councilmember Steve Duke
Councilmember Wayne Millsap

Staff:

City Manager Joni Clarke
City Secretary Stacy Henderson
Development Services Director Joe Hilbourn
Public Works Director/City Engineer Stanton Foerster

Planning Commissioner Peggy Rusterholtz

Regular Agenda

1. Welcome and brief overview of timeline and milestones of Neighborhood Connector Street Project.

Mayor Olk welcomed all in attendance and gave a brief overview of the timeline and milestones of the Neighborhood Connector Street Project noting that discussions regarding these projects began in 2014. Mayor Olk discussed House Bill 157 that passed in the latest legislative session that now required entities that hold a bond election and the election failed, funds could not be borrowed for three years to complete any of the items listed in the bond election.

2. Presentation regarding the Neighborhood Connector Street Project consisting of the following priority projects:

1. Blondy Jhune East & West Bridge Replacement
2. Blondy Jhune Road
3. Winningkoff Road
4. Snider Lane Bridge/Floodway Crossing
5. Stinson Road Bridge/Floodway Crossing
6. Snider Lane
7. Stinson Road
8. Forest Grove Road

Public Works Director/City Engineer Stanton Foerster discussed the eight projects outlined, repairs needed, design elements and criteria, heights proposed for the bridges and costs associated with the project totaling \$14,800,000.

Residents discussed their concerns relating the following:

- The potential for increased traffic cutting through on Blondy Jhune Road and Winningkoff Road
- Speeding that occurs currently on existing roadways
- Widening of the roadway potentially causing excessive speeding
- Costs associated with repairing the streets and well as raising the bridge heights
- Removing trail elements to be more cost effective
- Maintaining trees around the bridges

Discussions occurred regarding the narrow existing roadways that were functionally one-lane, but being used as two-lane roads.

Public Works Director/City Engineer Stanton Foerster and residents discussed the reverse curve on Winningkoff Road and the potential widening of the reverse curve to allow for better movement for safety vehicles as well as removing dangers associated with the narrow roadway. Residents discussed the existing tree canopy surrounding the roadways that interfered with vehicles driving closer to the edge of the roadway. Residents also expressed their concern regarding widening the roadway and potentially causing faster traffic, and suggested items to reduce the speed such as speed bumps or additional speed limit signage. Discussions also took place regarding widening the narrowest portion of the reverse curve on Winningkoff Road, only as much as needed, to make this particular portion of the road safer.

It was discussed using concrete versus asphalt and the additional costs that would be incurred.

Mayor Olk asked the residents if they were in agreement with maintaining narrow roadways. Not all residents responded, but the ones that did were in agreement with maintaining narrow roadways to control speed.

Discussions took place regarding flooding on the bridges and various ways to handle the flooding. Residents were in agreement that rather than raise the bridge and incur additional costs, they were in favor of closing the bridges until the flooding had passed.

3. Discuss estimated project costs and financing alternatives.

Councilmember Millsap discussed how plans for repairing the roadways had evolved since the beginning discussions took place in 2014. He discussed original estimates for roadway repairs and possible financing alternatives that had been discussed. Councilmember Millsap stated that the City Council wanted to minimize the impact on the tax rate as much as possible and discussed funds in reserve that could be used to provide funding towards the project.

Councilmember Millsap discussed the differences between general obligation bonds and certificates of obligation and what the minimal impact would be on the tax rate by issuing

certificates of obligation. Councilmember Millsap discussed the sales tax proposals that would be on the May 7, 2016, election ballot.


4. **Public discussion and feedback regarding Neighborhood Connector Street projects.**

Mayor Olk announced that he would write summary report for the upcoming March newsletter for those not able to attend the Town Hall meeting.

5. **Adjournment**

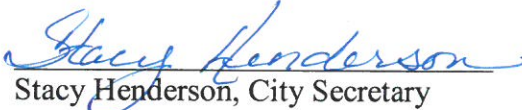
Mayor Olk adjourned the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

APPROVED:



Jim Olk, Mayor

ATTEST:



Stacy Henderson, City Secretary