



**City of Lucas
City Council Meeting
February 18, 2016
7:00 PM**

City Hall - 665 Country Club Road – Lucas Texas

Minutes

Call to Order

Mayor Olk called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Mayor Jim Olk
Mayor Pro Tem Kathleen Peele
Councilmember Debbie Fisher
Councilmember Steve Duke
Councilmember Wayne Millsap
Councilmember Philip Lawrence

Staff Present:

City Manager Joni Clarke
City Attorney Joe Gorfida
City Secretary Stacy Henderson
Public Works Director/City Engineer Stanton Foerster

Council Members Absent:

Councilmember Tim Baney

Mayor Olk determined that a quorum was present. Everyone was reminded to turn off or silence their cell phones and the City Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizen Input

1. Citizen Input

Jasiah Newman, with the National Christian Forensics and Communications Association stated that he was part of a Homeschool Speech and Debate event that was taking place March 9-12 in Allen and they were in need of judges for this event and hoped that members of the Council or audience members would be able to participate. Mayor Olk asked that the information handouts brought by Mr. Newman be made available.

Community Interest

2. Community Interest Items.

Councilmember Fisher stated that the NTMWD notified surrounding municipalities that permits had not yet been received for the lower Bois d'Arc Reservoir which could mean a delay in the anticipated water supply for this reservoir up to two years. Councilmember Fisher stated that

NTMWD is asking for assistance from surrounding communities that would be willing to write a letter on their behalf as it could impact cities during the drought season.

Mayor Olk thanked staff for their assistance in making safety repairs on Estates Parkway caused by recent TxDot construction.

Consent Agenda

3. **Consider approval of the minutes of the February 4, 2016 City Council meeting.**
4. **Consider approval of the contract amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with Collin County for Law Enforcement Services from \$89,575 to \$90,208 and authorize the City Manager to execute agreement.**

MOTION: *A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peele, seconded by Councilmember Lawrence to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously by a 6 to 0 vote.*

Regular Agenda

5. **Presentation and Discussion from Lovejoy High School students participating in the Lovejoy ISD Independent Studies Program:**
 - **Ben Omonira – Stocks**
 - **Noah Johnson – Writing a Novel**

Presentations were given by Lovejoy High School students Ben Omonira discussing stocks and Noah Johnson discussing writing a novel.

This was a discussion item only, no formal action was taken.

6. **Consider adopting Ordinance 2016-02-00828 ordering a General Election to be held on May 7, 2016 for the purpose of electing two City Councilmembers for Seat No. 5 and Seat No. 6, designating location of a polling place, ordering Notice of Election and authorizing execution of a joint election agreement.**

MOTION: *A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher, seconded by Councilmember Duke to adopt Ordinance 2016-02-00828 ordering a General Election to be held on May 7, 2016 for the purpose of electing two City Councilmembers for Seat No. 5 and Seat No. 6, designating location of a polling place, ordering Notice of Election and authorizing execution of a joint election agreement. The motion passed unanimously by a 6 to 0 vote.*

7. **Consider adopting Ordinance 2016-02-00830 ordering a Special Election to be held on May 7, 2016 for the purpose of submitting propositions to the qualified voters of the City of Lucas for the continuation of the one-quarter of one-percent sales and use tax to provide revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets; to abolish the one-quarter of one-percent sales and use tax dedicated to property tax relief and approving an additional one-quarter of one-percent sales and use tax to provide revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets.**

MOTION: *A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peele, seconded by Councilmember Lawrence to adopt Ordinance 2016-02-00830 ordering a Special Election to be held on May 7, 2016 for the purpose of submitting propositions to the qualified voters of the City of Lucas for the continuation of the one-quarter of one-percent sales and use tax to provide revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets; to abolish the one-quarter of one-percent sales and use tax dedicated to property tax relief and approving an additional one-quarter of one-percent sales and use tax to provide revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets. The motion passed unanimously by a 6 to 0 vote.*

Mayor Olk announced that Agenda Items 8 and 9 would be discussed simultaneously.

8. **Discuss, consider, and provide direction to the City Manager regarding design criteria for the Blondy Jhune Road Bridge Replacement Project.**
9. **Discuss, consider, and provide direction to the City Manager regarding following Neighborhood Connector Street Project items: I. Design Criteria, II. Project Prioritization, and III. Financing Strategies.**

Mayor Olk called the following individuals to speak regarding these Agenda items.

The following individuals spoke regarding the Neighborhood Connector Street Project and expressed their views related to maintaining roads at their current width, maintaining the bridges at their current height, eliminating proposed horse trails, improving the reverse curve on Winningkoff Road and replacing the west bridge only on Blondy Jhune Road.

- Bob Winston, 315 E. Blondy Jhune
- Carol Winston, 315 E. Blondy Jhune
- Leon Luckey, 320 McMillen
- Donna Yearsley, 1980 Winningkoff
- Ronnie Buck, 1960 Winningkoff
- James Adams, 1015 Christian Lane
- Grant Gulickson, 200 Doris Drive

Ilene Mougel, 651 Stinson Road, discussed the need for installation of additional stop signs to assist with controlling speed.

Tommy Tolson, 1855 Crestland, stated that he considered the roadways unsafe as they were currently being used as two-lane roads although their width was designed for one-lane traffic. Mr. Tolson stated that the roadways need to be improved and the bridges on Blondy Jhune also need to be addressed as they are a safety concern.

Mayor Olk announced that he also received emails from the following individuals regarding their views on the Neighborhood Connector Street project:

- Maureen Miller
- Donna and Steve Yearsley
- Cathey Gleason
- Adam Sussman
- Jerry Nickell
- Carol Bentzlin

The City Council discussed the safety concerns associated with existing roadways and bridges, the bidding process, bridge and street priorities and costs associated with the Neighborhood Connector Street Project and gave staff the following direction:

1. Bid both bridges in a single contract.
2. Use retaining walls to minimize impacts to trees and adjacent property owners, but avoid using walls if possible.
3. If a wall is needed, use a plain, smooth retaining walls.
4. Eliminate all of the trail elements.
5. Consider the use of a truss bridge as bid/add alternate to the standard girder design.
6. Use the scallop T411 rail.
7. The bridges should be 30 feet wide.
8. The concrete roadway should be 24 feet wide.
9. Raise the west bridge three feet from its current riding surface elevation to improve the dip/sag in the roadway and reduce retaining walls. Raise the east bridge two feet above its current riding surface.
10. Use a 20-ton bridge design.
11. Use a 20-year concrete pavement design.
12. Do not widen the creek channels.
13. Use a 30-mph design speed.

MOTION: *A motion was made by Councilmember Millsap, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peele to direct staff to bid both bridges on Blondy Jhune Road as outlined in Items 1 through 13 above. The motion passed unanimously by a 6 to 0 vote.*

Mr. Foerster stated that he would bring back to the City Council schematics on widening the curve portion only of Winningkoff Road so a decision could be made regarding bidding specifics on this project.

10. Consider the following items regarding the Texas Emergency Services Retirement System (TESRS) due to the inability of the City of Lucas to terminate its participation in the volunteer pension plan.
- Update from City Attorney Joe Gorfida, regarding telephone conference call with Michelle Jordan TESRS Executive Director, Jim Crawson TESRS Legal Counsel, Office of the Attorney General, Joni Clarke, City Manager and Cheryl Meehan, Human Resources Manager.
 - Appropriate funds from the unrestricted fund balance in the general fund in the amount of \$25,000 to finance the required payments to TESRS.

City Attorney Joe Gorfida updated the Council regarding participation in the Texas Emergency Retirement System and discussions that had taken place with the Attorney General's office regarding what was considered a qualified member and what meets qualified service. Mr. Gorfida noted that the Attorney General's office had agreed to lower the participation rate from \$60/month per member to \$36/month per member, but that the City did owe past participation funds for their members and the City was required to participate in the program, there was no option currently to terminate participation.

MOTION: *A motion was made by Councilmember Millsap, seconded by Councilmember Fisher to appropriate funds from the unrestricted fund balance in the general fund in the amount of \$25,000 to finance the required payments to TESRS. The motion passed unanimously by a 6 to 0 vote.*

Executive Session

The City Council may convene in a closed Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

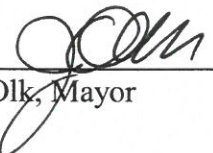
11. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session scheduled for this meeting.

12. Adjournment.

MOTION: *A motion was made by Councilmember Millsap, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peele to adjourn the meeting at 9:27p.m. The motion passed unanimously by a 6 to 0 vote.*

APPROVED:



Jim Olk, Mayor

ATTEST:



Stacy Henderson, City Secretary