



**City of Lucas
City Council Meeting
June 18, 2015
7:00 PM**

City Hall – 665 Country Club Road – Lucas, Texas

Minutes

Call to Order

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

Council Members Present:

Mayor Jim Olk
Mayor Pro Tem Kathleen Peele
Councilmember Debbie Fisher
Councilmember Tim Baney
Councilmember Steve Duke
Councilmember Philip Lawrence

Council Member Absent:

Councilmember Wayne Millsap

Staff:

City Attorney Whitt Wyatt
City Manager Joni Clarke
Human Resources Manager Cheryl Meehan
Development Services Director Joe Hilbourn
Fire Chief Jim Kitchens
Public Works Director Stanton Foerster
Intern Reese Jackson
Special Projects Coordinator Cathey Bonczar (sitting in for City Secretary Stacy Henderson)

It was determined that a quorum was present.
Everyone was reminded to turn off or silence cell phones.
Councilmember Fisher led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Olk announced that Agenda Item 5 would be moved ahead of Agenda Item 4.

Citizens' Input

1. Citizens' Input

There was no citizen input at this time.

Community Interest

2. Fire Department Promotion Ceremony: Promotion of Lieutenant Lance Gant to Battalion Chief.

Fire Chief Jim Kitchens conducted the Promotion Ceremony for Lieutenant Lance Gant to Battalion Chief.

Consent Agenda

3. Consider approval of the minutes of the June 4, 2015 City Council meeting.

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 6-0 vote.

Regular Agenda

5. Discuss drainage/storm water run-off issue throughout the City of Lucas to determine if a modification is needed to existing policy.

The following individuals came forward to speak:

Jerrell Fowler, 7 Orchard Road, said he had been a resident of the City of Lucas since 1994, and he along with his neighbors are in attendance to voice their concerns regarding the drainage issues in Lemon Tree Estates.

Susan Baumert, 38 Citrus Way, distributed a packet of information along with pictures to the City Council of the recent flooding and drainage issues in her neighborhood. She spoke of a study that was conducted in 2004 by the City regarding drainage issues. The work done at that time to re-ditch in the area did not address all the issues as the drainage continues to be a problem. Ms. Baumert discussed personal loss of her barn due to high water, and was aware of other property damage in the neighborhood. Ms. Baumert asked if the residents were allowed to re-ditch as the neighborhood was annexed in 1974.

Taylor Myers, 30 Citrus Way, said that the neighbors would like to foster teamwork with the city in an effort to resolve the drainage issues in their neighborhood, and would like the City to have a written plan of action in place in the next 30 days.

Sherry Grimes, 12 Orchard Road, said that drainage issues have been affecting the residents even during drought years, and asked that the City address the issues in her neighborhood.

Laura Hall, 11 Orchard Road, stated that drainage has been a long standing problem and continues to get worse.

Jim Harrington, 9 Orchard Road, stated that he has suffered significant financial damage and emotional stress and is looking for help from the City to fix the drainage problem in his neighborhood.

Also in attendance, but not wishing to speak, were the following residents:

- Dawn Bell – 4 Citrus Way
- Lyn Ables and Richard Ables – 10 Orchard Road
- Corey and Sandra Fowler – 7 Orchard Road
- David Bishop – 6 Orchard Road
- Craig Baumert – 38 Citrus Way
- Kril Cunningham – 31 Citrus Way
- Alan Grimes – 12 Orchard Road
- Belinda Harrington – 9 Orchard Road
- Forest Donoho – 3 Orchard Road
- Carrie Brazeal – 1 Citrus Way
- Roger Paquette – 25 Citrus Way

Mayor Olk thanked the citizens for their attendance at the meeting and their comments. City Council and Staff discussed the history of drainage in Lemon Tree Estates, and drainage in the city as a whole. It was discussed that there were no drainage easements in Lemon Tree Estates, and the plats were not clear regarding right-of-way or easements. The Council discussed addressing the drainage issues in one neighborhood could potentially produce issues in other neighborhoods. Discussion also took place regarding construction standards when Lemon Tree Estates was established were not as stringent as today's standards. The 2004 Drainage Study Report identified areas with repeat drainage issues.

After considerable deliberation from City Council, Mayor Olk recommended that the City Attorney review the authority of the City Council to address drainage issues given the differing platted rights-of-way and easements throughout the City, and that City Staff find a qualified consultant to provide a proposal to review drainage at specific locations as well as throughout the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Peele also suggested that Staff include any full-time equivalent employee requirements to handle the work load in the cost estimates.

4. Consider authorizing the City Manager to approve the TML MultiState Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool Rerate Notice and Benefit Verification Form for Plan Year 15/16.

Human Resources Manager Cheryl Meehan presented information regarding the new benefits package which included a 3% health care increase, and a 7% dental increase. Recommendations would be presented at the budget workshop to make the following changes to the policy: Eliminate short-term disability; offer long-term disability; allow employees to accrue up to 30 days of sick time, increase the life insurance offering, and eliminating the AFLAC program.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher, seconded by Councilmember Baney to approve the TML MultiState Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool Prerate Notice and Benefit Verification Form for Plan Year 15/16 as presented. The motion passed unanimously by a 6-0 vote.

6. **Consider authorizing the Mayor to enter into a construction contract with A&M Construction & Utilities, Inc. for the construction of the Osage Lane water line in the amount not to exceed \$168,440, plus a 20% contingency amount of \$33,688 for a total of \$202,128 and authorize a line item transfer in the amount of \$83,588 from line item 21-8210-490-115 to 21-8210-490-111.**

Public Works Director Stanton Foerster said that the City annexed the Osage Lane neighborhood a several years ago and the easements have been acquired. Staff is now requesting to move forward with replacing the waterline.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peele, seconded by Councilmember Baney to authorize the Mayor to enter into a construction contract with A&M Construction & Utilities, Inc. for the construction of the Osage Lane water line in the amount not to exceed \$168,440, plus a 20% contingency amount of \$33,688 for a total of \$202,128 and authorize a line item transfer in the amount of \$83,588 from line item 21-8210-490-115 to 21-8210-490-111. The motion passed unanimously by a 6-0 vote.

7.
 - A. **Consider the approval and acceptance of bids relating to the sale of obligations designated as “City of Lucas, Texas Combination Tax and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2015”; and approve Financial Advisor’s recommendation concerning this matter; and other matter in connection therewith.**
 - B. **Consider the approval of Ordinance 2015-06-00815 authorizing the issuance of “City of Lucas, Texas Combination Tax and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2015”; providing for the payment of said certificates by the levy of an ad valorem tax upon all taxable property within the City and further securing said certificates by a lien on and pledge of the pledged revenues of the system; providing the terms and conditions of said certificates and resolving other matters incident and relating to the issuance, payment, security, sale and delivery of said certificates; including the approval and distribution of an official statement pertaining thereto; authorizing the execution of a paying agent/registrar agreement and an official bid form; complying with the requirements of the letter of representatives previously executed with the depository trust company; authorizing the execution of any necessary engagement agreements with the City’s Financial Advisors and/or bond counsel; and providing an effective date.**

Andrew Friedman of SAMCO Capital Markets, Inc addressed the Council discussing of the four bids received, Robert W. Baird was the best. Mr. Friedman discussed the packet given to the council, the \$2M bonds for street improvements, the structure of payments, due dates, interest costs, and the City’s debt rating. Mr. Friedman recommended the City accept the bid from RW Baird.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peele to approve Ordinance 2015-06-00815. The motion passed unanimously by a 6-0 vote.

8. Consider the appointment of a Council Liaison for the following Boards:

- **Parks and Open Space Board**
- **Board of Adjustments**
- **Planning and Zoning Commission**
- **North Texas Municipal Water District**
- **North Texas Council of Governments**

Council Liaisons were assigned to the following Boards:

- Parks and Open Space Board – Councilmember Tim Baney
- Board of Adjustments - Mayor Pro Tem Kathleen Peele
- Planning and Zoning Commission – Mayor Jim Olk
- North Texas Municipal Water District – Councilmember Fisher
- North Texas Council of Governments – Councilmember Steve Duke

MOTION: A motion was made by Mayor Olk, seconded by Councilmember Lawrence to approve the appointments of Council Liaisons to the City's Boards and Commissions. The motion passed unanimously by a 6-0 vote.

9. Consider updating the Rules of Order and Procedure for Agenda Preparation.

City Council agreed that no changes were necessary to the Rules of Order and Procedure for agenda preparation.

10. Consider appointing a subcommittee for nominations to the Service Tree Program.

Mayor Pro Tem Peele, discussed the first annual Service Tree Award Program. Information will be provided in the monthly newsletter and forms will also be available at City Hall. A sub-committee is needed to evaluate the nominations. Councilmembers Fisher, Duke and Councilmember Millsap were appointed.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peel, seconded by Councilmember Lawrence to approve the appointment of Councilmembers Fisher, Duke, and Millsap as the Service Tree Program Sub-Committee. The motion passed unanimously by a 6-0 vote.

11. Consider distributing the newsletter electronically and reduce the number of printed copies produced each month.

City Manager Joni Clarke presented the potential cost savings of citizens being able to view the newsletter online. City Council expressed concerns over the logistics of managing the change in distribution practices and based on history, the Council believed that only a small percentage of residents would choose electronic distribution. Council preferred to continue mailing the monthly newsletter with no changes to the process at this time.

Executive Session

No Executive Session was scheduled for this meeting.

12. Adjournment.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher, seconded by Councilmember Lawrence to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m. The motion passed unanimously by a 6-0 vote.

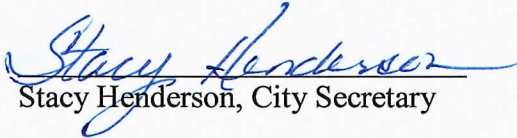
APPROVED:



Jim Olk, Mayor



ATTEST:



Stacy Henderson, City Secretary