



Lucas City Newsletter

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Judge Gorfida, right., swears in Mayor Bill Carmickle, left.

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS TAKE OFFICE

At the City Council Meeting on June 7, Judge Joe Gorfida administered the oath of office to our newly elected Mayor, Bill Carmickle, and Councilmembers Don Zriny and Mark Barratt.

Judge Gorfida currently serves as the Lucas Municipal Judge, after having worked with Council previously as our City Attorney.



Left, reelected Councilmember Don Zriny is sworn in by Judge Gorfida.

Right, Councilmember Mark Barratt, takes the oath of office.



Judge Gorfida offers his congratulations to Councilmember Wayne Millsap.

Councilmember Wayne Millsap was previously sworn in at the May 17th Council Meeting as he was elected to fill a seat that was vacant at the time of the election.

After the swearing in ceremonies, the meeting was recessed for a short reception honoring the newly elected officials. Refreshments were served, and councilmembers had the opportunity to mingle with the citizens in attendance at the meeting.

One of the first items on the agenda at the June 7th meeting was the election of a new Mayor Pro Tem. Cited for her performance over the past year as Mayor Pro Tem, Debbie Fisher was once again elected by her fellow councilmembers to serve in this position.

COFFEE WITH COUNCIL, SAT. JULY 14

Mark your calendars to come by the City annex building from 8:00-10:00AM on Sat, July 14 for coffee and donuts. Mayor Bill Carmickle and Councilmember Don Zriny will be your hosts for this informal quarterly event. It's your chance to get to know your elected representatives, and ask any questions you may have in an informal setting.

Meeting Schedule

All meetings begin at 7:00 in the City Annex unless otherwise specified.

City Council Regular

Thurs., July 5

Planning & Zoning

Thurs., July 12

City Council Workshop

Thurs., July 19

Parks & Open Space

Mon., July 2

Municipal Court

Wed., July 25, 5:30 PM

CITY ADM. CHARLES FENNER TENDERS HIS RESIGNATION.. SEE ARTICLE ON PAGE 2.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR RESIGNS

City Adm. Charles Fenner has submitted his resignation to City Council. Council chose to reject the resignation and instead decided to amend his contract to terminate on Oct. 5, 2007. This gives the City time to initiate a search for a new City Administrator to replace Mr. Fenner. They will be actively seeking applicants through various search initiatives. Qualified applicants are invited to apply.



WATER RESTRICTIONS AMENDED

Due to the marked improvement in lake levels, and the outstanding results from our citizens' conservation efforts over the past year in reducing water consumption, Council voted to immediately relax portions of the restrictions contained in the Drought Contingency Plan.

Citizens may now water any days of the week they choose. However, the ban on watering between the hours of 10:00AM and 6:00PM will continue to be in force. Additionally, wasteful water use such as letting water run down sidewalks and driveways is still banned. You may now wash vehicles at your home as long as you use a nozzle with a shut-off valve on the end of your hose. For complete text of the amended Drought Contingency Plan, visit the City website at www.lucastexas.us or call city hall.

Although the immediate drought danger appears to be over, water conservation must continue to be a priority for all of us. Rapid growth in our area of the state creates serious concerns about the future and our water supply. Please continue to do your part in preserving this vital resource.

BURN DAY INFORMATION

Burn days (days when residents may legally burn brush and vegetation on their properties) correspond with Collin County Burn Days. Prior to any planned burn you must call the outdoor burn information line at 972-548-4799. This is a recorded information line that is updated 7 days a week, including holidays. Once you determine that you are allowed to burn, you must then call Plano Fire Dispatch at 972-941-7900 and request "fire dispatch". You will be asked to provide your name, location, and intended time of burn. For complete information, check the city web site or call City Hall.



"NATIONAL NIGHT OUT" TUESDAY, AUGUST 7

The 24th annual "National Night Out" will be on Tues., Aug. 7th. This campaign involves citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, and neighborhood organizations in over 10,000 communities in all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities, and military bases worldwide.

The program is designed to heighten awareness of crime and drug prevention, and generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs. It is also meant to help strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and to send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

A number of neighborhoods in Lucas have a history of participating in this program by holding "Night Out" events and have won awards honoring them for their participation.

This year, the City of Lucas and the Lucas Volunteer Fire Department will be participating in the Business Crime Watch program as well. There will be an open house at the Fire Station on August 7 from 10:00 AM until 3:00PM. There will be Child Identification and Emergency Management kits, as well as fingerprinting of children, will be available. Hot dogs and refreshments will be provided from 11:00AM-1:00PM. Be sure to bring your children by to participate in this fun event.

If you would like to volunteer to help with this event, contact City Hall.

There will also be information available on how to become a volunteer firefighter with the LVFD.

The fire department has volunteered to visit any neighborhood that evening that is holding "National Night Out" events such as block parties. They will show up in their fire trucks to delight the kids of all ages. Call the fire department at 972-727-1242 to request their participation.

For more information on this national initiative, visit www.nationalnightout.org. You may also contact Deputy D.L. Thomas of the Collin County Sheriff's office at 972-424-4797 for details on how your neighborhood can participate.

JUNE CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS

June 7, 2007 City Council Regular Meeting

- Approved ordinance amending Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 14, "ZONING" by amending Section 14.01.004 to add definitions for Major Retail Development, Retail Sales Establishments, and Shopping Centers; by amending Chapter 14 by amending Sections 14.03.292 and 14.03.352 to provide for Major Retail Development with a Specific Use Permit and by adding Sections 14.03.355, 14.03.356, and 13.03.357 to provide Property Development Standards for Major Retail Developments, providing Economic and Traffic Studies and providing for Abandoned Building Surety Bonds. **Ord. #2007-06-00591.**
- Approved Zoning Change for 27.191 acres situated in Gabe Fitzhugh Survey, Abstract No.318, to Res. One Acre (R1) from current zoning Agri.. (AO) .
- Approved Zoning Change for 25.01 acres situated in Gabe Fitzhugh Survey, Abstract No. 318 in portion of Tract 21 to Res. (R2) from current zoning Agri. (AO).
- Approved minutes from May 3, 2007 Special Workshop Meeting, May 3, 2007 Regular Meeting, and May 17, 2007 Workshop City Council Meeting.
- Approved **Resolution #R-2007-06-00292** adding MPT Fisher and Finance Mgr. Brenda Bowman as authorized signatures for American National Bank.
- Approved **Resolution # R-2007-06-00293** adding MPT Fisher as authorized representative for Local Govt. Investment Cooperative (LOGIC)
- Approved **Resolution # R-2007-06-00294** adding MPT Fisher as authorized agent for Lone Star Investment Pool.
- Approved **Resolution #R-2007-06-00295** authorizing and approving publication of Notice of Intent to issue certificates of obligations; complying with the requirements contained in Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12.
- Approved **Resolution #R-2007-06-00296** establishing policy governing investment of City funds.
- Appointed Brenda Rizo, Karen Campbell, Phil Hanson, Cheryl Massey, and Chris Hendrix to serve on Advisory/Development Committee.
- Appoint Council liaisons to boards and committees as follows: Mayor Carmickle (P&Z), CM Peele (BOA), CM Barratt (POS), CM Millsap (North Tx. Council of Govt.), MPT Fisher (Wilson Creek Waste Water Oversight Committee)

June 10, 2007 Special City Council Meeting

- Voted to not accept letter of resignation from City Administrator Fenner.

June 18, 2007 Pre-Budget Workshop Meeting

- Voted to amend City Adm. Fenner's current contract to show an effective date of termination of October 5, 2007.

June 21, 2007 Workshop Meeting

- Approved annexation agreement between City of Lucas and Rockland Farms, with revisions, and authorizing Mayor or City Adm. to execute the completed agreement.
- Amended **Ordinance 2006-05-00566** by modifying Article 10, "Drought Contingency Plan", Section 10-2, 7 (d) washing and rinsing of vehicles allowed as long as cut off valve used; (g) is repealed in its entirety.
- Appointed Betty Van Houten as permanent member of P&Z to replace newly elected CM Millsap.

HOME RULE CHARTER PROCESS TO BEGIN WITH "MEET & GREET" ON MONDAY, JULY 30

During the June 21 City Council Workshop meeting, a decision was made by Council to begin the process of forming a Home Rule Charter Commission to begin work on a Home Rule Charter. As we are over 5000 in population, this is an important step for us. The goal is to begin working on the charter in time to complete the process by the May 2008 election.

Council wishes to thank all of the residents who have already volunteered to serve on this commission. A total of 15 (minimum) to 17 (maximum) citizens are needed to serve. (The number of members is mandated by State law.) A "Meet and Greet" will be held from **7:00PM-9:00PM on Monday, July 30.** Anyone who has already volunteered to serve, or who wants more information about the Home Rule Charter process and time commitment prior to making that decision, is invited to attend.

The Mayor and members of Council will be present to answer any questions you might have about serving on this important commission. The groundwork has already been laid by the work completed by the two previous Home Rule Commissions. Please consider helping guide our City's future.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY 4TH OF JULY. CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED.



FIRE CHIEF KITCHENS ANNOUNCES FORMATION OF LUCAS AMATEUR RESPONSE SERVICE

The newly formed Lucas Amateur Response Service (LARS) will have its first meeting on **Wednesday, July 18 at 7:00PM** at the City Annex building. This group will include volunteers who will assist the City of Lucas Emergency Services during times of need. Local armature radio operators are the first group to join this organization. They will assist with emergency communications, special events, and storm spotting. They will work with the fire department to determine other areas of participation within the emergency services area. Initiatives such as Citizen Emergency Response Teams (CERT), fire department rehabilitation units, and disaster management teams, are just a few of the ideas that have been discussed. If you would like to know more about participating in this exciting new venture, we urge you to come to this meeting. You can help make this organization an invaluable support to public safety for the City of Lucas and its residents.

ADVISORY/DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE APPOINTED

During the City Council meeting of June 7, appointments were made to the new Advisory/Development Committee. This citizens committee will advise Council on an "as needed" basis on various issues such as long range facility planning, economic development initiatives, or other issues as determined by council.

The appointees are as follows:

Brenda Rizos, Karen Campbell, Phil Hanson, Cheryl Massey, and Chris Hendrix.

Council Liaisons will be appointed to work with the committee as appropriate depending upon the issue under consideration by the committee.

We thank the citizens who volunteered to serve on this committee ,and who are willing to give of their time and expertise to benefit the entire community.



City of Lucas' Code of Ordinance, Chapter 5, Section 3301.1.3 The use of fireworks are prohibited within the city limits.

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