



Lucas City Newsletter

July 2013

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THOUGHTS FROM THE MAYOR

You may have heard by now that petitions are being circulated in Lucas to gather signatures for the purpose of having a local option election in November to allow the sale of beer and wine in Lucas for off-premises consumption. I have received a number of questions about this process. One common misunderstanding regards the role of the City in this process. This process is not initiated by the City in any way.

In order for the petition to be started, 10 or more registered voters in the City of Lucas had to sign a request asking for a petition application. At the same time this petition application was filed, it had to be shown that a notice of intent to file had been published in a local newspaper. (This notice was published in the McKinney Courier-Gazette on June 6.) The City Secretary, after verifying the signatures on the application, then was required to give the petition forms to the applicant, or their representative. Texas Petition Strategies is the applicant representative handling this process.

In order to call a local option election, State law requires that the petition must contain signatures at least equal to 35% of the voters in the City who voted in the most recent gubernatorial election. This number is determined by the County Voter Registrar. In our case, the minimum number of signatures required is 560.

Once the required number of signatures is acquired, the petition is then given to our City Secretary who then must verify the validity of each signature within 30 days.

Once the petition has been validated, the City Council is then required to call an election placing the option on a ballot. The election must be called at least 71 days prior to the next uniform election date, which is November 5th this year.

Petition gatherers are currently set up in front of the Wal-Mart. In the future, you may see them going from door to door in your neighborhood, which is allowed by law. They should produce identification verifying that they are representatives of Texas Petition Strategies.

All meetings begin at 7:00 PM unless otherwise specified.

City Council Special

Tuesday, Jul 2

City Council Regular

Thursday, Jul 4—CANCELLED

Planning & Zoning Commission

Thursday, Jul 11

Municipal Court

Wednesday, Jul 17, 3:30 p.m.

City Council

Thursday, Jul 18



Have a safe and Happy 4th of July!
Reminder:

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

I want to emphasize that the decision to allow beer & wine sales in the City begins and ends with you, the voters. Your City government has no role in this process other than validating the steps that must be taken.

City Council Actions for May

- * Councilmember Kathleen Peele was appointed to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for the coming year, term ending May 31, 2014.
- * Approved the request by M. Christopher Homes on behalf of Marion Strain Faust for a final site plan. The property to be considered is located in Collin County, Texas, and described as follows: Being a part of James Lovelady Survey Abstract Number 538, and James Anderson Survey, Abstract Number 17, and being 2.199 ± acres of land, more commonly known as 120 West Lucas Road, Texas, 75002.
- * Approved the Development Agreement between the City of Lucas and Watson McCreary, Jr., concerning a 37.05 acre tract of land.
- * Awarded the contract for the construction of the intersection of Country Club and W. Lucas Road to Pavecon, Ltd. for an amount not to exceed \$ 343,208.84 pending the attorney's review of the contract and authorize City Manager to execute said contract.
- * Approved **Ordinance # 2013-05-00757** adopting the mid-year budget amendments to the Fiscal Year 2012 – 2013 Budget.

City Council Actions for June

- * Approved **Ordinance # 2013-06-00758** approving the request by Murphy Oil for a Specific Use Permit (SUP) for the operation of a Refueling Station with conditions of landscaping be provided in back and a water quality unit being provided .
- * Approved the final plat for Stinson Highlands, Phase 2, 66.103 acres out of the John Gray Survey, Abstract # 349, Lewis P. Turner Survey, Abstract # 901, George Gunnel Survey, Abstract # 352 Lucas, Collin County, Texas .
- * Approved the a landscape plan for Kwik Lube Industries operating a minor automotive repair at Tract 32 of the William Snider Survey on Angel Parkway, just north of the exiting Wal-Mart.

- * Approved **Ordinance # 2013-06-00759** of the City of Lucas, Texas, amending the Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 4, "Business Regulations", by adding Article 4.06 titled "Alcohol Sales" by adding Sections 4.06.001 and 4.06.002 to prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages within certain distances of churches, schools, hospitals and certain day-care facilities; providing for a severability clause; providing for a repealing clause; providing for a savings clause; providing for a penalty of fine not to exceed the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) for each offense; and providing for an effective date.
- * Approved the Modification of Contractual Agreement for Ambulance Service between the City of Lucas and Southeast Collin County EMS Coalition.
- * Jim Olk was appointed as the City of Lucas' voting representative to the North Central Texas Council of Governments General Assembly (NCTCOG).
- * July 4th City Council Regular meeting was cancelled due to the holiday.
- * Approved the Advanced Funding Agreement between the City of Lucas and TxDot for the improvement of the Country Club and W. Lucas Road intersection .

New City Engineer/Public Works Director Stanton Foerster

Please join the City Council and Staff in welcoming Stanton Foerster, who will serve the City of Lucas as City Engineer/Public Works Director.

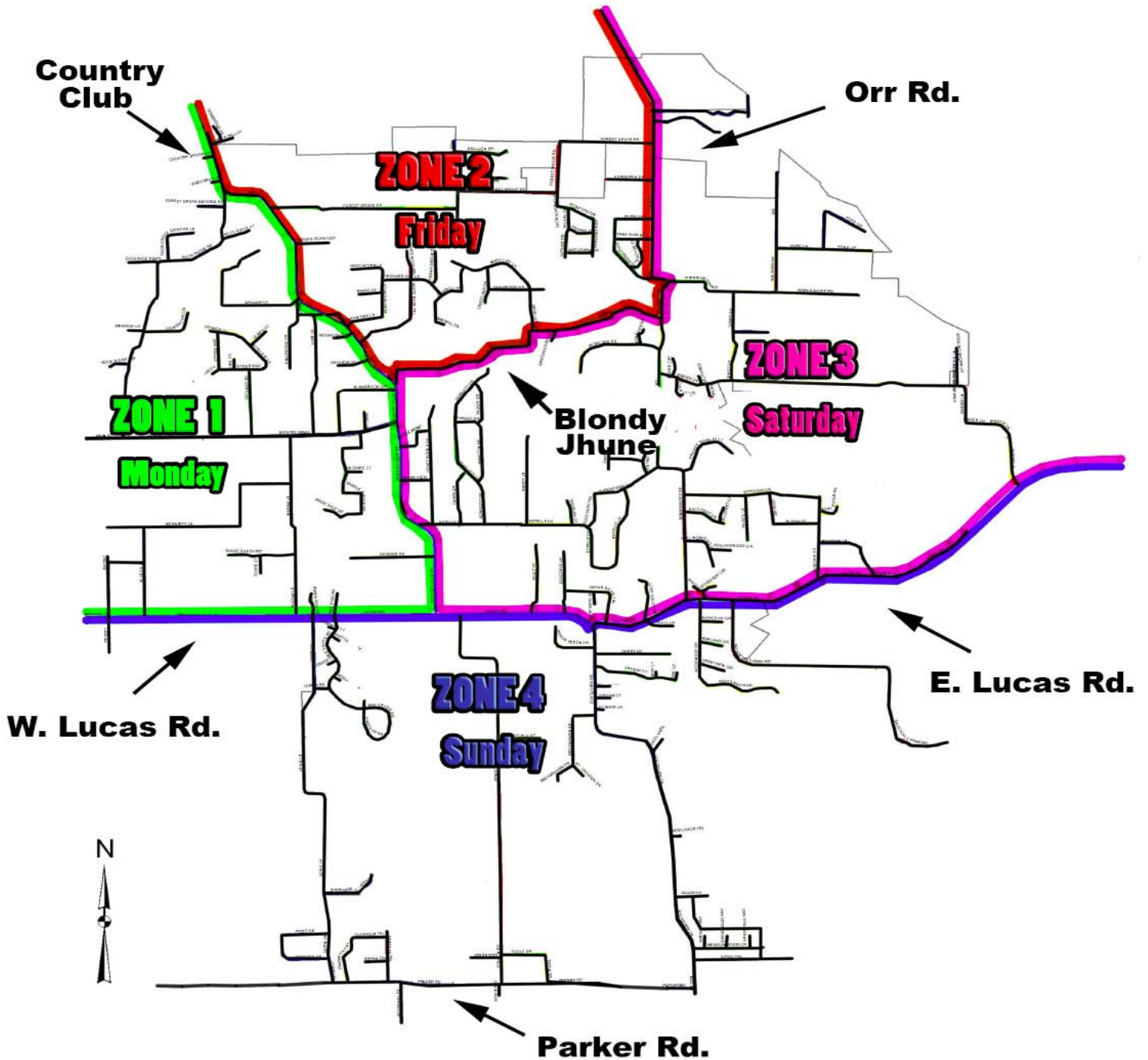
Stanton has a great background of experience, which will help us tremendously during this time of growth and development. Prior to be hired by the City of Lucas he was President of Foerster Engineering, and has served as a consultant for projects in Wylie, Sachse and other communities. Prior to Foerster Engineering, Stanton worked for CP&Y as a design engineer in the environment and transportation divisions and was working in their municipal division. Stanton also worked for the City of Allen for five years as the transportation manager and managed the traffic division of the organization. Earlier in his career, he worked for TXDOT for eight years as a Corridor Manager and design engineer, and was a key team member for the development of improvements on North Central Expressway.

Stanton is a registered engineer in the State of Texas and received his Bachelor of Science in Engineering from the University of Oklahoma.



Stage 3 ~ Water Restrictions

Effective 6/1/2013



Customers are permitted to water the lawn once per week, beginning June 1, 2013. The approved days for each zone are shown above.



Athletic Fields at Kenneth R. Lewis Community Park Closed for Maintenance until July 15

The City of Lucas will close all athletic fields at the Kenneth R. Lewis Community Park beginning June 1st through July 15th for scheduled maintenance.

No reservations will be made during this period due to the possible use of heavy machinery and chemicals. During this time it will be unsafe for the fields to be used by teams so we ask for your cooperation by staying off the fields. We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Stacy Caudell Retires

Public Works Director Stacy Caudell retired from the City of Lucas on May 16th. Stacy has worked for the City of Lucas since November 2005 serving as the City Engineer/Public Works Director overseeing the streets, parks, and water systems.

Stacy and his wife, Cathy, moved to North Carolina and plan to enjoy retirement by enjoying reading, bird watching, and traveling.

Please join the City Council and City Staff in extending our heartfelt thanks and saying so long, Stacy. We have enjoyed working with you and your efforts in making the City of Lucas a better place to live, work, and play are much appreciated.



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