



# Lucas City Newsletter

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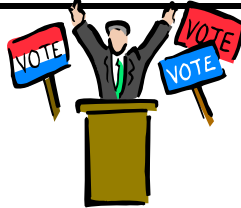
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### City Council

- Bill Carmickle, Mayor Elect (bcarmickle@lucastexas.us)
- Debbie Fisher, Mayor Pro-Tem (dfisher@lucastexas.us)
- Don Zriny, Councilmember (dzriny@lucastexas.us)
- Kathleen Peele, Councilmember (kpeelee@lucastexas.us)
- Mark Barratt, Councilmember Elect (mbarratt@lucastexas.us)
- Wayne Millsap, Councilmember (wmillsap@lucastexas.us)

### City Administrator

Charles Fenner (cfenner@lucastexas.us)



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

The results of the May 12 election are in, and our new Mayor, **Bill Carmickle** will be sworn into office on June 7 during the regular June Council Meeting. Newly elected Councilmember **Mark Barratt**, and returning Councilmember **Don Zriny**, who was elected for his second term, will also be sworn in at the same time. Council Member **Wayne Millsap**, who ran in the special election to fill the seat resigned in January by Tonda Frazier, was sworn in on May 17. As this seat was vacant at the time of the election, he was allowed to be sworn in immediately. The voting results were as follows:

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|----------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Mayor:         | <b>Bill Carmickle</b> | <b>276</b>                 |
|                | Debbie Fisher         | 234 (write in)             |
| Councilmember: | <b>Don Zriny</b>      | <b>290</b> (unopposed)     |
| Councilmember: | <b>Mark Barratt</b>   | <b>261</b> (unopposed)     |
| Councilmember: | <b>Wayne Millsap</b>  | <b>340</b> (one year term) |
|                | Michael Hughes        | 143                        |

### Meeting Schedule

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

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| City Council Regular<br>Thurs., June 7    |
| Planning & Zoning<br>Thurs., June 14      |
| City Council Workshop<br>Thurs., June 21  |
| Parks & Open Space<br>Thurs., June 28     |
| Municipal Court<br>Wed., June 27, 5:30 PM |

Following the swearing-in of the new Mayor and Councilmembers, a reception will be held in their honor. Please make plans to attend and offer your congratulations. The City Council meeting will begin at its regular time of 7:00PM, and the swearing-in will be one of the first items on the agenda.

When the meeting resumes after the reception, one of the items on the agenda will be to elect a new Mayor-Pro-Tem. The Mayor-Pro-Tem is nominated and elected by fellow Councilmembers.

Our previous Mayor, Bob Sanders, has moved out of our community as of May 15, He and his family have re-located to San Antonio. We all wish them the best, and appreciate the service he has given our City for the past several years, both as Mayor, and his past service on our Planning and Zoning Commission.

Our community owes a big thanks to all of you who took the time to get out and vote. Our future depends upon citizens like you who understand the importance of this democratic process.

# “WHAT DROUGHT?”

By Mayor Pro-Tem Debbie Fisher



With the abundant spring rains and lake levels near normal, a question heard around the city is “Why do we still have water restrictions?”

North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD), our water supplier, has indicated they are continuing Stage 3 restrictions. This is based on issues other than just lake levels. One big issue now is NTMWD must keep the total water use of their customers to their current permitted water supply allocation. This was slightly exceeded last year. The district’s ability to be allowed to bring water from other planned sources requires demonstration of water conservation efforts in this time of shortage.

The state has established a consumption standard of 140 gallons per capita (per person per day). This is based strictly on population, not the types of usage within the city. In our city, this would equate to about 14,500 gallons per household each month. When Council initiated the increased rate for excessive usage last year, the household average was 21,000 gallons per household each month. NTMWD has reduced its average consumption to below 200 gallons per capita, demonstrating the effectiveness of implementing Stage 3 restrictions but showing we still have a long way to go. This should allow NTMWD to be able to complete their planned addition of other water sources in December.

Everyone wants to know why Council does not place a moratorium on new construction so everyone can have the water they want. The state has deemed that the current state of water conservation is not a danger to health or public safety. So, the law dictates that new home construction has to be allowed.

At the May 17<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting, Council voted unanimously to continue our Stage 3 water restrictions. These restrictions include:

- No outdoor watering from 10 am to 6 pm.
- No washing vehicles at home.
- Sprinkler systems or other irrigation systems can be used one day per week, as designated last year (generally on your trash pick-up day.)

Hand watering or soaker hoses may be used for one hour any day except from 10 am to 6 pm. For a list of all the restrictions, visit the city web site at [www.lucastexas.us](http://www.lucastexas.us) or

contact the city office.

The good news is that for now the rains have supplied the yards with more water than we have had in a long time. Unfortunately, there does not appear to be a chance of returning to the unlimited water usage we enjoyed in the past. It is important to find water conserving methods to keep our lawns and landscaping green. If you have conservation suggestions to share, please send them to our director of Public Works, Stacy Caudell at [scaudell@lucastexas.us](mailto:scaudell@lucastexas.us) or call City Hall. We can then include them in future newsletters.

More information on water conservation can be found at [www.WaterIQ.org](http://www.WaterIQ.org).

## PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

Several improvements to our water system are currently in the works. Among the projects in progress or to shortly begin are a meter upgrade at the North Pump Station, completion of a 12” water line on Stinson Rd., and a new 8” water line along Snider Lane. Bids are also being taken for the construction of two (2) new 750,000 gal. ground storage tanks and a pump upgrade at the North Pump Station. The plan is for bids to be received and opened in time to award the bid at the June Council Workshop meeting.

In response to concerns about lack of street lighting at some dangerous intersections in the City, Council has voted to place lighting at the following five critical intersections:

- Ingram & West Lucas Rd.
- Ingram & Estates Parkway
- Lakeview & East Lucas Rd.
- Estelle and Country Club Rd.
- Country Club Rd. and Blondy Jhune Rd.

Placing of lighting at additional potentially dangerous intersections will be addressed in the next budget year.

## NEW WEBSITE

Be sure to take a look at our new City of Lucas website at [www.lucastexas.us](http://www.lucastexas.us). It looks great and is very user friendly.

If you have any questions about navigating in the new website, call City Hall and they will be glad to give you direction.

# MAY CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS

## May 3, 2007 City Council Regular Meeting

- Approved minutes from April 5, 2007 City Council Regular Meeting and April 19, 2007 Workshop Meeting.
- Approved Developers Agreement between City of Lucas and Bighorn Development for proposed Lucas Farms on Stinson Road.
- Approved amendment to Ordinance #2006-02-00564 “Water Rates” of the City of Lucas, Texas, amending the Code of Ordinances by amending Appendix C of Chapter 7, “Water System Regulations” to amend water meter rates and to add a 2” fire service meter. **Ordinance #2007-05-00588 3rd Amendment to Water Rates.**
- Approved amendment to Resolution #2007-01-00285 “Master Fee Schedule” to amend water meter rates and add a 2” water meter. **Resolution #2007-05-00291 1st Amendment to Master Fee Schedule.**
- Approved proposed capital improvement plan after considering proposed list of projects for issuance of bonds.
- Approved placement of street lights at five critical intersections (see article on page 2).
- Approved resolution calling for formation on “as needed “ basis of Advisory Committee comprised of two (2) Councilmembers, staff members, and up to ten (10) citizens to address the operations of the City of Lucas.

## May 17, 2007 City Council Workshop Meeting

- Canvassed returns of City of Lucas May 12, 2007 General and Special Election(s). Accepted results of said elections. **Resolution #R-2007-05-00292.**
- Motion made and carried to administer oath of office to newly elected officials at June 7, 2007 City Council Regular Meeting.
- Accepted interlocal agreement between City of Lucas and Collin County for GIS Support.
- Approved Policies and Procedures for Placing Items on City Council agendas providing for all agendas to be set by a committee with two Council members appointed by the Mayor, the City Secretary, and the City Administrator, with the Mayor having final approval of the agenda. Agreed to following methods for placing items on agenda:
  - (1) Request by Councilmember during an open meeting;
  - (2) Request by Council Member to the Mayor with the support of the agenda setting committee council members;
  - (3) Request by the City Administrator;
  - (4) Request by the Mayor.
- Approved an amendment, Code of Ordinance Chapter 2,

General Provisions; Article 1.05 Boards & Commissions; Section 1.05.003 Appointment of members and the establishment of a process for appointment. **Ordinance #2007-05-00589.** Ordinance calls for each council member to submit an equal number of representatives for appointment to all boards, commissions, and committees of the City. Alternates or odd numbers of members shall be submitted for appointment by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the City Council.

- Approved amendment to Ordinance 2006-09-00573 Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Budget regarding budget amendments. **Ordinance #2007-07-00590.**
- Awarded bid for purchase of City of Lucas Fire Department 2008 Ford F250, Crew Cab, Long Wide Box Truck to Randall Noe in amount of \$32,950.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS



Earlier this year, the Lucas Volunteer Fire Department received a Federal Fire Fighter Assistance Grant.. They were awarded a little over \$100,000 on a matching funds basis requiring the City to match 10% of the grant. Money from this grant was used to purchase Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and the compressor needed to fill the apparatus. The new equipment was received in May. This gives the LVFD one of the best “filling” stations in the area, as they now have the ability to fill their own air supply cylinders as well as cylinders from other fire departments, air supply apparatus on Fairview’s rescue truck, and Branch VFD’s air trailer.

In April, the LVFD attended “Live Fire” training at the Collin County Community College Fire Training Facility. Members participated in “hands on” training under real fire conditions. The college’s fire academy instructors ignited a room fire on the building’s second floor and dispatched the LVFD to “a structure fire with possible victims.” The first arriving company began preparations for a fast attack of the fire while a second group began a search for the victims. Subsequent companies set up ventilation to clear smoke and heat from the structure to aid in the search for victims and offer relief to the interior companies. The LVFD and the City of Lucas wishes to thank the College and its Academy instructors for their participation and willingness to share their experiences and vast knowledge.

We are very fortunate in Lucas to have such a dedicated group of volunteer firefighters .

### **COLLIN COUNTY HEALTHCARE**



Hopefully, few who live in our community will ever face a health crisis and have no resources with which to deal with it. If the situation does arise for any of our residents, Collin County has a program in place to help those in need. In 2006 significant changes were made to the county indigent health care program. The income eligibility was raised from 50% of the poverty rate up to 100% of the poverty rate. At this rate, a family of four can have an income of \$18,000 per year and still qualify under the program.

A second part of the reform was development of a partnership with local Primacare clinics. Under this program, a person can go to Primacare, show a drivers license to prove citizenship (or other approved identification) and sign an affidavit stating their income is at or below the federal poverty level. With a \$20 co-pay they may then be seen by Primacare staff members. The payment for the visit also includes tests and lab work.

The program went into effect this January with \$400,000 budgeted for this year's expenses. If you know of anyone who may qualify under this program, and who would not otherwise seek needed health care, please let them know about this service. For more information and program usage statistics, you can look at information provided by County Commissioner Joe Jaynes at his website at [www.joejaynes.com](http://www.joejaynes.com).

*Happy Fathers' Day  
Sunday, June 17*



#### **QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

*"Good judgment comes from experience....well, that comes from bad judgment."*

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