



Lucas City Newsletter

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THOUGHTS FROM THE MAYOR

Throughout the past year, you have likely seen the agenda items, public hearing notices, and other references to annexation in our newsletters and web-site. We will be evaluating more areas over the next months to determine whether or not to annex them. There are essentially two ways to annex adjacent unincorporated areas into our city. First, is when a property owner asks to be annexed as they want to be a part of the city, and avail themselves of the city services that may not be available to non-residents, and also to gain the power to vote on city issues that affect them whether or not they are a resident. The second method is called “unilateral annexation” and is a power granted to home rule cities such as Lucas by the State of Texas. You may ask why we would want to annex adjacent areas.

This power is important for a number of reasons. It permits us to influence and guide the development of land surrounding our city, allowing for protection of our residents against inappropriate uses of that land. It also helps us economically by bringing in taxable properties and other resources to help fund the services we provide. There are certain city services that we already provide to the unincorporated areas (known as extra-territorial jurisdiction or ETJ areas) that are not always paid for at the same level as our residents. By annexing these areas, costs are more equitable for all.

Another important issue is our power to enforce ordinances that have been established in the City in order to protect the health and well-being of our residents. For example, during the recent Fourth of July holiday, there were a number of fireworks being “set off” in ETJ areas that are close to homes in a number of Lucas neighborhoods. We, as a city, had no power to prevent this.

One more example is extremely overgrown weeds that are a fire hazard to surrounding areas. Again, as a city we have no power to enforce our ordinance to protect our residents against the consequences of a fire occurring as a result of this condition.

Areas that are annexed into the city must be provided with the same services that are available to all other areas within the city. They also no longer pay the significantly higher water rates that non-residents pay.

If you are in an area that will be affected by future annexation plans, City staff will be happy to discuss the process with you. There are set proceedings that must be followed, including public hearings during which affected landowners have the opportunity to speak before any area may be annexed.

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

City Council Regular
Thursday, Nov 7

Planning & Zoning Commission
Thursday, Nov 14

Municipal Court
Wednesday, Nov 20, 3:30 p.m.

City Council
Thursday, Nov 21

City Hall Closed for
Thanksgiving Holiday
Nov 28 & Nov 29

City Council Actions for October

- * Approved the release of Kathy Wingo as Interim City Manager and accepted the employment contract with Dan Savage to serve as Interim City Manager at the rate of \$48 per hour, \$70 monthly phone allowance and \$400 monthly car allowance.
- * Approved **Ordinance # 2013-10-00768** for an application for the zoning of a tract of land situated in the City of Lucas to R-1.5 from AO BEING a 47.807 acre tract of land situated in the James Lovelady Survey, Abstract No. 538, City of Lucas, Collin County, State of Texas, and being part of that certain 87.1115 acre tract of land (Tract 3) described in deed to Lucas Real Estate, LLC, as recorded in Instrument 20111014001101190, Deed Records, Collin County, Texas, said 47.807 acre tract.
- * Approved **Ordinance # 2013-10-00769** for an application for the zoning of a tract of land situated in the City of Lucas to R-2 from AO BEING a 13.376 acre tract of land situated in the James Lovelady Survey, Abstract No. 538, City of Lucas, Collin County, State of Texas, and being part of that certain 87.1115 acre tract of land (Tract 3) described in deed to Lucas Real Estate, LLC, as recorded in Instrument 20111014001101190, Deed Records, Collin County, Texas, said 13.376 acre tract.
- * Approved **Ordinance # 2013-10-00770** for an application for the rezoning of a 53 +/- acre tract of land from AO to R-1.5 situated in the J. Kerby Survey, Abstract No. 506, City of Lucas, Collin County, Texas, the subject tract being a portion of a tract of land conveyed to Hooper Family Limited Partnership according to the deed recorded in Volume 5190, Page 404 of the Deed Records, Collin County, Texas (DRCCT).
- * Approved **Ordinance # 2013-10-00771** an ordinance of the City Council of Lucas, Collin County, Texas designating the *McKinney Courier Gazette* the official newspaper of the City of Lucas, Collin County, Texas, for Fiscal Year 2013 - 2014; authorizing the City Manager to contract with the *McKinney Courier Gazette*; and providing an effective date.
- * Approved **Resolution # R-2013-10-00401** of the City Council of the City of Lucas, Texas, changing the authorized signatories for American National Bank to add City Secretary Kathy Wingo and delete City Manager Jeff Jenkins.
- * Approved **Resolution # R-2013-10-00402** of the City Council of the City of Lucas, Texas, changing the authorized signatories for Lone Star to add City Secretary Kathy Wingo and delete City Manager Jeff Jenkins.
- * Approved **Resolution # R-2013-10-00403** of the City Council of the City of Lucas, Texas, changing the authorized signatories for TexPool to add City Secretary Kathy Wingo and delete City Manager Jeff Jenkins.
- * Approved **Resolution # R-2013-10-00404** of the City Council of the City of Lucas, Texas, changing the authorized signatories for LOGIC to add City Secretary Kathy Wingo and delete City Manager Jeff Jenkins.
- * Approved the preliminary plat for an eight (8) lot subdivision being 18.007 acres located in the Peter F. Lucas Survey Abstract No. 537 and J. Anderson Survey Abstract No. 17 also known as Winding Creek Reserve (located off E. Lucas Road).
- * Approved the schematic design of the Lucas Fire Station Expansion Project and authorize Staff to move forward into the design phase of the project.
- * Approved **Ordinance # 2013-10-00772** of the City Council of the City of Lucas, Collin County, Texas, amending the Lucas Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 14, titled "Zoning", by amending Article 14.03 titled "Districts" by amending Division 7 titled "CB Commercial Business District" by amending Section 14.03.354 titled "Special District Requirements" by amending requirement for Special Districts; providing a repealing clause; providing a severability clause; providing a savings clause; providing a penalty of fine not to exceed the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for each offense; and providing for an effective date with amendment to Section 14.03.354 (a) (1) to read "... copies of a site plan...".
- * Approved a raffle of a 42" Sanyo television donated by Wal-Mart to be conducted during the upcoming Founder's Day Event, October 26th, proceeds to be used to purchase playground equipment for Community Park. All employees and elected officials along with immediate families would be excluded from participation.
- * Approved **Resolution # R-2013-09-00400** of the City Council of the City of Lucas, Texas approving amendments to the Lucas Personnel Policies and Administrative Procedures Manual, and providing an effective date with the changes as reflected.
- * Approved Amendment No. 6 to an agreement between the City of Lucas and Collin County for Animal Control Services in the amount of \$19,030 continuing through and including September 30, 2014.
- * Approved Amendment No. 6 to an agreement between the City of Lucas and Collin County for Facility Construction and Use of an Animal Shelter in Collin County in the amount of \$14,970 continuing through and including September 30, 2014.

THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS APPROACHING

The City of Lucas is collecting food and unwrapped toys to be given to a number of families in the community in need of assistance. A collection box is at City Hall, and will remain there through December 15th. If you wish to donate non-perishable food items or an unwrapped toy please drop by City Hall between the hours of 8 AM and 5 PM.

During this season of thankfulness, please consider helping those less fortunate by donating.



November 5, 2013 Special Election

Early Voting Locations, Dates and Hours

October 21st—October 25th, 8 AM to 5 PM
October 26th, 7 AM to 7 PM
October 27th, 1 PM to 6 PM

Registered voters of Lucas can vote at any of the following polling locations:

Allen Municipal Courts Facility, 301 Century Pkwy.
Lovejoy ISD Administration Bldg., 259 Country Club
Murphy City Hall, 206 N. Murphy Road
Parker City Hall, 5700 E. Parker Road
Wylie Municipal Complex Library, 300 Country Club
Lavon City Hall, 120 School Road

October 28th—November 1st, 7 AM to 7 PM
Lucas City Hall, 665 Country Club

Election Day Voting Location, Date and Hours

November 5th, 7 AM to 7 PM
Lucas City Hall, 665 Country Club



City of Lucas' Special Election Tuesday, November 5, 2013

The City of Lucas is holding a Special Election on Tuesday, November 5, 2013, to vote on whether or not to allow for the sale of beer and wine for off-premise consumption.

Early voting begins on Monday, October 21, 2013 and continues through Friday, November 1st. Early Voting polling location will be held at Lucas City Hall during the period of Monday, October 28th—Friday, November 1st. You can also vote at City Hall on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5th, 7 AM to 7 PM

A voter will be required to show one of the following forms of photo identification at the polling locations before the voter will be permitted to cast a vote:

- * Texas driver license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- * Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS
- * Texas personal identification card issued by DPS
- * Texas concealed handgun license issued by DPS
- * United States identification card containing the person's photograph
- * United States citizenship certificate containing the person's photograph
- * United States passport

With the exception of the U.S. citizenship certificate, the identification must be current or have expired no more than 60 days before being presented at the polling place.

Election identification certificates are now available only for voters who do not already have a required form of photo identification. There is no fee for the certificate. Information on how to obtain an election identification certificate can be found at www.dps.texas.gov. You may also contact DPS by telephone at (512) 424-2600.

North Texas Municipal Water District to continue Stage 3 water restrictions

Beginning November 1st – March 31st landscape watering allowed only once every two weeks

(Wylie, Texas-Oct. 17, 2013) The North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) Board of Directors has unanimously voted to remain in Stage 3 of the *NTMWD Water Conservation and Drought Contingency and Water Emergency Response Plan*. Continuation of Stage 3 water restrictions is necessary due to below average rainfall, declining water levels of NTMWD reservoirs and the ongoing prohibition of pumping water from Lake Texoma due to the zebra mussel infestation.

As part of the Stage 3, seasonal landscape watering is limited to once every two weeks with sprinklers or irrigation systems at each service address between November 1 and March 31. Landscape experts point out that lawns become dormant during winter months and require less water. Soaker hoses and drip irrigation systems can continue to be used for up to two-hours per day for foundations and trees. Check with your city for specific restrictions.

“Recent rain has helped water lawns and gardens but has not significantly impacted lake levels,” said Jim Parks, Executive Director of NTMWD. “The NTMWD Board of Directors will review the Stage 3 restrictions if the area receives significant rainfall this fall and winter that result in substantial increases to water supplies. However, NTMWD must manage the current available water supplies and plan for future needs,” Parks added.

Lavon Lake, the district’s primary water supply, is currently more than 12 feet below the normal conservation level. Lake Chapman, the other key NTMWD reservoir is over 13 feet low.

Parks said the NTMWD will get some partial relief in January when the first phase of the new pipeline from Lake Texoma comes online. The \$310m pipeline will connect Lake Texoma to the Wylie, Texas water treatment plant and allow the NTMWD to resume using the Texoma water supply while minimizing the spread of the invasive zebra mussel. The Texoma supply is anticipated to be fully restored in the Spring of 2014.

Home and business property owners can help retain ground moisture by applying 3-4 inches of mulch around landscaping and trees. For additional water conservation tips, visit www.northtexaswateriq.org or www.ntmwd.com

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