

City of Lucas City Council Meeting February 16, 2017 7:00 P.M.

City Hall - 665 Country Club Road – Lucas Texas Minutes

Call to Order

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

City Councilmembers Present:

Mayor Jim Olk Councilmember Wayne Millsap Councilmember Tim Baney Councilmember Steve Duke Councilmember Philip Lawrence Councilmember Debbie Fisher

Staff Present:

City Manager Joni Clarke
City Attorney Joe Gorfida
City Secretary Stacy Henderson
Development Services Director Joe Hilbourn
Executive Assistant/Special Projects Coordinator Cathey
Bonczar

City Councilmember Absent:

Mayor Pro Tem Kathleen Peele

Mayor Olk determined that a quorum was present. Everyone was reminded to turn off or silence their cell phones and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Citizen Input

1. Citizen Input.

There was no citizen input.

Community Interest

2. Community Interest Items.

Discuss pending legislation that is being considered by the 85th Legislature and provide guidance to City Staff and City Attorney.

There was no discussion regarding particular items being considered by the 85th Legislature. City Attorney Joe Gorfida asked to let him know should there be any House Bill or Senate Bill the Council would like to watch more closely.

Consent Agenda

3. Consider approval of the minutes of the January 26, 2017 Town Hall meeting.

- 4. Consider approval of the minutes of the February 2, 2017 City Council meeting.
- 5. Consider approving a Proclamation declaring March 19-25, 2017 as Poison Prevention Week.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Baney, seconded by Councilmember Fisher to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously by a 6 to 0 vote.

Regular Agenda

- 6. Consider the provision of residential and commercial solid waste collection/disposal, recycling related services including curbside residential recycling and e-waste/household hazardous waste removal, residential bulk/brush/yard waste collection services.
 - A. Receive a presentation from Community Waste Disposal (CWD) regarding waste and recycling programs that are available to the City of Lucas including:
 - Solid waste residential collection
 - Solid waste commercial collection and the provision of dumpsters
 - Recycling services including e-waste/household hazardous waste/household metal appliances options/green waste programs
 - Residential bulk/brush/yard waste collection services
 - B. Provide direction to staff regarding the types of refuse-related services to be provided to the citizens of Lucas and the process to consider in acquiring a provider for those services and the negotiation of contract with selected contractor.

Greg Roemer, President of Community Waste Disposal discussed the history of their company, their recycling program and the 19 communities that currently use their recycling program. He stated the company did not use diesel trucks and discussed the various services that were available to the City of Lucas Mr. Roemer stated that he would propose recycling pickup occur once a week, with residents using a 95-gallon cart for curbside pickup or blue recycle bags. Two cubic yards of bulky items would be picked up weekly, and household hazardous waste items such as paints, pesticides, fertilizers and batteries would be collected twice per year.

Councilmember Fisher asked how many routes CWD proposed for Lucas.

Mr. Roemer stated routes would be run Monday, Tuesday and Thursday for trash pickup and every other week on Wednesdays for recycling.

The Council briefly discussed with Mr. Roemer the factors that would go into providing a price on the cost for services. Mr. Roemer stated such things as the type of service provided; trash, recycling or both, the number of collection times per week and the size of the city would be considered.

The Council discussed the asphalt roadways in Lucas and the size and weight of collection vehicles that would be used to pick up trash.

Mr. Roemer stated that their trash collection trucks were 20-yard single axle trucks with a 33,000-gross vehicle weight.

The Council was in agreement that they would like Community Waste Disposal to bring back a proposal for both trash and recycling services.

Mayor Olk also asked that Barnes Waste Disposal review their existing contract and bring back a proposal as well.

This item was for discussion purposes only, no formal action was taken.

7. Discuss moving the 2017 Founders Day event to April 14, 2018.

Development Services Director Joe Hilbourn gave a brief presentation discussing the need to move the Founders Day event due its close proximity to the Country Christmas event and the lack of volunteers that are able to assist.

Councilmember Fisher discussed her concerns relating to moving the event to April, as it was close to the City's May general election, which could be used to politicize the event.

The Council discussed political signage on public property and State law requirements that limited where and for how long political signage could be erected.

Mayor Olk read an email received from Rebecca Mark, Volunteer Coordinator for the Founders Day event. Ms. Mark noted her difficulty in scheduling volunteers for the Founders Day event, the limited time that separated the Founders Day event from the Country Christmas event, and was in favor of moving the event to the spring.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Millsap, seconded by Councilmember Duke to approve moving Founders Day to April 14, 2018. The motion passed unanimously by a 6 to 0 vote.

8. Discuss and provide feedback to staff regarding the City's annual Keep Lucas Beautiful Clean Up event scheduled for April 22, 2017.

Development Services Director Joe Hilbourn gave a brief presentation discussing details of the cleanup event noting the following streets that would be included for cleanup as part of the event:

- West Lucas Road from FM 1378 to Angel Parkway
- Stinson Road from West Lucas Road to Parker Road
- Lewis Lane from West Lucas Road to Parker Road
- Estates Road from Angel Parkway to 1378
- Blondy Jhune Road from 1378 to Winningkoff Road
- Brockdale Park and Highland Park

Mr. Hilbourn stated that for the safety of the volunteers, Blondy Jhune and Stinson Roads would be closed for the event, and that Staff would be closing Snider Lane from Shady Lane to East Lucas Road to through traffic during the cleanup event from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm.

This item was for discussion purposes only, no action was taken.

9. Discussion regarding Article IV, Section 3 of the Friends of the Lucas Fire-Rescue, Inc., Bylaws regarding appointment of the Board of Directors and take action to reappoint Kathleen LoSapio and Linda Abston for a two-year term beginning March 1, 2017 through March 1, 2019.

Councilmember Millsap, liaison to the Friends of the Lucas Fire-Rescue, Inc., discussed the history of the board, its 501C3 organization status, and its current membership. Councilmember Millsap noted that the board has been operating for approximately one year, had plans in place for fundraising, and recommended the board be allowed to amend their bylaws to appoint their own membership from this point forward. Councilmember Millsap also noted that board members Kathleen LoSapio and Linda Abston were interested in being reappointed for two year terms.

The City Council was in agreement the board be allowed to change provisions in their bylaws and appoint their own members. City Attorney Joe Gorfida noted that since the board was separate and apart from the City of Lucas, the bylaws did not have to come back before the City Council to be amended.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Millsap, seconded by Councilmember Lawrence to reappoint Kathleen LoSapio and Linda Abston for two-year terms beginning March 1, 2017 through March 1, 2019. The motion passed unanimously by a 6 to 0 vote.

10. Consider setting the date of July 27, 2017 for the 2017-2018 budget workshop session.

The City Council discussed various dates for the budget workshop session and decided upon hosting their budget workshop session on July 13, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

Executive Session

The City Council may convene in a closed Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

11. The City Council may enter into Executive Session as permitted under the Texas Government Code, Section 551.072 to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property within the City of Lucas.

The City Council convened into Executive Session at 7:56 pm.

12. Reconvene into open session and take any action necessary as a result of the Executive Session.

The City Council reconvened from Executive Session at 8:17 pm. There was no action taken as a result of the Executive Session.

13. Adjournment.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Councilmember Duke, seconded by Councilmember Baney to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 pm. The motion passed unanimously by a 6 to 0 vote.

APPROVED:

Jim Ølk, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stacy Henderson, City Secretary

