



City of Lucas
City Council Meeting
January 18, 2018
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
Mayor Pro Tem Kathleen Peele
Councilmember Wayne Millsap
Councilmember Tim Baney
Councilmember Steve Duke
Councilmember Philip Lawrence
Councilmember Debbie Fisher

Staff Present:

City Manager Joni Clarke
City Secretary Stacy Henderson
Assistant Fire Chief Lance Gant

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

Citizen Input

1. Citizen Input.

There was no citizen input at this meeting.

Community Interest

2. Community Interest.

Mayor Olk reminded those in attendance that the City's annual Founders Day event would be held on April 14, 2018. Mayor Pro Tem Peele also noted that the City was accepting stick horse donations for the stick horse rodeo event that was part of Founders Day. Councilmember Baney encouraged more float entries or other types of vehicles to take part in the Founders Day parade.

Mayor Olk said that the City was accepting board volunteer applications for open positions on the Board of Adjustment and Parks and Open Space Board.

Councilmember Fisher explained that the Wilson Creek Oversight Committee, part of the NTMWD, was discussing plans for the expansion of the NTMWD plant, and the upcoming purchase of another wastewater processing plant. Ms. Fisher stated the plant was conducting tours of the facility should members of the Council be interested in attending.

Ms. Fisher also noted that the Fire-Rescue Department was celebrating their 45 anniversary this year, and items from Fire-Rescue would be included as part of the Historical Display at Founders Day.

Consent Agenda

3. Consent Agenda.

- A. Approval of the minutes of the December 21, 2017 City Council meeting.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the January 4, 2018 City Council meeting.
- C. Approval of the City of Lucas Investment Report for quarter ending September 30, 2017.
- D. Approval of the reappointment of Chris Bierman, Board of Adjustment member for a two-year term, expiring December 31, 2019.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peele, seconded by Councilmember Lawrence to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously by a 7 to 0 vote.

Regular Agenda

4. Consider proposals from Republic Services and Community Waste Disposal for curbside recycling services for the City of Lucas and authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract for recycling services.

Mayor Olk explained that in July 2017 he offered to reach out to vendors regarding curbside recycling at a Texas Municipal League conference he was attending in October 2017. At the conference, Mayor Olk spoke with vendors that were asked to provide bids regarding a subscription based only curbside recycling service. Mayor Olk stated that Waste Connection, Santec Waste Services, and Waste Management did not wish to bid on a curbside subscription only recycling service.

Mayor Olk received bids from Republic Services and Community Waste Disposal. Community Waste Disposal's proposal provided for bi-weekly curbside pickup at an approximate annual cost of \$127,000, that would be divided amongst the recipients. Mayor Olk stated that if 34% of the households participated, the average monthly cost to participants would be approximately \$14.55 monthly. With the Community Waste Disposal proposal, the City would be required to keep track of subscribers and billing. Community Waste Disposal would provide recycling carts and use smaller vehicles.

Mayor Olk said the proposal received from Republic Services provided for bi-weekly curbside recycling pickup at a rate of \$7.06 per month. Republic Services would bill subscribers quarterly, provide recycling carts, but would use larger vehicles. Mayor Olk recommend using Republic Services for one year and consider removing franchise fees to reduce costs.

Councilmember Millsap expressed his concern related to the City negotiating a contract with Barnes Waste Disposal without receiving bids from other vendors. He also expressed concern related to

the cost for trash services that did not include recycling, noting their rate was higher than other surrounding cities that offer combined services. Councilmember Millsap discussed having mandatory recycling with full participation and the need for better communication and education. Councilmember Millsap stated he was in favor of moving forward with the Republic Services proposal, but that the City should consider going out for bid on combined trash and recycling services when the one-year time frame had expired should the City Council approve any of the proposed bids.

Councilmember Lawrence discussed how the City Council reviewed the existing contract with Barnes Waste Disposal and the service they provided. He also discussed his favorable position for providing recycling services in the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Peele discussed how Barnes Waste Disposal discontinued their recycling program, and the City's desire to continue a contract with Barnes after several City Council meetings were held where residents expressed their position on maintaining Barnes as their trash provider. Mayor Pro Tem Peele noted that continuing with the drop-off recycling program was not the best option long-term, and was in favor of the proposal submitted by Republic Services.

Councilmember Duke and Councilmember Fisher noted their support of the proposal submitted by Republic Services. Councilmember Fisher also stated that she was in favor of foregoing the franchise fee as well.

Mayor Olk called the following individuals forward that requested to speak.

Alan Leiker, 24 Citrus Way, noted that he did not wish to speak, but was in favor of curbside recycling.

Marvin Bobo, 600 Pool Lane, noted that he did not wish to speak, but was in favor of curbside recycling.

Randy McDaniel, 222 Estelle, noted that he did not wish to speak, but was in favor of curbside recycling.

John Rath, 429 Terrace Drive, Richardson, Texas explained that he was not a Lucas resident, but suggested mandatory recycling as a way to encourage people to get involved and participate.

Dick Hildenbrand, 147 McMillan, was in support of reinstating curbside recycling, making the program city-wide, and spreading the cost to all residents. He would also be in support of weekly recycling.

Mary Gilliam, 586 Bastrop Road, President of the Rockland Farmers Homeowners Association noted that 50 percent of the homes within the neighborhood participated in curbside recycling and 100 percent of those residents participating in the program wanted curbside recycling reinstated.

Frank Prokop, 1890 Sawmill, discussed the importance of recycling, gave examples of how electricity was created from recycled material, and was in favor of reinstating the curbside recycling program.

Charlotte Smith, 910 Bentwater, expressed her concern with the lack of information the City distributes regarding recycling, and suggested more information be contained in the welcome packet as well as additional education to the public as to what could be recycled. Ms. Smith noted that she

was in favor of the City looking into other vendors that could offer combined trash and recycling services at a better rate.

Erin Folonet, 535 Mark Lane, stated that she agreed with what others had said and was in favor of reinstating curbside recycling.

Jane Morrill, 1600 Zilker, explained that she would also like to see a combined service option of trash and recycling and was in favor of reinstating curbside recycling.

Phillip Sheppard, 750 Long Road, stated he was the General Manager for Living Earth in Plano. He noted that he was involved in the implementation of a recycling program and would make himself available to the City regarding any recycling questions. He also noted that his company had partnered with Republic Services on various recycling programs.

Lyn Rupich, 2095 Toulouse, asked that the City better educate the residents on the curbside recycling program. She noted that most residents she spoke with were unaware the City had a recycling program. Ms. Rupich stated she was in favor of reinstating curbside recycling and in favor of a city-wide recycling program.

Jerad King, 215 Gruene Trail, President of the Lovejoy High School Environmental Club explained that the Environmental Club has worked with the Army Corp of Engineers and conducted fundraisers as part of the Environmental Club mission, and more recently had been focusing on recycling. Mr. King discussed the importance of recycling and their work with Save Lucas Recycling and was in favor of reinstating curbside recycling.

Corey Trojani, 5516 Richard Avenue, Dallas, noted that he was not a Lucas resident, but his grandparents were Lucas residents. Mr. Trojani discussed the cost of trash and landfill prices. He also discussed the need for recycling to reduce waste in the landfills. Mr. Trojani explained his board affiliation with the North Central Texas Council of Governments and the various grants that were available to cities. He encouraged the City of Lucas to apply.

Debra Walton, 181 Jordan Court, stated that she lived outside the City limits, and asked if the ETJ areas would be able to participate in the program.

Mayor Olk informed Ms. Walton that the program would only be for residents within the City limits of Lucas.

Victoria Howard, 2145 Lucas Creek, discussed with the City Councilmembers their participation in curbside recycling, the optional recycling program that was in place since 2005, and the need for the City to do more and implement a city-wide program. Ms. Howard discussed surrounding cities that offered a mandatory city-wide program and how the City of Lucas should implement the same.

Sheri Vasinda, 5 Edgefield, stated she was in favor of reinstating curbside recycling.

Wayne Larson, 1027 Santiago Trail, stated that the program should be evaluated based on its merit.

Darren Hart, 560 Stallion, President of the Enclave Homeowners Association stated that curbside recycling should be reinstated.

Rick Bernas, with Republic Services stated that once a contract was in place, it may be April before services could begin. Mr. Bernas stated that an address list would have to be obtained, applications received, and a service route established. Mr. Bernas discussed the size of trucks that would be used and noted that should the contract be extended long-term he would make the investment of purchasing lighter vehicles. Mr. Bernas stated that they would also participate in an education program for Lucas.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Millsap, seconded by Councilmember Fisher to approve the proposal submitted by Republic Services for curbside recycling services including curbside collection, and authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract for such recycling services. The motion passed unanimously by a 7 to 0 vote.

Executive Session


5. Executive Session:

An Executive Session did not occur at this meeting.

6. Adjournment

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Millsap, seconded by Councilmember Lawrence to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 pm. The motion passed unanimously by a 7 to 0 vote.

APPROVED:



Jim Olk, Mayor

ATTEST:



Stacy Henderson, City Secretary

