

City of Lucas City Council Meeting June 7, 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 Steve Duke Councilmember Debbie Fisher Councilmember Philip Lawrence

Staff Present:

City Manager Joni Clarke
City Attorney Joe Gorfida
City Secretary Stacy Henderson
Public Works Director/City Engineer Stanton Foerster

City Councilmembers Present:

Councilmember Tim Baney

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.

Tom Goodwin, Pastor at Trinity Tabernacle Church in Lucas, explained that they had purchased property on W. Lucas Road and asked if the City Council would consider allowing the church to use the Community Center on Wednesday evenings for the next year while the church was being constructed.

Mayor Olk explained that the City Council could not take action that evening as the item was not on the agenda but would schedule this item for discussion at the next City Council meeting on June 21, 2018.

Community Interest

2. Community Interest.

Councilmember Fisher explained that there was a recent article in the Lovejoy Messenger honoring Lucas residents, the Anderson family, for Memorial Day and hoped that everyone would have an opportunity to read the story.

Consent Agenda

3. Consent Agenda.

- A. Approval of the minutes of the May 14, 2018 special City Council meeting.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the May 17, 2018 City Council meeting.
- C. Consider adopting Ordinance 2018-06-00471 amending the City's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 5 Fire Prevention and Protection, Article 5.03 Fire Code by amending the definition of "code official" and adding a new definition for "fire code official".

MOTION:

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

Regular Agenda

4. Consider A) adopting Resolution R 2018-06-00472 which rescinds Resolution R 2017-09-00466 which supported 1) a limited access roadway within the north-south corridor generally concurrent with FM 546 and/or FM 982; 2) north-south transportation improvements within and near the City of Lucas; and 3) operational improvements to the US 75 corridor; and B) provide direction to staff regarding the City of Lucas 2017 Master Thoroughfare Plan.

Councilmember Fisher explained that she had concerns related to the most recent draft of the Collin County 2045 Mobility Plan that depicted substantial amounts of traffic being directed through the City of Lucas. Councilmember Fisher noted that in 2017, the City Council supported a resolution as part of Collin County operational improvements for limited access roadways within the north/south corridor that referenced the agreement with the cities of Fairview and Allen using Angel Parkway to relieve congestion. Councilmember Fisher discussed other options available to relieve congestion, traffic accidents that have increased in Lucas due to additional traffic, and suggested the City withdraw their resolution of support.

Mayor Pro Tem Peele noted her concerns related to the resolution being misinterpreted and Lucas taking a majority of the burden of new construction proposed in the area. Mayor Pro Tem Peele noted she was in favor of rescinding the resolution as well.

Jeff Neal, Program Manager with the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) gave a presentation regarding the Collin County Mobility Plan discussing the growth rate in the area and arterial improvements proposed that have been outlined for the Collin County area, and specifically Lucas. Mr. Neal stated that while the County was adopting the Mobility 2045 Plan, additional needs would still be assessed and changes to the plan would still occur. Mr. Neal also noted that the plan calls for no more than 4-lane divided roadways for arterial improvements and he believed the County met the spirit of the resolution that was sent by the City of Lucas. Mr. Neal stated that the NCTCOG received a great deal of opposition from the City of Wylie stating that the addition to existing thoroughfares was needed before considering a bridge across Lake Lavon. The

NCTCOG felt they needed to explore other alternatives and noted that Angel Parkway was included in the plan for expansion.

Mr. Neal discussed modifications that were made to relieve congestion when the lake corridor option was removed, and interior arterials had to be added to the mobility plan.

Councilmember Fisher discussed the increased cost in emergency services that was not being considered and stated she was not in support of widening W. Lucas Road.

Councilmember Duke discussed his support for a bridge over Lake Lavon and believed that was the best option to relieve congestion in the area.

Mayor Olk stated that the Resolution sent to the NCTCOG recommending transportation improvements was made in good faith based on discussions with surrounding cities. Since then, the view of surrounding cities has changed, and the City of Lucas must also consider its best interests.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher, seconded by Councilmember Lawrence to approve Resolution R 2018-06-00472 that rescinds Resolution R 2017-09-00466 which supported 1) a limited access roadway within the north-south corridor generally concurrent with FM 546 and/or FM 982; 2) north-south transportation improvements within and near the City of Lucas; and 3) operational improvements to the US 75 corridor. The motion to rescind the Resolution passed unanimously by a 6 to 0 vote.

The City Council was in agreement to bring forward the City's Thoroughfare Plan for discussion at a future City Council meeting.

5. Update the Lucas City Council regarding a Request for Public Testimony to the Board of Trustees of the Texas Emergency Services Retirement System (TESRS).

Councilmember Millsap gave an update to the City Council regarding the City's history with the Texas Emergency Services Retirement System (TESRS) discussing its creation and program benefits offered to volunteer fire departments. Councilmember Millsap explained that the City of Lucas began participation in TESRS in 2001. In 2014, the City established a new Pension Board for TESRS and met with the Executive Director of TESRS regarding the City's reporting and underfunded account. The Board was informed at that time that the City could not legally withdraw from the program at any time. Councilmember Millsap further explained that the City recently received a letter from TESRS asking the City to testify at the TESRS Board of Trustees meeting in Austin. The City was unable to attend, but prepared a letter explaining the City's position and facts to date. The Executive Director of TESRS has asked to meet with the Lucas Volunteer Firefighter Pension Board, and a meeting has been scheduled for June 26 at 6:30 pm for any Councilmembers that would like to attend.

Mayor Olk suggested that a resolution be prepared to share with the Texas Municipal League to seek their support in the upcoming legislative session.

There was no formal action taken on this item, it was for discussion purposes only.

Executive Session Agenda

6. Executive Session.

There was no Executive Session held at this meeting.

7. Adjournment.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Millsap, seconded by Councilmember

Lawrence to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 pm. The motion passed unanimously by a

6 to 0 vote.

APPROVED:

Jim Olk, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stacy Henderson, City Secretary

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