



City of Lucas
Technology Committee
Regular Meeting
January 24, 2019
7:00 PM

City Hall – 665 Country Club Road – Lucas, Texas
MINUTES

Call to Order

Councilmember Fisher called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. It was determined that a quorum was present.

Committee Members Present:

Paul Rathgeb
Mark Skaggs
Trey Sleeper

City Staff Present:

City Secretary Stacy Henderson
Special Projects Coordinator Kent Souriyasak
Bill Baxter, City IT Consultant

Committee Members Absent:

George Brody
Dennis Scully

City Council Liaison Present:

Councilmember Debbie Fisher

Regular Agenda

Councilmember Fisher introduced herself, discussed her background, information pertaining to the Committee's responsibilities associated with the Open Meetings Act requirements, and the reasons why the Technology Committee was formed. Councilmember Fisher had each Committee member introduce themselves and discuss their technology background.

- 1. Appoint Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Technology Committee to serve for a period of one (1) year with a term ending December 31, 2019.**

MOTION: Committee Member Paul Rathgeb volunteered to serve as Chairman of the Technology Committee. Committee Member Sleeper seconded the motion to appoint Paul Rathgeb as Chairman of the Technology Committee to serve for a period of one (1) year with a term ending December 31, 2019. The motion passed unanimously by a 3 to 0 vote.

MOTION: Committee Member Trey Sleeper volunteered to serve as Vice Chairman of the Technology Committee. Committee Member Skaggs seconded the motion to appoint Trey Sleeper as Vice Chairman of the Technology Committee to serve for a period of one (1) year with a term ending December 31, 2019. The motion passed unanimously by a 3 to 0 vote.

2. Establish a recurring meeting schedule for the Technology Committee.

The Committee discussed holding monthly meetings and eventually moving to quarterly meetings.

MOTION: A motion as made by Committee Member Skaggs, seconded by Vice Chairman Sleeper to hold Committee meetings the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the Council Chambers. The motion passed unanimously by a 3 to 0 vote.

3. Discuss the Technology Committee's mission, the future of internet connectivity technology, and the City of Lucas' current standing regarding internet connectivity.

Bill Baxter, IT Consultant for the City of Lucas explained that he was also the Chairman of the Technology Committee at the Town of Fairview that shared similar internet restraints. Mr. Baxter shared some of the experiences that Fairview had also been facing and explained that Fairview continually invited representatives from the internet providers to their meetings to encourage participation and ways in which they could assist in providing better connectivity, and suggested Lucas do the same. Mr. Baxter stated that Lucas must stay in front of the internet service providers at all times in order to assist in moving forward their efforts. Mr. Baxter stated that more information was needed from the citizens and suggested the Committee concentrate on a particular zone and conduct a survey, finding out what internet service provider were in that area, and what the future looked like for that area.

The Committee discussed with Councilmember Fisher ways in which to reach out to residents and suggested starting with contacting the HOA President of neighborhoods to reach out to their community and also invite them to the Technology Committee meetings.

Committee Member Skaggs volunteered to contact the HOA in Zone 1 and begin discussions.

The Committee discussed with Mr. Baxter ways in which to work with the various internet providers and different approaches that could be taken.

Chairman Rathgeb recapped the following action items from this meeting:

- Special Projects Coordinator Kent Souriyasak would be sending HOA information to Committee members.
- Committee Member Skaggs would contact HOA's to assist with gathering information for their particular zone of the City.
- Chairman Rathgeb would write a newsletter article for the March edition getting information out about the Technology Committee
- Councilmember Fisher would be conducting research to find out what companies were located within the City's rights-of-way.
- Committee Member Skaggs would attempt to locate a dark fiber map of the City.

4. **Adjournment.**

MOTION: A motion was made by Chairman Rathgeb, seconded by Committee Member Skaggs to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm. The motion passed unanimously by a 3 to 0 vote.



Paul Rathgeb, Chairman

Kent Souriyasak

Kent Souriyasak, Special Projects Coordinator
for Stacy Henderson, City Secretary

