



**City of Lucas
City Council Meeting
April 18, 2019
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
City Attorney Joe Gorfida
Fire Chief Ted Stephens
City Engineer Stanton Foerster
Finance Director Liz Exum

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.

- A. Discuss pending legislation that is being considered by the 86th Legislature and provide guidance to City Staff and City Attorney.

There was no legislation update discussed at this meeting.

Mayor Olk and Councilmembers discussed other items of community interest that included:

- The City's Founders Day event is scheduled for May 11 from Noon to 4 pm. Mayor Pro Tem Peele discussed the stick horse rodeo event that also included a demonstration.
- Mayor Olk discussed the City's General and Special Election scheduled for May 4 that included City Council seats 5 and 6 on the ballot as well as renewing the one-half percent sales tax allocated towards the Fire District. Early voting begins April 22 through April 30. Mayor Pro

Tem Peele clarified that the sales tax being collected was included in the existing sales tax and would not be an additional tax.

- The Blackland Prairie Raptor Center would be holding their Kids Fishing Derby on May 11 from 8 am to 11 am.
- Councilmember Millsap noted that he and Volunteer Firefighter Pension Board Chairman Larry Bowman testified at the legislative session in Austin regarding HB 2178 to allow the City to exit the pension plan sponsored by the State.
- Mayor Olk discussed HB 281 that would restrict cities from lobbying at the State level that included participation in lobbying organizations such as TML. Mayor Olk discussed what TML provided to the City and asked Council if they would be in support of drafting a letter setting policy in support of participating in lobbying organizations as opposed to the City lobbying on its own. Councilmember Fisher stated that this house bill also included school districts and would prefer to place this item on a future agenda for further discussion. The City Council was in agreement to place this item on a future agenda.

Consent Agenda

3. Consent Agenda.

- A. Approval of the minutes of the April 4, 2019 City Council meeting.
- B. Approval of the City of Lucas Investment Report for quarter ending March 31, 2019.

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

Regular Agenda

- 4. Presentation from Willow Springs Middle School student, Tucker Ashley participating in the Lovejoy ISD Independent Studies Program.

Tucker Ashley gave a presentation discussing the art of coding related to video games and digital game design. The City Council thanked Mr. Ashley for presenting his project to the Council.

5. Consider removing road humps on Forestview Drive and Gold Dust Trail.

Councilmember Millsap explained that the discussion of possibly removing road humps on Forestview and Gold Dust was discussed at the April 18, 2019 City Council meeting. Concerns were discussed related to emergency vehicles being damaged driving over the speed humps as well as delays in response time. Councilmember Millsap stated that letters were mailed to homeowners in the neighborhood to facilitate discussion at this City Council meeting.

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

Tracy Norris, 241 Forestview noted her opposition to the removal of the speed humps, the lack of visibility driving over the hilly portion of the roadway, and the danger this posed to children in the neighborhood. Ms. Norris suggested the Council invest in a traffic study before having the road humps removed.

Josh Jacobs, 232 Forestview noted his opposition to the removal of the speed humps, expressed his concern for children in the neighborhood and suggested that there were other road calming devices available to be installed should the road humps be removed. Mr. Jacobs stated that some type of traffic calming device was needed to slow vehicles in the area.

Maureen Mural, 282 Estelle, stated that her dog was a victim of a hit and run and speeding vehicles was a concern in their neighborhood. Ms. Mural was in opposition to removing the speed humps and the negative impact it would have on the neighborhood.

Kevin Patterson, 211 Estelle, expressed his concern that there was no time frame mentioned in the letter to the homeowners as to how long the speed humps would be removed. Mr. Patterson also questioned how many times emergency vehicles had been called out to their neighborhood to warrant the removal of the speed humps.

Connie Marshall, 305 Forestview, noted that she was opposed to having the road humps removed without an alternative traffic calming device installed.

Mayor Olk stated that a letter was received from Bob Gant, 122 Gold Dust that expressed the need for some sort of speed control devices especially given the increased traffic that would be in the neighborhood from the Blondy Jhune road construction project.

Mayor Olk explained that emergency vehicles having to slow down during a response call was a concern as well as while transporting patients. He noted that it takes a fire to become fully engulfed in six minutes and each speed hump caused a delay in response of six to eight seconds. Mayor Olk stated that he was in favor of reviewing other types of traffic calming devices for the neighborhood.

Councilmember Fisher stated that speed was a concern for the neighborhood and was in favor of reviewing alternative traffic calming devices.

Mayor Pro Tem Peele stated that because of the traffic congestion near West Lucas Road and Southview, the neighborhood was being used as a cut through. Mayor Pro Tem Peele noted that every second counted for emergency response and was in favor of reviewing other traffic calming devices for the neighborhood that would be easier for emergency vehicles to drive over.

Councilmembers Baney, Duke and Lawrence also stated they were in favor of reviewing other traffic calming devices for the neighborhood.

Mayor Olk stated that he would like staff to review other traffic calming devices, signage and speed tables and bring back the information to the May 2, 2019 City Council meeting.

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

6. **Consider authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Birkhoff, Hendricks & Carter in an amount not to exceed \$29,980 for engineering services associated with drainage analysis of the Lemontree and Kingswood neighborhoods amending FY 18-19 budget account Professional Fees 6209-309 using General Fund Reserves.**

City Engineer Stanton Foerster stated that the contract included drainage analysis of the Lemontree and Kingswood neighborhoods, which would also include analysis of the high school to determine if appropriate drainage was being followed. Mr. Foerster stated the first phase of the project is to assess problem areas and determine issues in that area. The timeline for the project was 18 weeks.

Jim Iannucci, 9 Kingswood, stated that he previously supported the request, but had concerns related to the contract regarding whether groundwater study would be included as part of the project. Mr. Iannucci discussed the groundwater issues he had on his property and also noted his concern that the contract did not specifically state the Lemontree or Kingswood neighborhoods. Mr. Iannucci stated that the development next to their property was digging large holes and it was affecting how water flowed into their neighborhood. He asked why the City was allowing this to occur.

Mayor Olk stated that developers building in the City were required to follow the City's regulations for development so as to not have an impact on surrounding neighborhoods.

The City Council discussed drainage in the Lemontree and Kingswood neighborhoods as well as drainage in their own neighborhoods, and how the study would assist in determining how and where to address areas in need.

The City Council discussed with City Engineer Stanton Foerster how the amount of surface saturation also affected groundwater drainage.

Mr. Foerster discussed the lack of maintenance to ditches in the Kingswood neighborhood as well as the lack of culvert installation underneath driveways. Mr. Foerster discussed the broad area that was being studied as part of the plan that included Lemontree and Kingswood neighborhoods as well as the high school.

Mayor Pro Tem Peele stated that funding proposed was for a study and would not fix the problem. Mayor Pro Tem Peele stated that fixing a problem of this nature was very expensive and wanted to set an expectation level that mitigating the drainage concerns would take time and funding that the City may not have. Ms. Peele also noted that the neighborhood may be responsible for completing some drainage items to their property as well.

Fred Davis, 7 Kingswood Drive, stated that the surrounding developments had created drainage issues for their neighborhood.

Bill Gunn, 3 Kingswood, stated that the drainage continues to get worse the City needed to complete the study in order to determine where the water was draining.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Lawrence, seconded by Councilmember Fisher, to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Birkhoff, Hendricks & Carter in an amount not to exceed \$29,980 for engineering services

associated with drainage analysis of the Lemontree and Kingswood neighborhoods amending FY 18-19 budget account Professional Fees 6209-309 using General Fund Reserves. The motion passed unanimously by a 7 to 0 vote.

7. Consider adopting Ordinance 2019-04-00891 approving Mid-Year Budget Adjustments for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019.

Finance Director Liz Exum gave a presentation discussing revenue and building permit trends, property tax collection, and suggested revenue and expenditure adjustments. Ms. Exum recommended the budget be amended in the following funds:

Capital Improvement Fund - General Fund Roadway Projects:	\$2,219,550
Capital Improvement Fund – Water Projects:	\$232,317
General Fund Revised Budget:	\$193,785
Water Fund Revised Budget:	\$138,063

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Millsap, seconded by Councilmember Lawrence to adopt Ordinance 2019-04-00891 approving Mid-Year Budget Adjustments for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019. The motion passed unanimously by a 7 to 0 vote.

8. Consider an appointment to the fill a vacant alternate position on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mayor Pro Tem Peele noted that Adam Sussman had served on the Board of Adjustment for several years and recommended that he be moved to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mayor Pro Tem Peele noted that should the nomination be approved; it would leave a vacancy on the Board and Adjustment and requested that an item be placed on the City Council agenda for Board of Adjustment interviews during Executive Session.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peele, seconded by Councilmember Fisher to move Adam Sussman from the Board of Adjustment to the Planning and Zoning Commission Alternate 2 position. The motion passed unanimously by a 7 to 0 vote.

Executive Session Agenda


9. Executive Session.

An Executive Session was not held at this meeting.

10. **Adjournment.**


MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Millsap, seconded by Councilmember Lawrence to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 pm. The motion passed unanimously by a 7 to 0 vote.

APPROVED:



Mayor Pro Tem Kathleen Peele

ATTEST:



Stacy Henderson, City Secretary

