



City of Lucas

Technology Committee

Regular Meeting

August 13, 2019

7:00 PM

City Hall – 665 Country Club Road – Lucas, Texas

MINUTES

Call to Order

Chairman Paul Rathgeb called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. It was determined that a quorum was present.

Committee Members Present:

Vice Chairman Trey Sleeper
Member George Brody
Member Dennis Scully

City Staff Present:

City Manager Joni Clarke
City Secretary Stacy Henderson
Assistant to the City Manager Kent Souriyasak
Bill Baxter, City IT Consultant

Committee Members Absent:

Chairman Paul Rathgeb
Member John Frazier

City Council Liaison Present:

Councilmember Debbie Fisher

Regular Agenda

1. Citizen Input.

There was no citizen input at this meeting.

2. Consider approving the minutes of the July 9, 2019 Technology Committee meeting.

MOTION: A motion was made by Member Brody, seconded by Vice Chairman Sleeper to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2019 Technology Committee meeting. The motion passed unanimously by a 3 to 0 vote.

3. Presentation by Michael Wasserman, Owner of Denton Internet and discussion of the INDAGO Fiber Project.

Michael Wasserman, owner of Denton Internet gave a presentation about the company's fiber project which allows a data center interconnect to provide 32 homes to be served by a single fiber optic cable and a build-out of 3,500 dwellings within a city. Mr. Wasserman indicated that cost requirements are the biggest limitation for implementing fiber.

The Committee discussed if the project would be city-wide, cost associated with implementation, price point for users, and the survey requested by Mr. Wasserman of interested parties.

4. Presentation by Amye Mercer, President of Big Wave Wireless and discussion of fixed wireless internet service.

Ms. Mercer with Big Wave Wireless discussed with the Committee the services her company could offer, ways in which they plan to mitigate connection issues currently due to topography, the installation of cellular equipment on the Winningkoff tower, and they expect to go live with a 90-day trial offer. Ms. Mercer stated that dedicated fiber had been ordered that would be delivered directly to the Winningkoff tower. The radius of coverage from one tower was expected to be five miles.

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

5. Consider an end date to conclude data collection from the City Internet Speed Test and discuss necessary steps to utilize the compiled information.

Mr. Souriyasak noted that the speed test had been in place for three months collecting data. Approximately 455 residents had taken the speed test to date. Staff suggested removing the speed test from the website by August 31, 2019.

Mr. Baxter and staff discussed with the Committee the various reports that could be done from the information received and would work on posting this information on the website being sensitive to personal information of residents.

Councilmember Fisher also suggested having available on the City's website a list of internet providers to keep Lucas residents informed.

6. Provide travel details regarding the upcoming meeting in Mont Belvieu, Texas, to discuss the City of Mont Belvieu's fiber network.

Mr. Souriyasak briefed the Committee on their upcoming trip to Mont Belvieu to discuss the City's fiber network. The trip is scheduled for September 16, staff and committee members will meet at City Hall and attendees include City Manager Joni Clarke, Kent Souriyasak, IT Consultant Bill Baxter, Committee Chairman Paul Rathgeb, Trey Sleeper, and George Brody.

7. Discuss potential opportunities with Grayson Collin Communications regarding fiber optic cable implementation to expand and improve internet service.

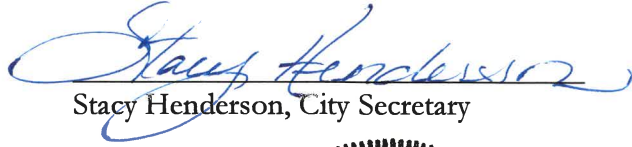
Vice Chairman Sleeper stated that he has reached out to Chris Offill, CEO of Grayson Collin Communications to invite him to the next Technology Committee meeting to discuss fiber optic cable implementation to expand and improve internet service in Lucas.

8. **Adjournment.**

MOTION: A motion was made by Member Scully, seconded by Member Body to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm. The motion passed unanimously by a 3 to 0 vote.



Paul Rathgeb, Chairman



Stacy Henderson, City Secretary

