



**City of Lucas
City Council Meeting
August 15, 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 Steve Duke
Councilmember Debbie Fisher
Councilmember Philip Lawrence

Staff Present:

City Manager Joni Clarke
City Secretary Stacy Henderson
City Attorney Joe Gorfida
Development Services Director Joe Hilbourn
City Engineer Stanton Foerster
Finance Director Liz Exum

City Councilmember Absent:

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.

John Ballis, 1820 Winningkoff, discussed his concerns related to traffic and speeding on Winningkoff near Blondy Jhune Road and asked that an item be placed on the agenda for a future meeting to discuss safety concerns on Winningkoff.

Brenda Rizos, 1200 Winningkoff, spoke in favor of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Army Corps of Engineers to maintain and improve the Trinity Trail. Ms. Rizos stated that she was not in support of Agenda Item No. 10 that would close roadways for a bike race.

Community Interest

2. Items of Community Interest.

Mayor Olk introduced Dr. Goddard, the new Lovejoy ISD Superintendent. Dr. Goddard discussed highlights of the Lovejoy ISD school district accomplishments and expressed his desire for a good working relationship with the City of Lucas and the City Council.

Mayor Olk discussed the following items of Community Interest:

- The Lucas Farmers Market would be held October 12 and November 2 from 8 am to Noon at the Community Park.
- A drainage workshop with the Planning and Zoning Commission was scheduled for September 12, 2019.
- The Blackland Prairie Raptor Center was hosting a fundraising gala on September 14 from 6:30 to 10:30 pm benefiting the raptors at the Blackland Prairie Raptor Center.
- The Public Lands Trail Cleanup event is scheduled for September 21 from 9 am to 1 pm.

Consent Agenda

3. Consent Agenda.

- A. Approval of the minutes of the August 1, 2019 City Council meeting.**
- B. Consider amending Fiscal Year 18/19 budget 11-4914 insurance proceeds in the amount of \$2,119.62 and associated expense account 11-6300-232 for vehicle damage repairs to Squad 861 that occurred on May 18, 2019.**

Mayor Olk noted that Page 5 of the minutes had been amended and would be considered as part of the Consent Agenda as amended.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Millsap, seconded by Councilmember Lawrence to approve the Consent Agenda including the amended minutes. The motion passed unanimously by a 6 to 0 vote.

Public Hearing Agenda

4. Public Hearing Agenda:

- 4A. Public hearing to consider adopting Ordinance 2019-08-00896 approving a specific use permit to allow a kitchen and food preparation area in an accessory building with habitable space for the property located at 1121 West Forest Grove, Lucky 7 Farm, Blk A, Lot 1R requested by property owners Mike and Terri West.**

Mayor Olk noted that the applicant had requested this item be withdrawn from the agenda.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Millsap, seconded by Councilmember Fisher to accept the withdrawal of the specific use permit request by the property owners Mike and Terri West. The motion passed unanimously by a 6 to 0 vote.

4B. Public hearing to consider the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

Mayor Olk stated that the tax rate voted upon for fiscal year 2019-2020 was \$0.303216.

The public hearing was opened at 7:21pm, there being no one wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

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

The City Council moved to Agenda Item No. 11, Executive Session at this time.

Executive Session Agenda

- 11. Pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, the City Council will convene into Executive Session to consult with the City Attorney regarding styled: "City of Lucas, Texas v. Robert Kubicek and the following real property: 2205 Estates Parkway, Lucas, Texas, In Rem", Cause No. 380-00147-2018 in the 380th Judicial District Court, Collin County, Texas.**

The City Council convened into Executive Session at 7:24 pm.

- 12. Reconvene from Executive Session and take any action necessary as a result of the Executive Session.**

The City Council reconvened from Executive Session at 7:43pm. There was no action taken as a result of the Executive Session.

The City Council moved to Agenda Item No. 5 on the Regular Agenda.

Regular Agenda

- 5. Consider modifying the design of the Blondy Jhune Road 24-foot wide roadway with 30-foot radii configuration as it intersects Winningkoff Road by adding a channelizing island to Blondy Jhune Road and widened the westbound departure lane to accommodate the turning movements of a 40-foot horse trailer.**

Councilmember Fisher asked if any accidents had been reported at the intersection of Blondy Jhune and Winningkoff. Mr. Foerster stated that dating back five years, there were no accidents reported at the intersection.

City Engineer Stanton Foerster discussed the island design that accommodated the turning radius of a 40-foot trailer, widening of the roadway, and the dimensions of the island were 22 feet long and setback 10 feet from the intersection.

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

John Ballis, 1820 Winningkoff, stated his opposition to the construction of an island at the intersection of Blondy Jhune and Winningkoff, noting that speed was a concern in the area and the curb on the island would be harmful to trailers.

Geri Larimer, 1840 Sawmill Drive, suggested that should the island be approved, that it be illuminated in some way to make it more visible in the evening hours as it was dark in that area.

Mayor Olk read four emails into the record from citizens that were not in support of an island at the intersection of Blondy Jhune and Winningkoff. Those citizens included:

Angelia Reis, 1620 Sterling Brown Lane
Cathy Gleason, Manor Lane
Maureen Miller, 317 McMillen
Darrell and Joy Koepke, 1425 Susan Circle

Mayor Pro Tem Peele stated that the intersection was very dark and adding an island could create a hazard during evening hours.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Millsap, seconded by Councilmember Duke to approve the original design of a 24-foot-wide roadway and 30 foot turning radii on Blondy Jhune Road at Winningkoff Road. The motion passed unanimously by a 6 to 0 vote.

6. Discuss the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Proposed Budget.

Councilmember Fisher asked if the annual dues paid to the Texas Municipal League (TML) could be made easier to find within the budget so that residents could see how much the City pays in dues for services received from TML.

Ms. Exum stated that annual dues paid to TML could be isolated and made into a line item so that it was easily found in the budget.

Ms. Exum stated that the fiscal year 18/19 had been amended to reflect the debt issuance cost and the payment in lieu of taxes was added into the budget.

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

7. Discuss potential agenda items for the joint City Council/Planning and Zoning Commission drainage workshop on September 12, 2019.

The City Council discussed the following items to be added to the agenda for the Drainage Workshop:

- Property owner responsibility regarding maintaining drainage on their property
- Educating the community regarding drainage including creeks
- Are drainage studies necessary with new development
- HOA owned vs. privately owned drainage systems
- Establishing minimum size requirements when a study is done for small subdivisions
- Constructing berms and diverting flow without a permit
- What we expect when subdivisions come in regarding drainage studies and how the ordinance should read
- Conditions and maintenance of existing creeks
- Legal requirements and restrictions related to cleaning out creek areas

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

8. **Consider entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, Collin County and the City of Lucas to create mutual cooperation in the support of Trinity Trail in accordance with the guidelines in the Cooperative Management Plan (Plan) and authorize the City Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding and the Trinity Trail Cooperative Management Plan.**

Mayor Pro Tem Peele explained that the City would be partnering with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Collin County to aid in the protection and maintenance of the Trinity Trail, and broader support was needed to ensure the trail was maintained and not encroached upon by development. Mayor Pro Tem Peele reviewed highlights and guidelines from the MOU and Management Plan noting the trail was a multi-use trail for hiking and equestrian use.

Mayor Olk noted that one email was received in favor of the MOU from Christine Churchill, 1125 Brockdale Park Road.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peele to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, Collin County and the City of Lucas to create mutual cooperation in the support of Trinity Trail in accordance with the guidelines in the Cooperative Management Plan (Plan) and authorize the City Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding and the Trinity Trail Cooperative Management Plan. The motion passed unanimously by a 6 to 0 vote.

9. **Discuss revising the City's Code of Ordinances, Article 1.09 Parks and Recreation, Section 1.09.062 Conduct Prohibited in Parks relating to commercial, trade, or business activity in city parks or park facilities.**

City Manager Joni Clarke stated that the City does not currently allow commercial activity in its parks or park facilities. An event was being proposed to be held in the Community Park on October 19 that would include craft booths that sell items to the public. Ms. Clarke stated that the ordinance regulating park activities had been amended once to allow a boot camp group to hold their classes in the park. Ms. Clarke stated that she was asking for the Council's direction on this matter.

The Council discussed the types of commercial activity that could take place in the park, the positives and negatives of commercial use in the park, fundraising activities, and defining a narrow scope of allowed commercial activity. The Council expressed their concern regarding the park being overrun by commercial activity and not being able to be enjoyed by the citizens of Lucas.

Councilmember Millsap questioned how much additional work would be put onto staff to manage events happening in the park.

The Council discussed reimbursement of City costs, insurance coverage, cleanup activities after an event, traffic control, and required deposits.

Councilmember Fisher stated that a special event permitting process should be considered.

Councilmember Fisher, Councilmember Duke, and Mayor Pro Tem Peele agreed to form a subcommittee to review the ordinance regarding special events in the park and come back to the Council with a recommendation.


10. Consider the request by Racing Systems Run Project to close various streets in Lucas as part of the 2019 Emmitt Smith Gran Fondo bike race.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peele, seconded by Councilmember Duke to deny the request to close streets in Lucas for the 2019 Emmitt Smith Gran Fondo bike race. The motion to deny passed unanimously by a 6 to 0 vote.

13. Adjournment.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Millsap seconded by Councilmember Lawrence to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm. The motion passed unanimously by a 6 to 0 vote.

APPROVED:



Mayor Jim Olk

ATTEST:



Stacy Henderson, City Secretary