



City of Lucas
City Council Meeting
October 17, 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 Debbie Fisher
Councilmember Philip Lawrence

City Staff Present:

City Manager Joni Clarke
City Secretary Stacy Henderson
Development Services Director Joe Hilbourn
Fire Chief Ted Stephens
Assistant Fire Chief Lance Gant
Assistant to the City Manager Kent Souriyasak

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. Items of Community Interest.

- A. Presentation by Farmers Market Committee Chair Debra Guillemaud regarding the October 12, 2019 Lucas Farmers Market.

Farmers Market Committee Chair Debra Guillemaud gave an overview of activities of the first farmers market held on October 12, 2019. Ms. Guillemaud stated that it was estimated that approximately 1,000 people attended the farmers market with all vendors almost completely selling out. Ms. Guillemaud stated that the event was well advertised through social media and news outlets and all feedback received was positive. The Committee was working on streamlining efforts for the 2020 markets to be held.

Mayor Olk noted the following items of community interest:

- The next Farmers Market would take place on November 2 at the Community Park
- Registration for the Scarecrow Contest was extended through October 21
- A City sponsored Fall parade was scheduled for October 19 from 9 am to Noon at Hart Elementary
- Country Christmas was scheduled for Friday, December 6 from 6 - 9 pm.

Consent Agenda

3. Consent Agenda:

- A. Consider approval of the minutes of the October 3, 2019 City Council meeting.
- B. Consider adopting Ordinance 2019-10-00896 amending the Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 13 titled "Utilities" by retitling Article 13.03 "Water Conservation Plan and Water Resource and Emergency Management Plan"; by retitling Section 13.03.001 "Adoption of Plans" and Section 13.03.002 titled "Penalty" to adopt the "2019 Water Conservation Plan for the City of Lucas" and "2019 Water Resource and Emergency Management Plan.
- C. Consider authorizing the City Manager to enter into Amendment No. 2 of an interlocal agreement between the City of Lucas and Collin County for law enforcement services for year three of a five-year contract for the period beginning October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020.

Councilmember Fisher asked that Agenda Item 3B be removed from the Consent Agenda.

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

Regular Agenda

- 3B. Consider adopting Ordinance 2019-10-00896 amending the Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 13 titled "Utilities" by retitling Article 13.03 "Water Conservation Plan and Water Resource and Emergency Management Plan"; by retitling Section 13.03.001 "Adoption of Plans" and Section 13.03.002 titled "Penalty" to adopt the "2019 Water Conservation Plan for the City of Lucas" and "2019 Water Resource and Emergency Management Plan.**

Councilmember Fisher explained some of the changes regarding the updated Water Conservation Plan such as items that trigger the different stages of water restrictions. Councilmember Fisher stated that some of the changes were substantially different and noted that she would write an article for the Lucas Leader to assist in informing the residents of future changes.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher, seconded by Councilmember Lawrence to approve adopting Ordinance 2019-10-00896 amending the Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 13 titled "Utilities" by retitling Article 13.03

“Water Conservation Plan and Water Resource and Emergency Management Plan”; by retitling Section 13.03.001 “Adoption of Plans” and Section 13.03.002 titled “Penalty” to adopt the “2019 Water Conservation Plan for the City of Lucas” and “2019 Water Resource and Emergency Management Plan. The motion passed unanimously by a 7 to 0 vote.

4. Consider the recommendation from the Technology Committee regarding internet service in the City of Lucas.

Chairman Rathgeb discussed how the Technology Committee identified the internet service challenges by first conducting internet speed test map depicting internet service throughout Lucas. Chairman Rathgeb stated that approximately 24 percent of Lucas households responded with an average downlink of 41.49 Mbps and an average uplink data rate of 23.65 Mbps. Chairman Rathgeb stated that 74 percent of the respondents were below 50 Mbps for downlink data rates. The best and least served areas of the city were mapped and discussed.

Chairman Rathgeb stated that members of the Technology Committee met with current providers such as Suddenlink, AT&T, Frontier, and GCEC that showed no interest in expanding on their existing network or to rebuild a copper network in the City of Lucas due to its low density, house per mile, and wireless solutions may offer moderately high speed data rates to a few residents, but limitations to the technologies make it nonviable to many residents.

Chairman Rathgeb stated that the Technology Committee recommends the following:

The City Council authorize a feasibility study for deploying a fiber-to-the-home network as a City utility.

The City Council consider the success of Mont Belvieu’s fiber deployment as a reflection of the consultancy performing their feasibility study.

The City Council direct the Technology Committee to begin developing key content to be included in the feasibility study.

Chairman Rathgeb stated that the City of Mont Belvieu spent approximately \$40,000 on a feasibility study.

Councilmember Millsap stated that the feasibility study was the first step in the process. The City of Mont Belvieu spent 14 million in Certificates of Obligation to pay for the installation of a fiber network utility. Councilmember Millsap noted that the Council should be prepared for this type of expenditure should the City proceed in this direction.

Mayor Olk noted that for an expense of this kind, it should be taken to the voters to decide.

Councilmember Fisher stated that the Committee had been working to find the best solution, and there was a great deal of expertise on the Committee that could assist the City in moving forward.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Millsap, seconded by Councilmember Fisher to direct the Technology Committee and City staff to work on developing a Request for Proposal to acquire the services of a consultant to prepare and complete a broadband feasibility study. The motion passed unanimously by a 7 to 0 vote.

5. **Consider the request by the Friends of Lucas Fire-Rescue, Inc., a 501(c)(3) (the “Friends of LFR”) to transfer the vintage fire truck commonly referred to as “Streaker” to the Friends LFR for restoration and to enter into an agreement to match funds raised by the Friends of LFR for such restoration.**

Gerald Reining, member of the Friends of Lucas Fire-Rescue, Inc., discussed the history of the City’s 1949 fire engine named “Streaker” noting that it was the City’s front-line apparatus until 1980 and kept as a reserve engine until 1992. Mr. Reining discussed the current condition of Streaker and reviewed the restoration plan and schedule noting that the timeline would be approximately three years to complete the restoration and cost approximately \$73,000. Mr. Reining discussed the fundraising plans for Streaker that included selling t shirts, soliciting donations and hosting a car show.

Mr. Reining requested the City Council consider transferring the title of “Streaker” to the Friends of Lucas Fire Rescue and agree to assist the Friends of Lucas Fire Rescue in the restoration of “Streaker” by matching funds raised with the following items totaling approximately \$37,500 over a three-year period.

- Match Current \$5,000 in Friends dedicated to “Ol’ Streaker” Fund to begin Project
- Match Car Show Donations in 2020 and 2021

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Millsap, seconded by Councilmember Baney to approve the transfer of the Title of the vintage fire truck commonly referred to as Streaker to the Friends of Lucas Fire-Rescue Inc., a 501(c)(3) for restoration and further authorize the City Manager to execute any necessary agreements with the Friends for such transfer after approval by the City Attorney; and to further authorize the City Manager to enter into a grant agreement with the Friends of the Lucas Fire-Rescue Inc., to match the funds raised by the Friends of LFR for such restoration in an amount not-to-exceed \$37,500; and to amend the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 budget by appropriating \$37,500 from unrestricted General Fund Reserves. The motion passed unanimously by a 7 to 0 vote.

6. **Discuss the board/commission appointment process for December 2019.**

City Secretary Stacy Henderson discussed the board appointment process noting that the Council agreed upon considering appointment/reappointments in December of each year and holding a meet and greet reception separate from a Council meeting for prospective applicants and existing board members. Ms. Henderson asked if the Council would like to proceed with the abovementioned items given there were no vacancies on any boards or commissions and each member up for reappointment would like to be considered for another term.

Mayor Pro Tem Peele noted that the Council should move forward with notice in the newsletter as well as a reception to promote new members and have each Councilmember liaison give a presentation about their committee. Mayor Pro Tem Peele also noted that residents should be informed that there were currently no vacancies, but they could arise at a later date.

The City Council was in agreement to move forward with a meet and greet reception on January 16, 2020 at 6:00 pm before the Council meeting, and to advertise in the Lucas Leader.

Executive Session Agenda

7. Pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, the City Council will convene into Executive Session to discuss the evaluation for the City Manager.

Mayor Olk stated that the City Council would reschedule Executive Session to the next City Council meeting of November 7, 2019.

8. Reconvene from Executive Session and take any action necessary as a result of the Executive Session.


There was no action taken from Executive Session. An Executive Session was not held at this meeting.

Adjournment

9. Adjournment.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Millsap, seconded by Councilmember Duke to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 pm. The motion passed unanimously by a 7 to 0 vote.

APPROVED:



Mayor Jim Olk

ATTEST:



Stacy Henderson, City Secretary

