



**City of Lucas
City Council Meeting
July 2, 2020**

Video Conference Meeting

**6:30 P.M. - Executive Session/7:00 P.M. – Regular Agenda
City Hall - 665 Country Club Road – Lucas Texas**

MINUTES

Call to Order

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

City Staff Present:

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

Mayor Olk called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and determined that a quorum was present. Attendees were reminded to silence their cell phones and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Executive Session Agenda

The City Council convened into Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code to consult with the City Attorney regarding City of Lucas, Texas v. Robert Kubicek and the following real property: 2205 Estates Parkway, Lucas, Texas, In Rem, Cause No. 417-00147-2018 in the 417th Judicial District Court of Collin County, Texas.

The Executive Session is a closed meeting and not available by video conference. The City Council adjourned from Executive Session at 7:13 p.m.

Mayor Olk called the Regular Session of the City Council meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Citizen Input

1. Citizen Input.

There was no citizen comment at this meeting.

Community Interest

2. Items of Community Interest.

Mayor Olk noted the following items of community interest:

- City offices were closed on Friday, July 3, 2020.
- The City Council would be holding their budget workshop on July 30 at 6 p.m.
- Reminder that it was illegal to discharge fireworks within the City limits of Lucas.
- Tuesday, July 7 was Texas Fallen Law Enforcement Officer Day

Consent Agenda

3. Consent Agenda:

- 3A. Approval of the minutes of the June 18, 2020 City Council meeting.
- 3B. Consider amending FY 19/20 budget account 11-6110-452 Hardware & Telecom in the amount of \$3,165 for the purchase of computer hardware by appropriating funding from restricted court technology fees.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peele, seconded by Councilmember Baney to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously by a 7 to 0 vote.

Regular Agenda

4. Consider taking any necessary action as a result of the earlier held Executive Session.

Mayor Olk noted that there was no action to be taken as a result of the Executive Session.

Mayor Olk moved to Agenda Item No. 6 at this time.

6. Discuss matters related to COVID-19 and provide direction to staff on any recommended updates.

Chief Gant gave an update regarding COVID-19 cases in the City of Lucas, State and County efforts related to COVID-19, mobile testing sites, and recent restrictions put in place by the Governor.

Mayor Olk discussed the cancellation of the June 27 farmers market. He stated that the Farmers Market Committee developed a staging plan for Council review to accommodate for ways to operate during the pandemic and should the Governor's orders change. The market wanted to ensure they could communicate with vendors quickly as restrictions change.

The City Council discussed the various stages of the committee's plan and if the vendors would be able to transition quickly given that short notice of cancellations could occur.

Councilmember Fisher expressed her concern regarding the number of staff that was required to participate in the market and their potential exposure risk. Councilmember Fisher asked if the farmers market volunteers could take on additional responsibilities to minimize staff time.

City Manager Joni Clarke stated that it would be best for staff to handle logistics and parking since the market was held at a City park and staff was more experienced with handling traffic.

Mayor Olk suggested the farmers market plan be updated to include that the Governor's orders would be followed at all times.

Councilmember Fisher stated that she would like staff to prepare as much of the staging work as possible before the market began to limit potential exposure.

Councilmember Baney suggested the farmers market be cancelled for July 11 and the Council could reassess the market scheduled for July 25 based on the Governor's orders.

Debra Guillemaud, Farmers Market Committee Chair stated that the farmers market committee would stay in compliance with the Governor's orders and asked that the Council consider moving to Stage 4 of the plan that allowed for prepaid pickup orders at the park where people would stay in their vehicles and would minimize exposure for the July 11 market.

Councilmember Duke and Millsap were in favor of moving the market to stage 4 that allowed for prepaid pickup orders from the community park; however, a majority of the Council was in favor of canceling the farmers market for July 11. The Council also wanted to add the change to the market's operating plan that they would be in compliance with the Governor's orders at all times and that a decision would be made on the July 25 market as soon as possible, and would be discussed at the next City Council meeting.

Mayor Olk moved back to Agenda Item No. 5 at this time.

5. Discuss the City of Lucas Broadband Project and provide final feedback regarding the adjusted financial model for the broadband feasibility study.

Assistant to the City Manager Kent Souriyasak updated the Council on changes made to the financial model by Magellan Advisors based on comments from the Council at a previously held meeting. Changes included adding an increase to salaries and outsourcing, managed services at a flat rate of \$15, showing payback amounts, and uptake rates at 45 percent.

Mayor Olk explained that a map was also going to be created using West Lucas Road as the dividing line between north and south showing the house counts in each area, the service provider for the area, determining where areas of service were weak based off of previous speed tests conducted, that could assist in determining how many homes may participate in the new service.

The Council discussed the varying amounts of funds the City would have to contribute based on the rate and the number of customers that participate. The Council also discussed how the service would not become profitable until year six.

Mayor Olk asked that the Finance Department to prepare a report showing how funds were currently earmarked and for which projects to determine if there were adequate funds available to make the necessary loan payments. The Council was in agreement they did not want to raise taxes, nor did they want to borrow funds to pay debt.

Councilmember Lawrence asked if there were fees for residents that did not sign up within the first year of the service being offered.

Mr. Souriyasak stated that the model is setup to waive the initiation fee for the first year and after that a cost of \$150 up to 200 feet of fiber installed to the house would be charged, and if it was further than 200 feet, the cost difference beyond that would be paid by the homeowner.

The City Council was in agreement that additional information was needed before a decision could be made as to whether the bond election would be placed on the November 2020 ballot.

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

Adjournment

7. Adjournment.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Millsap, seconded by Councilmember Lawrence to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 pm. The motion passed unanimously by a 7 to 0 vote.

APPROVED:



Mayor Jim Olk

ATTEST:



Stacy Henderson, City Secretary