



City of Lucas
City Council Meeting
October 15, 2020
Video Conference Meeting
7:00 P.M.

City Hall, 665 Country Club Road, Lucas, Texas

MINUTES

Call to Order

City Councilmembers Present:

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
Finance Director Liz Exum

City Councilmember Absent:

Mayor Jim Olk

This meeting was conducted by video conference.

Mayor Pro Tem Peele called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., determined that a quorum was present, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Citizen Input

1. Citizen Input

There was no citizen participation during this agenda item.

Community Interest

2. Community Interest

Mayor Pro Tem Peele noted that the following items of Community Interest:

- Early voting was underway through October 30 at the Lucas Community Center. Sample ballots are available on the City's website.
- The City's Country Christmas event will be held on December 4 from 6 – 9 pm, face masks and social distancing will be required.

Consent Agenda

3. Consent Agenda:

A. Approval of the minutes of the October 15, 2020 City Council meeting.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher, seconded by Councilmember Duke to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously by a 6 to 0 vote.

Regular Agenda

4. **Consider an alternative financing plan for the cash defeasance and bond refunding for the General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2007 and Certificates of Obligation, Series 2011 using sinking fund reserves to buy down outstanding Certificates of Obligation, Series 2011 and refund the remaining principal.**

Andrew Friedman with SAMCO Financial, presented new information to the Council noting that in meeting with the bond holder of the existing 2007 series General Obligation Refunding Bonds, it was discovered that paying off the bonds would result in a penalty of \$27,522. Mr. Friedman stated they were proposing an alternate plan using sinking fund reserves to buy down the 2011 Certificates of Obligation and refund the remaining \$2,980,000 to generate savings of approximately \$531,097.

Councilmember Fisher discussed with Mr. Friedman various options to pay off debt using utility fund reserves.

The Council discussed using utility fund reserves towards the construction of the new water tower.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Millsap, seconded by Councilmember Baney to authorize City staff and SAMCO Consultants to proceed with the alternative plan to use sinking fund reserves totaling \$342,600 and refunding the remaining \$2,980,000 principal to generate debt service savings of approximately 531,097. The motion passed unanimously by a 6 to 0 vote.

5. **Consider establishing priorities and goals for the Geographic Information System (GIS) Mapping and data entry along various roadway rights-of-ways and easements and view a presentation and demonstration of the work completed by Lakes Engineering in FY 19/20.**

Mayor Pro Tem Peele requested this item be moved to the November 5, 2020 City Council meeting to allow the Mayor to be present and provide feedback regarding this item. The Council was in agreement to move this item to the November 5, 2020 City Council meeting.

6. **Consider opening the City of Lucas City Council and Board and Commission meetings to the public and set guidelines for those who would like to attend official city meetings in person.**

Mayor Pro Tem Peele stated she would like to see the following guidelines available as part of opening meetings to the public:

- Hand sanitation station
- Social distancing inside Council Chambers

- Sign posted on door stating masks were required to enter the building
- Sign that states don't approach dais, City Secretary area, and staff area.
- City staff members to attend remotely from their office and when their item is ready to be discussed, the staff member will come into the Council Chambers
- Wipe down the podium between presenters

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher, seconded by Councilmember Duke to approve opening the City of Lucas City Council and Board and Commission meetings to the public effective November 5, 2020 with the guidelines outlined above. The motion passed unanimously by a 6 to 0 vote.

Executive Session Agenda

7. Executive Session: An Executive Session is not scheduled for this meeting.

An Executive Session was not held at this meeting.

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

No action was taken from the Executive Session.

Adjournment

9. Adjournment.


MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Millsap, seconded by Councilmember Baney to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm. The motion passed unanimously by a 6 to 0 vote.

APPROVED:



Jim Olk, Mayor

ATTEST:



Stacy Henderson, City Secretary

