



City Councilmembers Present:

Mayor Jim Olk
Mayor Pro Tem Kathleen Peele
Councilmember Phil Lawrence (*video conference*)
Councilmember Tim Johnson
Councilmember David Keer
Councilmember Debbie Fisher

Councilmembers Absent:

Councilmember Tim Baney

City Staff Present:

City Manager Joni Clarke
Assistant City Manager Kent Souriyasak
Fire Chief Ted Stephens
Public Works Director Scott Holden
Finance Director Liz Exum
CIP Manager Patrick Hubbard
City Secretary Erin Day
Contract Engineer Joe Grajewski
City Attorney Courtney Morris
Deputy Daniel Gillespie

The regular City Council meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

Executive Agenda

Mayor Olk convened into Executive Session at 5:31 pm.

1. Executive Session:

As authorized by Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, the City Council may convene into closed Executive Session to interview applicants for a Planning and Zoning Commission opening. This meeting is closed to the public as provided in the Texas Government Code.

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

Mayor reconvened from Executive Session at 6:56 pm.

MOTION: A motion was made Mayor Pro Tem Peele, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, to:

- Appoint Frank Hise as Alternate 2 to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term beginning May 18, 2023 and ending on December 31, 2024, effective upon the resignation of Chairman Dusty Kuykendall.
- Appoint James Foster from Alternate 1 to a voting member for a term beginning May 18, 2023 and ending on December 31, 2024.
- Appoint Chris Bierman from Alternate 2 to Alternate 1 for a term beginning May 18, 2023 and ending on December 31, 2023.

The motion passed unanimously by a 6 to 0 vote, with Councilmember Baney absent.

Citizen Input

3. Citizen Input

There were no members of the public wishing to address the City Council.

Community Interest

4. Items of Community Interest

Mayor Olk gave items of community interest including:

- Lucas Farmers Market
- Lucas Car Show
- Election Updates

Councilmember Fisher announced her theme for the historical display for the Farmers Market will be “Lucas Firsts”.

Mayor Pro Tem Peele spoke about how well the Founders Day Country Fair went and remarked about the large turnout of children. Mayor Pro Tem Peele and Councilmember Fisher thanked the staff for their work on the event.

Consent Agenda

5. Consent Agenda:

- Approval of Ordinance 2023-04-00977 amending the City’s Code of Ordinances, Appendix C titled “Fee Schedule”, Article 16.000 titled “Ambulance Service”, Section 16.100 titled “Ambulance Service”.**
- Approval of the minutes of the April 6, 2023 City Council meeting.**

MOTION: A motion was made Mayor Pro Tem Peele, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously by a 6 to 0 vote, with Councilmember Baney absent.

Regular Agenda

- Consider adopting Ordinance 2023-04-00978 approving mid-year budget adjustments for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023.**

Finance Director Liz Exum gave a presentation highlighting capital projects reallocated funds, revenue and expenditure amounts, reallocations by departments, and funds remaining in the general fund and water fund.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Lawrence, seconded by Councilmember Keer, to approve adopting Ordinance 2023-04-00978 approving mid-year budget adjustments for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023. The motion passed unanimously by a 6 to 0 vote, with Councilmember Baney absent.

7. Consider capital project priorities and identify available funding.

Assistant City Manager Kent Souriyasak gave a presentation highlighting the resources available for capital project funding and capital project categories of interest. City Manager Joni Clarke presented as well, explaining staff's recommendations for priority capital improvement projects, with the new water tower being the first priority. Ms. Clarke explained the need to begin some of the projects that will be funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), since there is a deadline those funds have to be spent by.

Councilmember Fisher asked if the new water tower would go up where the old water tower is located. Ms. Clarke advised it would. Ms. Clarke advised JTG Engineering has given a proposal for the project and the cost is within the budget.

Ms. Clarke advised that the second priority is the West Lucas Road Reconstruction. Ms. Clarke explained the different options for the drainage and the street relocation. Mayor Olk advised he has been meeting with City staff and with the County Commissioners to explore alternatives for the reconstruction. Ms. Clarke presented a map of the area in question on West Lucas Road for the Council to look over and discuss.

Ms. Clarke discussed the third priority, vehicle purchase requests, including a new fire engine and three new law enforcement vehicles.

Mayor Pro Tem Peele asked what the criteria is that determines if a vehicle needs to be replaced. Ms. Clarke advised it is a combination of age, miles, repairs needed, and damage.

Councilmember Fisher asked if there was a cost estimate for how much the reconstruction of West Lucas Road would cost if the City completed the project on their own. Engineer Joe Grajewski explained that the total price would be approximately \$4.2 million, and if drainage was included the price would go up to \$11.4 million. Councilmember Johnson asked if that price would include complete repaving. Mr. Grajewski explained that the road would be broken up and recompact to two inches and then two inches of asphalt would be laid.

Mayor Olk indicated he is in favor of moving forward with the water tower and the emergency vehicles, but opined that the West Lucas Road Reconstruction Project should wait until a better plan is formed.

Councilmember Lawrence asked why there was a need for a new engine. Chief Stephens explained the mileage on the old engine is relatively low, but the age and reliability is an issue, and if the new engine is already in use or is being repaired, we would be without an additional engine if the old one was taken out of service.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mayor Olk, seconded by Councilmember Lawrence, to approve moving forward with the construction of a new water tower and the purchase of a new fire engine and three new law enforcement vehicles as capital projects, and to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with JTG Engineering to begin designing the water tower. The motion passed unanimously by a 6 to 0 vote, with Councilmember Baney absent.

8. **Discuss the provision of Fire and Emergency Medical Services to mutual aid cities and Collin County via mutual aid agreements and provide guidance to the City Manager.**

Councilmember Fisher advised she asked staff to provide the mutual aid agreements the City of Lucas has with neighboring entities because she is concerned about the amount of area that the City is being required to cover, the distance the City's ambulances are driving, and the wear and tear on the vehicles. Councilmember Fisher advised her concern is the distance Lucas' ambulances are having to go to provide medical services to non-Lucas residents. Mayor Pro Tem Peele agreed and indicated her concern is that the county does not have enough ambulances to cover their needs and relies too heavily on the cities to provide backup service.

Mayor Olk pointed out that Lucas has responded approximately 100 times in the last four years, and Branch has only come to Lucas about 10 times. Councilmember Johnson asked if Lucas is the first call out for Branch. Chief Stephens responded that the closest available ambulance would get called first, no matter the city.

Councilmember Lawrence indicated the amount of availability of ambulances is really based on the hospitals and the turnaround time it takes to get an ambulance released after dropping off a patient. Mayor Pro Tem Peele opined that the county is underserving their residents by not having enough ambulances to service the area.

Chief Stephens advised it would not be ideal to get out of a mutual aid agreement with the county because it could potentially be ostracizing one city out of a district. Ms. Clarke advised there are agreements with individual cities that are beneficial. Mayor Pro Tem Peele advised that she is specifically talking about getting out of the agreement with the county, not other cities, and she feels that by the county allowing large municipal utility districts (MUDs) to be built, they are placing more of a burden on the surrounding cities to provide emergency services to a larger population. Chief Stephens advised there is not a mutual aid agreement with Allen, but there are agreements with Wylie, Fairview, and Parker.

Councilmember Fisher asked if there has been any discussion at the county level about getting more ambulances. Chief Stephens advised there have been some discussions, and that it is brought up often. Councilmember Fisher asked if the other cities are being impacted as much. Chief Stephens advised McKinney and Fairview likely are, but that he does not have specific information on that.

Councilmember Johnson asked if within our mutual aid agreement, if the City can add that Lucas will not respond to Branch. City Attorney Courtney Morris advised she would have to look over the agreement, but that the City could likely not refuse to go to Branch.

Chief Stephens indicated the benefits of the mutual aid agreement, including that it allows the new firefighters to experience situations that would normally not occur in a city like Lucas, it allows fire administration to evaluate the capabilities of other agencies that might respond to Lucas, and that it allows the fire department to prove their skills to other surrounding departments.

Councilmember Lawrence asked if the City has gone without medical services because they were out of town. Ms. Clarke advised that another issue is that our residents are being billed by outside agencies based on their policy when our ambulance is not able to respond. Councilmember Lawrence asked if reciprocity agreements are being worked on to solve that issue. Ms. Clarke advised that they are. Chief Stephens advised there has only been one occurrence when our ambulance was in Princeton and a Lucas resident had to be picked up by an outside agency.

Charles Corporon, 6 Glencove Circle, spoke asking if there is a required number of ambulances per number of residents in a city. Chief Stephens advised it is based on number of responses and that it is a Council decision on how many ambulances to have.

Councilmember Fisher asked to be provided with response times for medical calls. Chief Stephens advised he would get that information to her.

Mayor Olk indicated there needs to be a discussion with the county regarding their need of more ambulances. Councilmember Fisher agreed and recommended that a conversation with County Judge Hill and a responsive County Commissioner be had prior to speaking before the Commissioner's Court. Mayor Olk advised he will make arrangements for these conversations to take place.

MOTION: There was no motion needed for this item.

9. **Consider the 88th Legislative Session and discuss any proposed bill or significant resolution that may have an impact on the City of Lucas and provide guidance to the City Attorney and City Manager.**

City Attorney Courtney Morris gave an update on the movement of relevant bills in the legislative session.

MOTION: There was no motion needed for this item.

10. Adjournment.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Lawrence, to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 pm. The motion passed unanimously by a 6 to 0 vote, with Councilmember Baney absent.

APPROVED:



Mayor Jim Olk

ATTEST:



Erin Day, City Secretary

