



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

November 2, 2023 | 5:30 PM

Council Chambers

City Hall | 665 Country Club Road, Lucas, Texas

City Councilmembers Present:

Mayor Jim Olk
Mayor Pro Tem Kathleen Peele
Councilmember David Keer
Councilmember Debbie Fisher
Councilmember Tim Johnson
Councilmember Dusty Kuykendall
Councilmember Phil Lawrence

City Staff Present:

City Manager Joni Clarke
Assistant City Manager Kent Souriyasak
City Secretary Toshia Kimball
Development Services Director Joe Hilbourn
Fire Chief Ted Stephens
HR Generalist Alana Cohen
HR Director Liz Exum
Deputy Daniel Gillespie

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

Citizen Input

1. Citizen Input

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

Community Interest

2. Items of Community Interest.

Mayor Olk discussed items of community interest including:

- Election Day
- Parks Survey
- Arbor Day and Recycling Event
- Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting at Wolk Creek Village
- Holiday Donation Drive
- Country Christmas

Consent Agenda

3. Consent Agenda:

A. Approval of minutes of the October 19, 2023, City Council meeting.

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

Regular Agenda

4. Provide the Annual Elected Official Educational Program to the Lucas City Council.

City Attorney Joe Gorfida presented the annual elected official educational program and provided training to the Lucas City Council.

5. Consider approving Resolution R 2023-11-00547 and cast votes for Collin Central Appraisal District Board of Directors.

The City Council agreed to cast all seven votes for Scott Sperling.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher, seconded by Councilmember Johnson approving Resolution R 2023-11-00547 casting all seven votes for Scott Sperling for the Collin Central Appraisal District Board of Directors. The motion passed unanimously by a 7 to 0 vote.

6. Consider Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Mutual Aid Agreements and provide direction to the City Manager.

Fire Chief Ted Stephens discussed this item.

The City Council discussed concerns on the number of ambulances, staffing issues, future growth and how the City of Lucas would be impacted. They also requested information regarding the population on the peninsula.

The City Council agreed with Fire Chief Ted Stephens' recommendations to monitor and report on our mutual aid including the Princeton/Branch area, dispatch the Lucas ambulance to Priority 1 and Priority 2 calls for service, and update the mutual aid agreements with the City of Wylie, Town of Fairview and the City of Parker.

Mayor Olk requested that the City Council receive a future update on the agreements.

7. Consider the following items as it relates to the termination of the Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) for Volunteer Emergency Responders (VER).

HR Generalist Alana Cohen gave a presentation detailing the steps to terminate the LOSAP plan.

The City Council discussed how this change would affect the volunteers. Ms. Cohen clarified there would be no penalties and volunteers would receive the funds as earned income as it cannot be rolled over by the City. Ms. Cohen indicated the six month time frame is an estimate and not fixed.

City Manager Joni Clarke indicated staff will speak with the City Attorney and the Compensation Team is currently brainstorming ideas including:

- Reimbursement for mileage from their home to the Fire Station up to a certain cap.
- Incentivize volunteer time.
- Boots
- Receive additional feedback and discuss it with the City Attorney.

The City Council discussed communication to the volunteers and Ms. Cohen explained that communication will be relayed to discuss the program, tax implications, and the process to the members.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Kuykendall, seconded by Councilmember Lawrence to authorize the City Manager to proceed with the termination of the Length of Service Program (LOSAP) and payout of Full (100%) actuarial present value of accrued benefits (APVAB) to all 28 members on our current LOSAP roster. The motion passed unanimously by a 7 to 0 vote.

8. **Consider approving Resolution R 2023-11-00546 authorizing the Mayor to execute the Interlocal Agreement between Collin County and the City of Lucas and appropriate funding in the amount of \$358,012 from Unrestricted General Fund Reserves for the Trinity Trail Connect Phase 1 project.**

Assistant City Manager Kent Souriyasak gave a presentation on this item.

The City Council questioned the length of the proposed trail that appears to go north into Fairview. City Manager Joni Clarke indicated it goes to the gate and not into Fairview.

The City Council discussed concerns regarding the use of trails and trespassing issues from people using motorized vehicles and all-terrain vehicles (ATVs). Ms. Clarke indicated the deputies are aware of this issue and enforcement is the solution.

The City Council discussed concerns about Fairview's future trail plans, security on the trail, types of public uses on the trail, and adding signage. Mayor Olk indicated the City Council can vote on this item and staff can come back with actions taken for the project.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Keer, seconded by Councilmember Lawrence approving Resolution R 2023-11-00546 authorizing the Mayor to execute the Interlocal Agreement between Collin County and the City of Lucas and appropriate funding in the amount of \$358,012 from Unrestricted General Fund Reserves for the Trinity Trail Connect Phase 1 project. The motion passed by a 5 to 2 vote, with Mayor Pro Tem Peele and Councilmember Fisher voting in opposition.

9. **Consider the creation of an advisory panel consisting of up to three members from each school that provides educational services to children that reside in the City of Lucas and up to three members from the Lucas City Council.**

Councilmember Lawrence indicated this would be good thing to do from a neighborly standpoint and have discussions in an off-the-record environment.

Mayor Pro Tem Peele expressed concerns from a recent presentation from the Lovejoy Independent School District.

Councilmember Kuykendall indicated we are limited in what we can do, and it could muddy the relationships.

Councilmember Fisher complemented City Manager Joni Clarke for building relationships with the schools and indicated we do not need an official designation.

Councilmember Johnson is not in agreement with having a liaison.

Mayor Olk encouraged the City Council to talk to the different school boards and ensure that we have a contact at the schools and keep building on it.

There was no action taken on this item.

10. Public hearing to consider adopting Ordinance # 2023-11-00993 approving a specific use permit request by Wal-Mart Real Estate on behalf of Panda Express for a drive-through restaurant on a .975-acre tract of land in the W. Snider Survey, Abstract Number 821, being part of Lot 1, Block A, Wal-Mart Lucas Addition, located at 2662 West Lucas Road.

- A. Presentation by Development Services Director Joe Hilbourn**
- B. Conduct public hearing**
- C. Take action on the specific use permit request**

Development Services Director Joe Hilbourn gave a presentation on this item.

The City Council discussed hours of operations, restaurant location in the Wal-Mart parking lot, and green space requirements. Mr. Hilbourn explained Panda Express agreed to meet the City's requirements for these concerns and they have to submit a new Wal-Mart site plan.

Mayor Jim Olk opened the public hearing at 8:11 pm. There were no members of the public wishing to speak. Mayor Jim Olk closed the public hearing at 8:11 pm.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mayor Olk, seconded by Councilmember Kuykendall to consider adopt Ordinance # 2023-11-00993 approving a specific use permit request by Wal-Mart Real Estate on behalf of Panda Express for a drive-through restaurant on a .975-acre tract of land in the W. Snider Survey, Abstract Number 821, being part of Lot 1, Block A, Wal-Mart Lucas Addition, located at 2662 West Lucas Road. The motion passed unanimously by a 7 to 0 vote.

Executive Session

11. Executive Session:

- A. The City Council will convene into Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.074(a)(1) of the Texas Government Code, Personnel Matters, for City Manager Evaluation.**
- B. The City Council will convene into Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.**

City Council convened into Executive Session at 8:13 pm.

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

City Council reconvened from Executive Session at 8:33 pm.

There was no action taken as a result of the Executive Session.

13. Adjournment.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Lawrence, to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 pm. The motion passed unanimously by a 7 to 0 vote.

APPROVED:



Mayor Jim Olk

ATTEST:



Toshia Kimball, City Secretary

