

§STATE OF TEXAS
§CALDWELL COUNTY
§CITY OF LULING

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LULING, MET IN REGULAR SESSIONS ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M. IN CITY HALL, 509 EAST CROCKETT STREET.

The following members were present:

Mike Hendricks	Mayor
John Wells	Council Member
Jackie Campbell	Council Member
Wayne Tresner	Council Member
James Nickells	Council Member
C. J. Watts	Council Member

Staff Members present:

Mark Mayo	City Manager
Martha Velasquez	City Secretary
James Rougeou	Finance Director
William Sala	Police Chief
John Westbrook	Mapping System Operator

1. Call Meeting to Order.

Mayor Hendricks called the meeting to order. We said the pledge of allegiances to the American and Texas flags. Mr. Dennis Toungate led us in the prayer.

2. Consent Agenda- *All consent agenda items listed are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda. Information concerning consent agenda items is available for public view.*

a. Approval of Minutes of the December 12, 2019 regular City Council meeting and Minutes of the December 2, 2019 Special Called Meeting.

b. Consider/Approval of Accounts Payable.

Council Member Jackie Campbell made a motion seconded by Council Member John Wells approving the Consent Agenda. The motion carried with all members present voting unanimously in favor of the motion.

3. Citizen Comment Period with City Council.

Any person with business before the City Council, not scheduled on the agenda, may speak to the Council. No formal action can be taken on these items at this meeting. Comments will be limited to three (3) to five (5) minutes per person.

Commissioner Barbara Shelton stated that she had been working with Diana Schultz from TxDOT to get the left hand turn working out on Hwy 183 by Buc-ees. She stated that on December 18, 2019 the left turn started working.

Alfonso Sifuentes with the Green Group came and gave an update on our proposed facility and project I30 Environmental Park. It is a type 1 Landfill. He gave us a timeline on how they have gotten to where they are at this time. He stated that on September 4, 2013 is when they filed the initial application with the Texas Environmental Quality Commission. Alfonso stated that Luling holds a special place in their hearts. He said that he hopes that next time they get to another milestone that he can come back and give an update. He stated

that he hopes that next time he comes he will be saying that their doors are open for business. The Mayor and Council thanked him for coming and giving us an update.

4. Consider/action a Franchise agreement between the City of Luling and AEP Texas, Inc.

City Manager, Mark Mayo, stated that this was on our agenda last month but that it was postponed to this month because attorneys were looking at it, we sent it to AEPs attorneys and we did not get it back in time for our agenda, so that is why it is back on this months agenda.

Council Member CJ Watts made a motion seconded by Council Member Jackie Campbell approving the franchise agreement between the City of Luling and AEP Texas, Inc. This motion requires a record vote. Council Member John Wells, Council Member Jackie Campbell, Council Member Wayne Tresner, Council Member James Nickells, Council Member CJ Watts and Mayor Mike Hendricks all voted in favor of the motion.

5. Presentation from the Delta Kappa Gamma from Caldwell County on building, installing and maintaining a Little Free library at one of our City parks.

John Westbrook addressed the Council and read a letter from Morgan Pitner thanking the City Council for giving her the opportunity to present a proposal to better our community. Morgan is the sitting president of the Delta Kappa Gamma. Her sorority group would like to install a Little Free library at Blanche Park as part of the revitalization of the park. If the Council allows them to install the little free library, they will raise funds to purchase the kit, assemble, install and maintain all by the sorority group.

This is only a presentation, this is not an action item. Council Member James Nickells stated that he would like some type of written agreement between the City of Luling and this organization.

Mayor Hendricks asked John Westbrook to let Morgan Pitner know that we are going to put together an agreement and have this back on our next agenda as an action item.

6. Consider/action approving assistance for the City of Luling organization events.

Bubba Damon came before the Council to thank them for all their assistance and wanted to ask at this time about the closures of the street for the Watermelon Thump Festival. It was explained that we are voting on the assistance that the City of Luling gives at this time.

Council Member Jackie Campbell made a motion seconded by Council Member James Nickells approving assistance for the City of Luling organization events. The motion carried with all members present voting unanimously in favor of the motion.

7. Consider/action scheduling budget workshops and public hearings.

Finance Director, Sonny Rougeou stated that he has prepared a preliminary budget that he and Mark have to schedule some time to go over and tweak. Right now, there is a deficit in the general fund of \$212,000 and a deficit in the utility fund of \$332,000. Sonny stated that they will need to sit down and review the revenues that he has put down. Sonny stated that Liz, Mark and he will go over it. Sonny stated that we typically schedule two workshops but only use one of the workshops.

Mark Mayo stated that he would like to call a budget workshop the first week of February because we are calling a Special Meeting and we could meet after for the budget workshop.

Council Member James Nickells made a motion seconded by Council Member CJ Watts that we call a Special Council Meeting and Budget Workshop on February 4, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. The motion carried with all members present voting unanimously in favor of the motion.

8. Police Department Monthly Activity Report.

Sonny Rougeou stated that this is National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. Council Member John Wells stated that he would like to compliment Chief Sala on the remarks that he made on Laurie Hanna, Shelter Manager, she is doing an outstanding job. Chief Sala stated that we are very fortunate to have her, she has saved the City a lot of money. Council Member John Wells stated that last week the shelter received 50 60lb high priced bags of food donated from an organization and 30 more bags from another organization. She is doing an outstanding job.

The Police Department is fully staffed at this time.

9. Adjourn.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned.

Approved: _____

Mike Hendricks, Mayor
City of Luling

Martha C. Velasquez
City Secretary