

§STATE OF TEXAS
§CALDELL COUNTY
§CITY OF LULING

THE CITY OF LULING CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M. VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE IN ORDER TO ADVANCE THE PUBLIC HEALTH GOAL OF LIMITING FACE TO FACE MEETINGS (ALSO CALLED SOCIAL DISTANCING) TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19). THERE WAS NO PUBLIC ACCESS AT CITY HALL LOCATED AT 509 E. CROCKETT STREET, LULING, TEXAS.

The following members were on videoconference:

Mike Hendricks	Mayor
Melanie Doyle	Council Member
Jackie Campbell	Council Member
James Nickells	Council Member
C. J. Watts	Council Member

Council Member Wayne Tresner was out.

Staff Members on videoconference:

Mark Mayo	City Manager
Martha Velasquez	City Secretary
James Rougeou	Finance Director
William Sala	Police Chief
Elizabeth Mundine	Asst. Fin. Dir.\

1. Call Meeting to Order.

Mayor Hendricks called the meeting to order.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

We did not say the pledge of allegiance. Mayor Hendricks gave the invocation.

3. 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 March 19 regular City Council meeting**
- b. Consider/Approval of Accounts Payable.**
- c. Consider/action adopting a resolution of the City Council of the City of Luling, Texas designating the Luling Newsboy and Signal as the official newspaper for the City of Luling for fiscal year 2020-2021.**
- d. Consider/action a proclamation proclaiming the month of “April” as fair housing month in the City of Luling.**

Council Member Jackie Campbell made a motion seconded by Council Member Melanie Doyle approving the Consent Agenda. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor of the motion. (We took individual votes from Council that were on the Zoom video-conference)

4. Citizen Comment Period with City Council.

Any person with business before the City Council may speak to the Council at this time. 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.

There were no citizen comments.

Mayor Hendricks stated that every year we do a proclamation on Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness but since we cannot get together Hays-Caldwell Women's Center requested that we read a letter in observance of Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Month.

- 5. Consider/action a Resolution of the City of Luling denying Texas Gas Service Company's requested rate increase; Requiring the company to reimburse the City's reasonable ratemaking expenses; finding that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of this resolution to the company and the city's legal counsel.**

Mark Mayo stated that this is our second reading on this resolution.

Council Member CJ Watts made a motion seconded by Council Member Jackie Campbell approving the resolution of the City of Luling **denying** Texas Gas Service Company's requested rate increase; requiring the company to reimburse the City's reasonable ratemaking expenses; finding that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of this resolution to the company and the city's legal counsel. The motion carried with all members present voting unanimously in favor of the motion. (We took individual votes from Council that were on the Zoom video-conference)

- 6. Consider/action a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Luling, Texas, postponing and moving the General Election scheduled for May 2, 2020 and calling and setting the date for the General Election for November 3, 2020, a uniform election date; confirming that all candidate filing remain valid; confirming that all applications for ballot by mail for voters over 65 or due to a disability remain valid; establishing voter registration deadline; establishing deadline to receive applications for ballots by mail; designating early voting dates.**

Council Member Jackie Campbell made a motion seconded by Council Member James Nickells approving a resolution of the City Council of the City of Luling, Texas, postponing and moving the General Election scheduled for May 2, 2020, a uniform election date; confirming that all candidate filing remain valid; confirming that all applications for ballot by mail for voters over 65 or due to disability remain valid; establishing voter registration deadline; establishing a deadline to receive applications for ballots by mail; designating early voting dates. The motion carried with all members present voting unanimously in favor of the motion. (We took individual votes from Council that were on the Zoom video-conference)

7. Consider/action on a Pay Request No. 12 from Austin Filter Systems on Zedler Mill Bank Reclamation in the amount of \$295,918.73.

Mark Mayo stated that Sonny and Liz have gone over this pay request no.12, also our engineers has reviewed it. Liz stated that Ace has proved it, and she has sent in pay request #11 and #12 to NRCS for their review so once they approve she will send in both #11 and #12 to get reimbursed.

Council Member Jackie Campbell made a motion seconded by Council Member CJ Watts approving Pay Request No. 12 from Austin Filter Systems on Zedler Mill Bank Reclamation in the amount of \$295,918.73. The motion carried with all members present voting unanimously in favor of the motion.

8. Police Department Monthly Activity Report.

There were no questions on the Police Department Monthly Activity Report.

9. Adjourn.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned. Mayor advised everyone to keep social distancing and stay safe.

Approved:_____

Mike Hendricks, Mayor
City of Luling

Martha C. Velasquez
City Secretary