

§STATE OF TEXAS  
§CALDELL COUNTY  
§CITY OF LULING

THE CITY OF LULING CITY COUNCIL MET IN A SPECIAL EMERGENCY SESSION ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2020 AT 4:00 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. Finance Director

**1. Call Meeting to Order.**

Mayor Mike Hendricks called the meeting to order.

**2. Consider/action a resolution approving an application for funding through the Texas Department of Agriculture, Texas Capital Fund.**

City Manager Mark Mayo stated that a third party auditor had to be hired to review the financials. All the paperwork is finally coming into place. The owner of the proposed project is not on the Zoom meeting, he was asked to join in. Rudy Ruiz stated that he had spoken to Mr. Panjwani's assistant and that all paper work is in the bank letter for approval but that some questions had popped up during the audit with his business plan. Mark stated that they would probably have to host a conference call tomorrow between the City, the owner and third party auditor. Mark stated that the bank is still behind this project 100%, but questions popped up on business plan but Mark believes that its just confusion that needs to be cleared up. Mark stated that we would not move forward unless we have approval from the auditor. Mark recommends that if we approve the resolution to do so with stipulations that we get third party audit approval and if we don't we wait till next fall.

Rudy Ruiz stated that he feels this is the only round this year and he feels that we have a good chance to get awarded this grant. He said that the applicant is ready to apply this year, because things came in real quickly the last few weeks.

Council Member James Nickells made a motion seconded by Council Member Jackie Campbell to approve the resolution approving an application for funding through the Texas Department of Agriculture, Texas Capital Fund with the stipulation of approval by the underwriter and bank. The motion carried with all members present voting unanimously in favor of the motion.

**3. Consider/action a contract for infrastructure between Whitsett Real Estate, LLC and The City of Luling.**

Mark stated that we would not enter contract until we get everything that we need. City Attorney, Peter Gruning and John Panjwani’s attorney both agreed on the project. There will be \$800,000 on the road because there will be a turn lane and an exit ramp coming from San Antonio.

Council Member CJ Watts made a motion seconded by Council Member Melanie Doyle approving a contract for infrastructure between Whitsett Real Estate, LLC and City of Luling. The motion carried with all members present voting unanimously in favor of the motion.

**4. Consider/action Luling Economic Development Corporation proposed operating and budget for fiscal year 2020-2021.**

Trey Bailey presented the proposed operating and budget for LEDC for fiscal year 2020-2021. Trey stated that there is a salary increase it’s the same amount that was given to employees for the City of Luling. They are looking at doing a COVID 19 disaster relieve fund. We may do a second round of COVID 19 disaster relieve fund.

Mayor Hendricks and the Council said that they appreciate what EDC is doing for the community.

Council Member Jackie Campbell made a motion seconded by Council Member Melanie Doyle approving the Luling Economic Development Corporation’s proposed operating and budget for fiscal year 2020-2021. The motion carried with all members present voting unanimously in favor of the motion.

**5. Consider/action a resolution of the City of Luling approving a project of the Luling Economic Development Corporation, To Wit a Grant and facility growth, to Veritacor Manufacturing, LLC (“Veritacor”)**

Trey Bailey reported that LEDC wants to enter a project with Veritacor on an expansion to their company. It is over \$10,000 and it has to come before the Council for 2 reading. This would be the first reading and the second reading would be in May’s Council Meeting. The EDC Board and City Attorney, Peter, have approved the resolution.

Council Member Jackie Campbell made a motion seconded by Council Member Melanie Doyle to approve the resolution of the City of Luling approving a project of the Luling Economic Development Corporation, to wit a grant and facility growth, to Veritacor Manufacturing, LLC (“Veritacor”). The motion carried with all members present voting unanimously in favor of the motion.

**6. Adjourn.**

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mike Hendricks, Mayor  
City of Luling

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Martha C. Velasquez  
City Secretary