

§STATE OF TEXAS  
§CALDWELL COUNTY  
§CITY OF LULING

THE CITY OF LULING CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED AT 509 E. CROCKETT STREET, LULING, TEXAS.

The following members :present:

Mike Hendricks	Mayor
Jackie Campbell	Council Member
Melanie Doyle	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
Elizabeth Mundine	Asst. Finance Director

**1. Call Meeting to Order.**

Mayor Hendricks called the meeting to order.

**2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.**

Rev. Allen Davis read a scripture in Jeremiah 33 afterwards he gave the invocation. The Council said the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag and Texas flag.

**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 April 9, 2020 regular City Council meeting and April 29, 2020 Special Emergency.**
- b. Consider/Approval of Accounts Payable.**
- c. Consider/action approving budget amendments for budget year 2019-2020.**

Council Member Wayne Tresner had a question on the accounts payable, and Council Member Jackie Campbell had a question on the budget amendments. City Manager Mark Mayo stated that we would remove those two items from the consent agenda and treat as a separate item.

Council Member CJ Watts made a motion seconded by Council Member Wayne Tresner approving the minutes of the April 9<sup>th</sup> regular City Council meeting and April 29<sup>th</sup> Special Emergency meeting, The motion carried with all members present voting unanimously in favor of the motion.

Council Member Wayne Tresner had a question on the accounts payable which was on the \$7,458.00 for chair rental at the Zedler Mill. Sonny Rougeou stated that this fee was for a whole year rental. Mark Mayo said that this is a pass through fee. There is an additional fee when they request additional chairs. Sonny and Mark

reminded the Council that this was during the River Project and customer were requesting chairs to be put outside since they weren't able to use the amphitheater and stage area.

Council Member Jackie Campbell made a motion seconded by Council Member Melanie Doyle approving the Accounts Payable. The motion carried with all members present voting unanimously in favor of the motion.

Finance Director, Sonny Rougeou stated that Budget Amendment number 3 included a transfer from Utility Fund to the General Fund. He stated that when we changed banks he went ahead and paid a loan for EMS. Sonny stated that a lot of money went into the repair of the Zedler House although we did get some money to do repairs. Council Member Jackie Campbell had a question on the Pay Request not on the budget amendments. She questioned why there was a rate reduction in pay request #13.

Council Member James Nickells made a motion seconded by Council Member Wayne Tresner approving the budget amendments. The motion carried with all members present voting unanimously in favor of the motion.

**4. Citizen Comment Period with City Council.**

There were no citizen comments,

**5. Consider/action on a Pay Request No. 13 from Austin Filter Systems on Zedler Mill Bank Reclamation in the amount of \$71,820.00.**

City Manager, Mark Mayo said that the reason for the reduction of the bill submitted by Austin Filter System to NRCS and to us is because they have not laid all the turf and have not finished the ladders and the clean up. NRCS said that we had to back that up. Mark stated that is the reason of the reduction.

Council Member Wayne Tresner made a motion seconded by Council Member Jackie Campbell approving a Pay Request No. 13 from Austin Filter Systems on Zedler Mill Bank Reclamation in the amount of \$18,620.00. The motion carried with all members present voting unanimously in favor of the motion.

**6. 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”)**

Mayor Hendricks stated that this is the second reading on this resolution. Council Member Jackie Campbell made a motion seconded by Council Member Wayne Tresner approving 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”). The motion carried with all members present voting unanimously in favor of the motion.

**7. Consider/action awarding professional audit service.**

Sonny Rougeou state that we had gone out for request for proposal on our professional audit service, for the next 3 years with an option to renew 2 more years and we received 3 proposals. Sonny stated that the proposal that he would recommend is Brooks, Watson and Co. Sonny stated that this year we are going to need a single audit and if we add the single audit to their annual proposal it comes up to \$26,435, that is on an estimate of 277 hours of field and preparation work which comes up to \$95.43.

Sonny stated that we have been using Beyers for about 20years and he feels we need to change auditors. (a good practice by the government finance officers association. Beyers quoted \$21,000 for 230 hours and that comes out to \$91.30. The last firm that quoted was Beasley, Mitchell and Company is out of Las Cruces, New Mexico. They do have a Texas license and they have \$4,500 in their bid for travel. \$23,610 for 130 hours which if you

exclude the travel component that comes out to \$147 an hour. Sonny stated that he knew we were going to have a single audit this year which means they will audit the big grant (NRCS grant). Sonny said that he feels that Brooks, Watson and Co. is more professional firm. He said that Pam Larison highly recommended them. Pam Larison which is now in Lockhart used them when she was in Gonzales, Texas. Sonny stated that he called the cities which were references listed -Giddings, Elgin and City of Bellville and they had good recommendations.

Council Member CJ Watts made a motion seconded by Council Member Jackie Campbell to accept Brooks, Watson and Co., LLC as our professional audit service. The motion carried with all members present voting unanimously in favor of the motion.

**8. Consider/action a resolution for the City of Luling on approval of hazard mitigation plan.**

Liz Mundine stated that this is the County Level Plan that encompasses all the entities in the county. It allows us to put in projects in place in the event of disaster to qualify us for FEMA funding for these projects.

Council Member Wayne Tresner made a motion seconded by Council Member CJ Watts to approve a resolution for the City of Luling on approval of hazard mitigation plan. The motion carried with all members present voting unanimously in favor of the motion.

**9. Police Department Monthly Activity Report.**

Chief Sala stated that Officer Espinoza had resigned so he now has 2 openings. Council Member Melanie Doyle asked what the number of social gatherings was at this time. The Chief stated that we are following the Governors rules which are 10 people for social gatherings.

**10. 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