

§STATE OF TEXAS
§CALDWELL COUNTY
§CITY OF LULING

THE CITY OF LULING CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED AT 509 E. CROCKETT STREET, LULING, TEXAS.

The following members: present:

C J Watts	Mayor
Jackie Campbell	Council Member
Lee Rust	Council Member
Marc Taylor	Council Member
John Wells	Council Member

Council Member Ray McGlothllin was absent.

Staff Members present:

Mark Mayo	City Manager
Martha Velasquez	City Secretary
James Rougeou	Finance Director
William Sala	Police Chief
James Pehl	Asst. Police Chief
Ryan DeCamp	Code Enforcement Officer
Mona Harmon	Librarian
Buddy Pearson	Public Works Director
Jessica Tucker	Asst. City Secretary (absent)

1. Call Meeting to Order.

Mayor CJ Watts called the meeting to order and welcomed all the visitors.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

(Texas Pledge: Honor the Texas flag, I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible)

Council Member Jackie Campbell led us in our invocation followed by the pledge of allegiance to American 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 May 11, 2023 regular City Council 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.

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 CJ Watts took this opportunity to introduced Warden Henry Atencio of the Gregory S. Coleman Unit of Lockhart, Texas.

Warden Atencio stated that he was here to support Mayor Watts' efforts since she has been a great supporter of their facility and he wanted to come support her. He stated that 15 of his employees are Luling residents.

Mayor Watts stated that there used to be a work program but ever since Covid we have not been able to reenact it. Warden Atencio stated that he would like to start that program back up but due to staffing issues he hasn't been able to. He stated that when he started at this location there were 55 vacancies and now he has 28 vacancies.

City Manager, Mark Mayo, stated that he would like for Warden Atencio to come and see all the facilities and jobs that were done by some of the inmates.

5. Consider/action awarding seal coating bid to Twisted CX.

City Manager, Mark Mayo stated that we only received one quote. Talking with the engineers we did receive a great quote. Mark stated that we are not going to do streets that need base coats; this is basic seal coating to save the streets. This will be seal coating not reconstruction of the street. Mark stated that we did not do any seal coating this year so we will be combining this year and last year money so we could get a better price.

Council Member Lee Rust made a motion seconded by Council Member Jackie Campbell to award the seal coating bid to Twisted CX. The motion carried with all members present voting unanimously in favor of the motion.

6. Consider/action Library List for purchases out of the Meatra Harrison Fund.

Librarian Mona Harmon stated that Meatra Harrison had left Jamie Nickells Library in her estate and to honor her they have put a lot of thought in honoring her. They want to make the library more family friendly. Mona stated that they have met with the Library Board and the Friends of the Library to get suggestions as to what to do with funds that Meatra left the library. They came to an agreement to upgrade the library, making it more family friendly. They feel that it would be more inviting to the library. They want to buy some furniture (love seats and chairs) with charging stations. They would like to purchase some projector screens. They would like to build a storage area. They would like to purchase an outdoor sign for the library. They would also like to put a bench out front in memory of Meatra.

Council Member Jackie Campbell made a motion seconded by Council Member John Wells approving the Library List for purchases out of the Meatra Harrison Fund. The motion carried with all members present voting unanimously in favor of the motion.

7. Presentation from Mark Mayo and Ryan DeCamp on the consolidation of GIS mapping and Code Enforcement Departments.

Mark Mayo stated that John Westbrook, GIS Mapping Coordinator, had retired last month, so Mark spoke to Ryan about a month or so ago about everything that is going on on the code enforcement side. Mark stated that this is continuing to grow, and he wants to look at a firm to do all the inspections, he stated that they end up sending out a lot of things for engineer review. Mark stated that he is bringing the GIS mapping into this department and that Ryan DeCamp will be over the whole thing. He will take John's position as GIS mapping

but in that there are several things that need to be addressed and the biggest thing is our water and sewer blueprints. Mark stated that our drawings are so out of date. We have to do our due diligence to do our best. Mark stated that they want to bring in an engineering company out of Austin that do all kind of inspections, residential and commercial.

Ryan Decamp, Code Enforcement Officer stated that everything is going to be staying the same, they would call our office and we schedule the inspection and ATS will do inspection and send us a report letting us if inspection passed or failed. There will not be any fee to the City, the inspection fees will be a pass through.

Mark stated that we will be going from a staff of 2 people to a staff of 10 people or more with this company coming in to help us with the inspections. Ryan will be over the code enforcement and GIS Mapping. Linda Royall will be the Code Enforcement Officer and will be doing the BOA and P&Z meetings, food inspections, oil well inspections and off premise inspections.

Council Member Lee Rust asked if there was a job description of the new position that Ryan will be doing and asked for the new title of that position to which Ryan told him was Director of GIS mapping and Code Enforcement. Mark Mayo stated that Code Enforcement and GIS Mapping were 2 separate departments and that they had combined the two departments and the money has been distributed to all 3 employees, Ryan, Linda and Phyllis.

Finance Director, Sonny Rougeou wanted the Council to know that not all salary from GIS Mapping was being used that there was still funding in that old department, only a portion of the fund was taken out of that department to assist in engineering fees.

Phyllis Hillhouse will be taking over the sale of cemetery lots and the paper work.

8. Consider/action approving work order change for G-5 Utilities, LLC on the Alamo Street water and sewer extensions in the amount of \$57,055.00.

City Manager, Mark Mayo, stated that this work order is because of the as built drawings were completed wrong. Mark stated that the engineers have reviewed this work order change and they said that it is right in line with the bid and the engineers have approved this work order change.

Council Member Jackie Campbell made a motion seconded by Council Member Lee Rust approving the work order change for G-5 Utilities, LLC on the Alamo Street water and sewer extensions in the amount of \$57,055.00. The motion carried with all members present voting unanimously in favor of the motion.

9. Consider/action a resolution of the City of Luling terminating and waiving the fee simple determinable condition on the conveyance of the 129.89 acres of land to the Luling Economic Development Corporation; and authorizing the Mayor to execute the necessary documents.

City Manager Mark Mayo stated that both the City Attorney and Xbow's attorney agree and recommend that we pass this resolution and there is a mutual document that will need to be signed by the City and EDC. This is to transfer the property to EDC and to Xbow.

Council Member Jackie Campbell made a motion seconded by Council Member Marc Taylor approving a resolution of the City of Luling terminating and waiving the fee simple determinable condition on the conveyance of the 129.89 acres of land to the Luling Economic Development Corporation; and authorizing the Mayor to execute the necessary documents. The motion carried with all members present voting unanimously in favor of the motion.

10. Police Department Monthly Activity Report.

Chief Sala stated that he is getting very close to one more hire, there is some paper work that he needs to collect but the background is done. They are as prepared for Thump as can be. Chief Pehl has put in action plan for parade and scheduling for all the Officers that they will need to put in for Thump, although they are not doing the security for the Thump they will be working with the overflow.

11. Adjourn.

Council Member John Wells made a motion seconded by Council Member Marc Taylor to adjourn the meeting.

Approved:_____

**C J Watts, Mayor
City of Luling**

**Martha C. Velasquez
City Secretary**