

§STATE OF TEXAS
§CALDELL COUNTY
§CITY OF LULING

THE CITY OF LULING CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THURSDAY, JULY 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:

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

Staff Members on videoconference:

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| 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. 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 June 11, 2020 regular City Council meeting

b. Consider/Approval of Accounts Payable.

Council Member Jackie Campbell made a motion seconded by Council Member Wayne Tresner to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting unanimously in favor of the motion, (Council Member voted by Wards)

3. 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.

Doug Smith, representative with Texas Disposal System and he is seeing how the City of Luling is doing. He stated that if the City is still looking at going out for bids on their Solid Waste Disposal that Texas Disposal System is very interested in putting in a bid.

4. Covid -19 Status Update on the City of Luling and Caldwell County.

Chief Sala stated that the last report the County stands at 580 confirmed cases and the County's EOC reports 590 so we have a various of 10. Chief Sala stated that they maintain a list of confirmed covid cases so that they can report to First Responders to let them know that the residence they have been dispatched to is a confirmed

or we call “hot” address. He stated that this is not put out to the general public it is just for first responders and for on a need to know basis. Chief Sala stated that since City of Luling and County do EMS runs he has entered county “hot” address in the system. (a secure system on an Excel spreadsheet) Chief Sala stated that it is getting harder to keep up with the spread sheet in entering address on the system, but he is trying to keep up.

Council Member CJ Watts asked Chief Sala about the hospitalization, that there are more than are being reported to the Chief of Police. Chief Sala stated that those are the numbers that are being reported from EOC.

5. **Consider/ action on a Resolution of the Luling City Council encouraging all citizens to wear masks and supporting businesses that require employees and customers to wear masks to reduce the immediate threat posed by Covid-19 in our city.**

City Attorney, Peter Grunning, stated that this originally started as a resolution in support of just using face coverings, but right after this resolution was drafted the Governor of Texas passed another executive order. Peter Gruning stated that the resolution we have now has been modified from the original in that what it does is it incorporates the Governors Executive order 28 and 29 and a proclamation that amends 28. Peter stated that those numbers are important because those two executive orders address face coverings the 50% occupancy rule, and social distancing. Peter stated that at this point these are all laws of the land.

Council Member CJ Watts asked what about the certificate of occupancy, and that some of the businesses don't know what their occupancy load is at this time.

Sonny Rougeou stated that we don't have a Fire Marshall and that one of our Fire Fighters is doing the Fire Marshall job but he contracts out to the different businesses. Sonny stated that the City of Luling does not have a Fire Marshall.

Joey, the newspaper reporter stated that she has concerns about people and business not wearing masks..

Chief Sala stated that he understand that the Council is giving them the authority to enforce the mask issue but one of the problems that they are running into the governor put out the order and the governor’s wording also stated that we could not detain, arrest or incarcerate for violation of this order, causing a state wide problem. Chief Sala stated that they could ask people to comply but they cannot obtain or issue a citation for violating the order. Council Member James Nickells asked why they couldn’t issue a citation, to which the Chief stated that writing a ticket is by definition a detention.

City Attorney, Peter Gruning stated that he thinks the Governor will end up amending some of the wording in this proclamation, where it stands that a citation will be issued but no detaining, arresting or incarcerating someone for not complying.

Following discussion, Council Member CJ Watts made a motion seconded by Council Member Jackie Campbell approving a Resolution of the Luling City Council encouraging all citizens to wear masks and supporting businesses that require employees and customers to wear masks to reduce the immediate threat posed by Covid-19 in our city. The motion carried with all members present voting unanimously in favor of the motion. (Council Member voted by Wards)

6. **Consider/action on an Interlocal Agreement for Emergency Medical Services between Luling**
7. **EMS, a department of the City of Luling, Texas and Gonzales County Emergency Services District No. 1.**

Mayor Hendricks stated that this is addressing the Patriot Ranch, and that Luling EMS could respond quicker to Patriot Ranch than Gonzales EMS, and the Interlocal Agreement is so that we can cover this area for Gonzales

County Emergency Services and give the folks out there a quicker response time. The City of Luling would get the proceeds for the call and it is for a year at a time.

Council Member Jackie Campbell made a motion seconded by Council Member CJ Watts approving an Interlocal Agreement for Emergency Medical Services between Luling EMS, a department of the City of Luling, Texas and Gonzales County Emergency Services, District No.1. The motion carried with all members voting unanimously in favor of the motion. (Council Member voted by Wards)

8. **Police Department Monthly Activity Report.**

Chief Sala stated that he currently have 3 sworn positions open and we aren't getting any applications.

9. **Adjourn.**

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned.

Approved:_____

Mike Hendricks, Mayor
City of Luling

Martha C. Velasquez
City Secretary