

§STATE OF TEXAS
§CALDWELL COUNTY
§CITY OF LULING

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LULING, MET IN REGULAR SESSIONS ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M. IN CITY HALL, 509 EAST CROCKETT STREET.

The following members were present:

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 present:

Mark Mayo	City Manager
Martha Velasquez	City Secretary
James Rougeou	Finance Director
William Sala	Police Chief
Liz Mundine	Asst. Finance Director

1. Call Meeting to Order.

Mayor Hendricks called the meeting to order and welcomed all the visitors.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

Council Member Jackie Campbell led us in our invocation and we said the pledge of allegiance to the American 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 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 September 10, 2020 regular City Council meeting and Special Council Meeting/Public Hearing Minutes of the September 3, 2020 meeting.

b. Consider/Approval of Accounts Payable.

Council Member Jackie Campbell made a motion seconded by Council Member CJ Watts 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, not scheduled on the agenda, may speak to the Council. 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 at this time.

5. Presentation from Caldwell County regarding an evacuation center.

County Judge Hoppy came before Council stating that they want to put in an evacuation/civic center but right now there is not a location where it is going to be built. They want to see if the surrounding partners are interested and would like to participate on this evacuation/civic center. Judy Langford, Consultant for Caldwell County helps with the County's grants and Tracy Brandon, is the Engineer. Judy stated that Caldwell County was looking at the CDBG mitigation grant funds and that this is a grant so that communities do not apply for so much of the FEMA money. Judy stated that they are looking for a letter of support from the City of Luling. There is a 1% match and the County would pay it.

6. Consider/action a resolution authorizing the City Council of the City of Luling to approve the City's support of the Local Law Enforcement and the City's Commitment to fund the City of Luling Police Department and the City's support of "Texas Backs the Blue Pledge" encouraging all Texans to support Law Enforcement Officers.

Mayor Hendricks stated that Council Member CJ Watts had brought this to his attention about a resolution supporting our Police Department. Mayor Hendricks stated that with all that is going on in our nation that we don't agree with cities wanting to defund the police. We have a resolution supporting our local Law Enforcement and the City's commitment to fund the City of Luling Police Department..

Council Member Wayne Tresner made a motion seconded by Council Member Melanie Doyle approving the resolution supporting he Local Law Enforcement and the City's Commitment to fund the City of Luling Police Department and the City's support of "Texas Backs the Blue Pledge" encouraging all Texans to support Law Enforcement and the City's commitment to fund the City of Luling Police Department.

The motion carried with all members present voting unanimously in favor of the motion.

7. Police Department Monthly Activity Report.

Chief Sala stated that on behalf of the Police Department and himself he would like to thank the City Council for the resolution. He stated that even with his shortage of officers at time, the Council has always supported them and that is something that his staff and officers recognize and appreciate. Chief Sala stated that he would like to personally state that he appreciates the City in which he works, the community has supported them. Chief Sala stated that he has made Luling his home. He stated that he has an outstanding crew.

The Council stated that they can't believe anyone wanting to defund the Police Department.

8. Adjourn.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned.

Approved: _____

Mike Hendricks, Mayor
City of Luling

Martha C. Velasquez
City Secretary