

§STATE OF TEXAS
§CALDWELL COUNTY
§CITY OF LULING

**THE CITY OF LULING CITY COUNCIL MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 9, 2023 AT 6:00P.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
Raymond McGlothlin	Council Member
John Wells	Council Member

Staff Members present:

Mark Mayo	City Manager
Martha C. Velasquez	City Secretary
Jessica Tucker	Deputy City Secretary
James Rougeou	Finance Director
William Sala	Police Chief
Ryan DeCamp	Code Enforcement Officer

1. Call Meeting to Order.

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

Mayor C.J. Watts gave the invocation and we said the pledge of allegiance to the American and Texas flags.

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 January 12, 2023 regular City Council meeting.

b. Consider/Approval of Accounts Payable.

c. Consider/action declaring Charles Royall as Emergency Management Coordinator.

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 public comments.

5. Proclamation presented for Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month for teens and young adults.

Mayor Watts proclaimed February as Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month and presented Micaela Aranda, Executive Assistant with Hays-Caldwell Women's Center and Cindy Gonzales, Victim Assistance Coordinator with Caldwell County District Attorney's Office the Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month for teens and young proclamation.

6. In recognition of Black History Month we want to recognize certain individuals for their outstanding contributions to our community.

Council Member, Jackie Campbell presented James Garcia a certificate of recognition of his outstanding contribution to the community in recognition of Black History Month.

7. Consider, action of the Luling Chamber of Commerce Budget for 2023 Hotel/Motel tax proceeds.

Ashley Flores presented the Chamber of Commerce Budget for 2023 Hotel/Motel tax proceeds.

Council Member John Wells made a motion seconded by Council Member Marc Taylor approving the Luling Chamber of Commerce Budget for 2023 Hotel/Motel tax proceeds. The motion carried with all members present voting unanimously in favor of the motion.

8. Chief of Police, Bill Sala, will give his report of Racial Profiling for 2022.

Chief Sala presented his Racial Profiling Report for 2022, and stated that Luling Police Department was in compliance with the state and has submitted his report.

9. Police Department Report.

Chief Sala gave his Police Report and gave an update on the vehicle lease program.

10. City Council will issue the order for the City of Luling General Election to be held on May 6, 2023.

Mayor Watts issued the order for the City of Luling General Election which will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2023.

Council Member Jackie Campbell made a motion seconded by Council Member Ray McGlothlin approving the issuance of the order of the City of Luling General Election. The motion carried with all members present voting unanimously in favor of the motion.

11. Consider/action passage of a resolution of the City Council of the City of Luling establishing procedures for the City of Luling's General Election of 2023.

Council Member Jackie Campbell made a motion seconded by Council Member John Wells approving the passage of a resolution of the City Council of the City of Luling establishing procedures for the City of Luling's General Election of 2023. The motion carried with all members present voting unanimously in favor of the motion.

- 12. Discussion and possible action regarding an ordinance of the City of Luling, Texas ordering a special election to be held in conjunction with the City of Luling regular general election on May 6, 2023, for the purpose of submitting propositions to the qualified voters of Luling, Texas for certain proposed amendments to the existing home rule charter of the City.**

City Manager, Mark Mayo explained to the Council that there were some issues in our Charter that needed to be addressed. One being the Fire Chief, Municipal Court and terms for Council. We want to make these changes in the May election.

Council Member Jackie Campbell made a motion seconded by Council Member John Wells approving the ordinance of the City of Luling, Texas ordering a special election to be held in conjunction with the City of Luling regular general election on May 6, 2023 for the purpose of submitting propositions to the qualified voters of Luling, Texas for certain proposed amendments to the existing home rule charter of the City. The motion carried with all members present voting unanimously in favor of the motion.

- 13. Consider/action a Memorandum of Understanding Between Caldwell County and the City of Luling for Economic Development Cost-Sharing Seeking Higher Education and Manufacturing Facilities R & D Investments.**

Council Member Ray McGlothlin made a motion seconded by Council Member Lee Rust approving a Memorandum of Understanding between Caldwell County and the City of Luling for Economic Development Cost-Sharing seeking higher education and manufacturing facilities R & D Investments. The motion carried with all members present voting unanimously in favor of the motion.

- 14. Consider declaring the metal building located at 2953 N. Magnolia as surplus.**

Council Member Jackie Campbell made a motion seconded by Council Member John Wells declaring the metal building located at 2953 N. Magnolia as surplus. The motion carried with all members present voting unanimously in favor of the motion.

- 15. Presentation and review on proposed fees of the City of Luling Master Rates and Fees.**

Deputy City Secretary, Jessica Tucker and Code Enforcement Officer, Ryan DeCamp presented the City Council a proposed fee list for several services. They stated that this were areas where the City of Luling needs to raise some fees to break even on some services. They explained how the city of Luling is losing money on some of the services due to the fact that it cost the City more to provide the service than what is charged to the customers.

- 16. Executive Session: The City Council will conduct an Executive Session in accordance with Section 551.074, Personnel Matters – Municipal Judge Townsend’s evaluation.**

City Council went into Executive Session for the evaluation of the Municipal Court Judge.

- 17. Reconvene into Regular Session and Consider Action, if any on Items discussed in Executive Session.**

City Council reconvened into Regular Session and No Action was taken in Executive Session.

Council Member Jackie Campbell made a motion seconded by Council Member Lee Rust renewing the Municipal Court Judge – Bonnie Townsend for another 2 year term. The motion carried with all members present voting unanimously in favor of the motion.

18. Adjourn.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Approved:_____

CJ Watts, Mayor
City of Luling, Texas

Martha C. Velasquez
City Secretary