

§STATE OF TEXAS  
§CALDWELL COUNTY  
§CITY OF LULING

**THE CITY OF LULING CITY COUNCIL MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON THURSDAY MARCH 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
James Rougeou	Finance Director
William Sala	Police Chief

**1. Call Meeting to Order.**

Mayor Watts called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed all present.

**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)*

**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 February 9, 2023 regular City Council meeting, Minutes of the February 21, 2023 Special Council Meeting and the Minutes of the February 22, 2023 Budget Workshops.**
- b. Consider/Approval of Accounts Payable.**
- c. Consider/action on a resolution reviewing and adopting the City of Luling Investment Policy.**

Council Member Jackie Campbell gave the invocation and we said the pledge of allegiance to the Texas and American flags. 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.*

Mary Gonzales has an empty lot at 905 E. Lamar and stated that the property next to her lot has been overgrown for years and nothing has been done. She wanted to know what can be done and who she needs to talk to

get things done. Mark told her to call him tomorrow and stated that the City of Luling does not own the property. MS Gonzales stated that she didn't know what to do because she felt she was getting the run around and no answers and she was told to come to the Council and that is why she is here to see what can be done to clean up the property. Mark told her to call him tomorrow. Mayor Watts told her that she needed to talk to Mark and that the Council was now aware but that she needed to talk to City Manager and Code Enforcement Officer.

**5. Presentation from the Luling Watermelon Thump Association regarding downtown closures and festival layout.**

Shelly Moore with the Luling Watermelon Thump Association came before the City Council and stated that they were proposing the same layout as last year and the same street closures as last year. The street will be open on Thursday and they are proposing a street closure at noon on Friday and the temporary gates would be going up at that time. She stated that they had a meeting and spoke with Chief Sala, EMS Director, Richard Slaughter and Interim Fire Chief Charlie Royall and they all agree on the plan and Chief agrees with Parade Route. Shelley stated that she has spoken with the businesses downtown and they are all fine with being included in the downtown street closure. Shelley stated that one of the new closures that they are requesting is that the alley behind the Thump pavilion be closed for safety and security purposes.

A couple of the business owners were present and expressed their concerns and problems that occurred last year and asked how they would be handled this year. Shelly stated that she had spoken to the owners of the pharmacy and that he was fine with the closure.

Mark asked that a list of director's name and phone numbers be given to him and first responders.

**6. Consider/action a contract for Election Services between the City of Luling and Caldwell County.**

City Manager stated that we got together with the County and agreed on a fee that was lower than what they originally had proposed but next year it will be higher.

Following discussion, Council Member Jackie Campbell made a motion seconded by Council Member Lee Rust approving the contract for Election Services between the City of Luling and Caldwell County. The motion carried with all members present voting unanimously in favor of the motion.

**7. Consider/action awarding bid for the Alamo Street Water and Sewer Project.**

This agenda item was postponed to the March 23<sup>rd</sup> special meeting because Intrepid Engineering was still reviewing and verifying the numbers.

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

Chief Sala stated that he did not have anything to add to his report.

**9. Adjourn.**

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned.

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CJ Watts, Mayor  
City of Luling

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Martha C. Velasquez  
City Secretary