

§STATE OF TEXAS
§SCALDWELL COUNTY
§CITY OF LULING

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LULING, MET IN REGULAR SESSIONS ON THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M. IN CITY HALL, 509 EAST CROCKETT STREET.

The following members were present:

Mike Hendricks	Mayor
Jackie Campbell	Council Member
Melanie Doyle	Council Member
Wayne Tresner	Council Member
Raymond McGlothlin	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
Ryan DeCamp	Code Enforcement Officer

1. Call Meeting to Order.

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

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Jackie Campbell led us in a word of prayer. We said the pledge of allegiance to the 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 February 11, 2021 regular City Council meeting, February 9, 2021 Special Council Meeting, Budget Workshops on February 9th and 24th.

b. Consider/Approval of Accounts Payable.

c. Consider/action on a resolution reviewing and adopting the City of Luling Investment Policy.

d. Consider/action approving Ada Kyle, James Montgomery, Jeff Ferry, Jeff Sanderson and Tommie Cooper (LHA Tenant) to the Luling Housing Authority Board of Commissioners for a 2 year term.

e. Consider/action accepting from the City Secretary, a certificate of unopposed candidate for Council Member Ward 3 for the 2021 General Election.

f. Consider/action approval of an Ordinance declaring unopposed candidate in the May 1, 2021 General Election, elected to office; cancelling the election for contests with unopposed

candidates; making various findings and provisions related to the subject and providing for an effective date.

Marc Taylor was present and Mayor Hendricks introduced him and stated that he would be taking Wayne Tresner place as Council Member Ward 3 after the May election.

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 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.

5. Consider/action a resolution of the City Council of the City of Luling, Texas approving the General Fund Balance Policy.

Finance Director, Sonny Rougeou stated that the changes we had discussed are in red in the policy. He stated that back in 2011 when we adopted the General Fund Balance Policy we did not have EMS or their monthly revenues coming in.

Council Member CJ Watts made a motion seconded by Council Member Raymond McGlothlin approving the resolution of the City Council of the City of Luling, Texas approving the General Fund Balance Policy. The motion carried with all members present voting unanimously in favor of the motion.

6. Consider/action an ordinance adopting a budget for the ensuing fiscal year beginning April 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2022 in accordance with the Charter of the City of Luling, Texas and repealing all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith.

Sonny stated that he didn't print out the whole budget; if it is adopted he will print it and get it bound. He stated that the first page he passed out to the Council is a summary that shows all of the funds. Total revenues for this year total funds are estimated to be \$13,783,000 and total expenditures for all funds are estimated to be \$14,209,000. We expect to start the fiscal year with \$2 million in cash and will end the fiscal year with \$1.6 million in cash. The last page is showing the salary and benefit package for FY 2021-2022 is about \$5.9 million dollars out of the \$14 million and of the \$14 million about \$3.5 million is the purchase of electric power from LCRA and then another half a million is the purchase of water.

Council Member Wayne Tresner made a motion seconded by Council Member Melanie Doyle adopting a budget for the ensuing fiscal year beginning April a, 2021 and ending March 31, 2022 in accordance with the Charter of the City of Luling, Texas and repealing all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith. The motion carried with all members present voting unanimously in favor of the motion.

7. Consider/action an ordinance of the City of Luling, Texas extending the Mayor's Declaration of Local Disaster for Winter Weather Emergency due to a Severe Winter Storm, providing the consent of the City Council to the Continuation of the Declaration for a period of thirty (30) days; providing authority for the Mayor to terminate the Disaster Declaration

City Manager, Mark Mayo stated that this covers us with the cost of repairs on any damages caused by the Severe Winter Storm. When we go to FEMA for help with repairs and cost of repairs, this is just extending the Mayor's Declaration of Local Disaster for winter weather emergency.

Council Member CJ Watts made a motion seconded by Council Member Raymond McGlothlin approving an ordinance of the City of Luling, Texas extending the Mayor's Declaration of Local Disaster for Winter Weather Emergency due to a Severe Winter Storm, providing the consent of the City Council to the Continuation of the Declaration for a period of thirty (30) days; providing authority for the Mayor to terminate the Disaster Declaration. The motion carried with all members present voting unanimously in favor of the motion.

8. **Consider/action adopting a resolution opposing any legislative attempt limiting or prohibiting the authority of city, county, river authority, public hospital board, community college, emergency service district, special district, economic development coalition, or school district officials to use public funds to communicate with legislators and state agencies, including any restrictions that would prohibit the use of public funds to pay membership dues to organizations that hire lobbyists.**

City Manager, Mark Mayo stated that there are several bills being pushed to stop lobbyist. Our voice is Texas Municipal League, which represent a lot of small cities. Some small cities may not be able to afford to hire a lobbyist so TML is our voice. Our voice needs to be heard instead of letting the state telling us cities how to run our cities. This resolution is our support in lobbying and having our voice heard.

Following discussion Council Member Jackie Campbell made a motion seconded by Council Member Wayne Tresner adopting a resolution opposing any legislative attempt limiting or prohibiting the authority of city, county, river authority, public hospital board, community college, emergency service district, special district, economic development coalition, or school district officials to use public funds to communicate with legislators and state agencies, including any restrictions that would prohibit the use of public funds to pay membership dues to organizations that hire lobbyists. The motion carried with all members present voting unanimously in favor of the motion.

9. **Consider/action a recommendation from Planning and Zoning Commission in regards to Centejas Investments LLC, in a (C-3) Commercial Highway District, for a total of 5 commercial lots with a retention/detention pond. The property is located at E. Pierce St., Luling, TX. 78648, on a tract of land with the legal description of Lodging Subd., Lot 2, Acres 27.781 (PID 86555) Luling, Caldwell County, Texas.**

Ryan DeCamp stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission had recommended this for approval but that Centejas Investments LLC had not submitted the drainage paperwork and Centejas was unable to attend tonight so they are asking for this to be postponed until next month.

Council Member Jackie Campbell made a motion seconded by Council Member CJ Watts to postpone this agenda item until next month. The motion carried with all members present voting unanimously in favor of the motion.

10. **Consider/action a recommendation from Planning and Zoning Commission in regards to a subdivision by Sidronio & Maria Hernandez in a (MH) Manufactured Home Dwelling District, for a total of 3 residential lots. The property is located at Aransas Ave., Luling, Tx. 78648 , on a tract of land with the legal description of A102 Floyd, Adolphin, Acres .47 (PID 25595) Luling, Caldwell County, Texas.**

Ryan DeCamp stated that the ordinances allows the Code Enforcement Officer to approve up to 4 lots but if extensive work is needed for road repair, water, electric or sewer ; he is required to bring it up before Planning and Zoning. Planning and Zoning recommended this for approval but that the street needs to be maintained up to proper standards.

Tina Sabala stated that she lives at 407 W. Trinity and has been there for 15 years, she stated that she calls this area her driveway and Ryan calls it the street. She stated that she has been taking care of it for the last 15 years putting caliche and putting railroad ties in front of the house because they have water issues coming into her property.

Tina stated that where they want to put this subdivision they would be going through her driveway because the roads have not been maintained in years.

Mark Mayo asked if this was platted and adopted as a street, to which Ryan stated yes it is.

Mark stated that we would need to bring the city engineer and come up with a plan on how to make it a street. If it's been adopted and platted as a street we need to take care of it. Mark stated that there are a lot of streets that have been platted but that doesn't mean we have adopted them.

City Manager suggest that we meet with our engineer and review it and bring it back to Council with the findings of what it's going to take and cost to put the street in place.

Council Member Jackie Campbell made a motion seconded by Council Member Wayne Tresner to postpone this agenda item until we get more information. The motion carried with all members present voting unanimously in favor of the motion.

- 11. Consider/action a recommendation from Planning and Zoning Commission in regards to a Recreational Vehicle/Travel Trailer Park Permit Application by Premal Gohel. The property is located at 105 Maple St., Luling, TX 78648, on a tract of land with the legal description of A018 Morris, Spencer, Acres 4.231 (PID 22021) Luling, Caldwell County, Texas.**

Ryan DeCamp stated that the Gohel's have been her before requesting a permit application and they have gotten their RV/Travel Trailer Permit. They have issued all their paperwork, he has the drainage drawing and has given that to the city engineer last Friday and he was hoping to get it before tonight's meeting. They do have an engineer drainage we are just waiting on the review.

Council Member Jackie Campbell made a motion seconded by Council Member CJ Watts approving the recommendation from Planning and Zoning Commission in regards to a Recreational Vehicle/Travel Trailer Park Permit Application by Premal Gohel. The property is located at 105 Maple St., Luling, Texas 78648, on a tract of land with the legal description of A018 Morris, Spencer, Acres 4.231 (PID 22021) Luling, Caldwell County, Texas. The motion carried with all members present voting unanimously in favor of the motion.

- 12. Police Department Monthly Activity Report.**

Mayor Hendricks stated that he did notice a very nice email on one of our officers.

- 13. Adjourn.**

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned.

Approved_____

Mike Hendricks, Mayor
City of Luling

Martha C. Velasquez
City Secretary