

§STATE OF TEXAS  
§CALDWELL COUNTY  
§CITY OF LULING

**THE CITY OF LULING CITY COUNCIL MET IN SPECIAL CALLED SESSION ON MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2022 AT 3:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED AT 509 E. CROCKETT STREET, LULING, TEXAS.**

The following members: present:

Mike Hendricks	Mayor
Jackie Campbell	Council Member
Lee Rust	Council Member
Marc Taylor	Council Member
Raymond McGlothlin	Council Member
C J Watts	Council Member

Staff Members present:

Mark Mayo	City Manager
Martha C. Velasquez	City Secretary
James Rougeou	Finance Director
William Sala	Police Chief
Jessica Tucker	Revenue Clerks Sup

**1. Call Meeting to Order.**

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

**2. Consider/action an ordinance adopting a budget for the ensuing fiscal year beginning April 1, 2022 and ending March 31, 2023 in accordance with the Charter of the City of Luling, Texas and repealing all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith.**

City Manager, Mark Mayo stated that after the previous meeting, Sonny Rougeou has gone in and made the changes that the Council asked of him. Mark stated that we needed to talk about the rates of the water and sewer, and those changes will be going in on next month's budget. Mark stated that basically that is what is helping to fund this budget.

Finance Director, Sonny Rougeou stated that he has passed out to the Council revised spreadsheets on the proposal salary increase. There is about 3 individuals that had been over looked on the merit side and those have been adopted into this budget. Sonny stated that it doesn't kill our minimum fund balance calculations.

Sonny Rougeou stated that there was a request, Council Member Lee Rust had sent a request but there were no figures on it, there were no attachments on it. The amount is for \$32,000. Council Member Lee Rust stated that he and Mark had met with a company that specializes in old buildings and restorations. Council Member Lee stated that he would like to see us updating the Civic Center. The concern was the flooring at the Civic Center. Mark stated that he feels the bigger issue is the roof. Mark stated that his opinion is that if we are going to spend some money that it is to replace the roof at the civic center.

Council Member Jackie Campbell questioned whether a new employee would be paid the same as what the current employee makes? Sonny stated that if a new employee starts they would probably start at a lower rate and then after the 6 months they would get started paying the same pay as the other employee.

Council Member Jackie Campbell made a motion seconded by Council Member Ray McGlothlin approving an ordinance adopting a budget for the ensuing fiscal year beginning April 1, 2022 and ending March 31, 2023 in accordance with the Charter of the City of Luling, Texas and repealing all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict

herewith to cover the salary increase and that the sewer and water fees be increased to cover the budget. The motion carried with all members present voting unanimously in favor of the motion.

**3. Consider/action approving budget amendments for budget year 2021-2022.**

Finance Director, Sonny Rougeou stated that he has the budget amendments broken down in 2 parts. Budget amendment #2 is a final review of all the revenues and expenditures of our general fund. He has it broken down by department. Sonny stated that in the General Fund the final amendment would provide a total surplus of \$731,376 in the Utility Fund the overall final budget amendment would show a deficit of \$431,250 . Combined that is still a total of \$300,000 surplus in the budget for the year ended March 31, 2022.

Sonny stated that in the Utility Fund with the General Fund being such a larger surplus and the Utility Fund being in a deficit. He may withhold that transfer that we do monthly between the Utility Fund to the General Fund of \$170,000 a month and he will withhold that for the month of March. It will lower the surplus in the General Fund but also lower the deficit in the Utility Fund.

Council Member Jackie Campbell made a motion seconded by Council Member CJ Watts to approve the budget amendments for the budget year 2021-2022.

**4. Adjourn.**

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mike Hendricks, Mayor  
City of Luling, Texas

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Martha C. Velasquez  
City Secretary