

§STATE OF TEXAS  
§CALDWELL COUNTY  
§CITY OF LULING

THE CITY OF LULING CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2021 AT 6:00 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 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.**

Dennis Toungate gave the invocation. We recited 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 May 13, 2021 regular City Council meeting.**

**b. Consider/Approval of Accounts Payable.**

Council Member CJ Watts made a motion seconded by Council Member Ray McGlothlin 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.*

Watermelon Thump Queen Candidate Zoe Gonzales came and introduced herself to the City Council.

**5. The City of Luling City Council wants to recognize employees for responding above one's job description in a critical and lifesaving situation.**

Mayor Hendricks stated that we would like recognize some City employees where in an instance that happened they were there to help. The first groups of employees were Tim Moore, Moses Gonzales and Tony Rice from the Street Department and Andrew Glick and Gilbert Castillo from the Electric Department helped rendered aid and controlled traffic until EMS and police department arrived at the scene of an accident that occurred close to where they were working.

Mayor Hendricks stated that they wanted to recognize them because they went above and beyond what their job is to assist in this incident.

The second groups of employees that the Council recognized were Sergeant Torres and Officer Pownall responded to a call of an abandon child left at Blanche Park. Officer Pownall and Sergeant Torres stayed with the child, kept him calm until his mother was located and the child was released to her with the incident being reported to Child Protective Services. Mayor Hendricks and the Council recognized the compassion that the officers showed while taking care of the abandoned child along with the other children, which were at the park, to keep them calm.

**6. Presentation/consideration from Holly of “Paddle with Style” concerning rentals of canoes and kayaks along the San Marcos River.**

City Manager, Mark Mayo stated that he would like to say before we get into this agenda item that The City of Luling has the first actual recognized Paddling Trail in the state of Texas, which starts at Seguin Bridge and goes all the way to the Zedler Mill. Mark Mayo stated that Holly has been talking to him about taking over the rental operation of canoes and kayaks from the City of Luling. At this time we have a crew from the Parks Department that shuttles canoers to Seguin Bridge drops them off and them picks them up at the Zedler. Mark stated that this is not just during the week, but also on the weekends, this is not a business that the City of Luling is in but Holly of “Paddle with Style” is in this business.

Holly Orr stated that Texas Canoes and Kayaks and Paddle with Style are both her companies. She told the Council that she is excited and looking forward to continue the partnership with the City of Luling in the rental of canoes and kayaks. She stated that PWS will do rentals, cover transport and provide lessons and educate on canoeing and keeping rivers clean. She stated that she would be donating a portion of the revenue to Parks Department.

MS Orr asked that her company have exclusive rights to work out of Luling Riverside Park with a one year trial agreement with the option to renew to a five year agreement.

Following discussion, Council Member CJ Watts made a motion seconded by Council Member Marc Taylor allowing the City Manager to negotiate a one year agreement with TCK?PWS. The motion carried with all members present voting unanimously in favor of the motion.

**7. Consider/action a recommendation from Planning and Zoning Commission regarding a Subdivision by TDEM Properties LLC. In a (C-2) General Commercial District and a (RMD) Single-Family, Two- Family and Multi-Family Dwelling District (medium density), for a total of 5 residential lots and a commercial lot. The property is located at 1015 E. Davis St., Luling, Tx. 78648, on a tract of land with the legal description of A018 Morris, Spencer, Acres 2.0 (PID 25427) Luling, Caldwell County, Texas.**

Code Enforcement Officer, Ryan DeCamp, stated that Planning and Zoning Commission had approved the application regarding the Subdivision by TDEM Properties LLC. Ryan stated that this property is about 2 acres and will continue five residential lots and a commercial lot.

Council Member Lee Rust made a motion seconded by Council Member Ray McGlothlin approving the recommendation from Planning and Zoning Commission regarding a Subdivision by TDEM Properties LLC .

The motion carried with all members present voting unanimously in favor of the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0-1 vote. Council Member Watts abstained since her husband and her sold the property to the present owners.

### **8. Discussion and review on electric bill and fuel adjustments.**

City Manager Mark Mayo stated that Council Member Lee Rust requested that this agenda item be placed on the agenda. Mark stated that is something that has people confused about since we separated the electric usage and fuel charge back around 2014. A lot of people call and say that the fuel adjustment is higher than the electric, but what people don't understand and what we always tell them is that they add those two charges together and divide the total by the consumption and that is what the charge per kilowatts is for that month. The fuel adjustment charge is a straight pass through from LCRA to the customer. The reason it is listed separately is because every month the charge changes. The City Manager stated that if anyone had any questions to feel free to contact City Hall and we can explain to them.

### **9. Presentation/Update from Luling Fire Department.**

Fire Chief, Tom Harmon told the Council that they currently use the Northside Park for training. They would like permission and approval to use the property behind the Watermelon Water Tower for their training. It would be better to have permanent building for training and the perfect spot would be behind the water tower behind the Police Department. Tom stated that they were given 2 shipping containers and they would like to have electricity hooked up to that area. They would like to ask in-kind services from the City to be a 50 x 50 pad to set the containers and a couple of night lights.

Chief Harmon stated that he would like, although he is aware that it isn't possible at this time, a new station.

### **10. Consider/action declaring radio tower next to City Hall as surplus.**

City Manager, Mark Mayo, stated that someone is interested in the radio tower next to City Hall. They are willing to take it down at no cost; they want some of the material of the tower. The remainder of the tower will be used to set a tower for EMS.

Council Member Ray McGlothlin made a motion seconded by Council Member Marc Taylor approving the radio tower next to City Hall as surplus. The motion carried with all members present voting unanimously in favor of the motion.

### **11. Police Department Monthly Activity Report.**

Chief Sala stated that he had hired two officers and that they will start their field training. He has 3 additional opening but he will not be hiring any one at the present, because they can only handle two new officers on field training at a time.

### **12. Adjourn.**

There was no additional business and the meeting was adjourned.

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

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Mike Hendricks, Mayor  
City of Luling

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Martha C. Velasquez  
City Secretary