

§STATE OF TEXAS
§CALDWELL COUNTY
§CITY OF LULING

THE CITY OF LULING CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2022 AT 6:00 P.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
Ryan DeCamp	Code Enforcement
Richard Slaughter	EMS Director

1. Call Meeting to Order.

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

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Pastor Brad Mills from Central Baptist Church led us in the invocation. 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 June 9, 2022 regular City Council meeting.

b. Consider/Approval of Accounts Payable.

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 citizen comments at this time.

5. Presentation and consideration of GBRA work plan and budget for fiscal year ending 08-31-2023.

Joe Downey, Albert Soto, Edwardo Montana were all present for the GBRA work plan. Mr. Albert Soto presented the 2023 GBRA budget. He stated that he would like to highlight some of the accomplishments at the Luling water plant for this fiscal year, we have operated without any loss time accidents, 2 operators received their Class A water treatment license which brings it to a total of 4 Class A license operators in Luling. They have completed installations on 4 new individual filters; their emergency generator is now 100 % complete.

Some proposed major projects are replacing a raw water intake valve, replacing filter, sludge disposal and purchasing a new truck with an auto crank. There is 9% increase because of chemical cost.

Sonny Rougeou stated that our cost was going to be \$549,638.00 for our fiscal year and we had budgeted \$525,000.00 deficit of \$24,638.00 that we will address and take care.

Edwardo Montana invited and encouraged the Council to stop by and visit the water plant.

Sonny Rougeou stated that GBRA refunded us \$80,000 Sonny stated that shows responsibility to us, they don't just spend it because they have the money.

Council Member Jackie Campbell made a motion seconded by Council Member Lee Rust approving the GBRA work plan and budget for fiscal year ending 08-31-2023. The motion carried with all members present voting unanimously in favor of the motion.

6. Consider/action on Emergency Air Medical Membership Proposal with PHI Cares.

City Manager, Mark Mayo, stated that we were approached about 8 months ago with this program. It is a good program for our citizens.

Kenny Kerr, with the membership side, and James "Scooter" based out of Bastrop. PHI operates 63 community air medical bases across the nation. 18 are included here in Texas. The program provides membership benefits for all residents of Caldwell County for flights originating from Caldwell County and any adjacent county (not National Coverage). The PHI cares program protects Caldwell County residents from the out-of-pocket cost for a PHI Air Medical transport. It covers for your unlimited transports.

The Countywide Membership covers for all residents from Caldwell County and flights originating in Caldwell County and any adjacent counties. They are here requesting that we approve the City, which includes city of Lockhart and County.

Following discussion, Council Member Ray McGlothlin made a motion seconded by Council Member Jackie Campbell approving the Emergency Air Medical Membership with PHI Cares with the contingency that the County and the City of Lockhart all approve the membership. The motion carried with all members present voting unanimously in favor of the motion.

7. Consider/action a recommendation from Planning and Zoning a Zone Change application by J & S Cosey Homes requesting a zone change from a (R-1) Residential single family to a (RMD) Single-Family, Two-Family and Multi-Family to build multi family, a triple or quadplex to be located at 1270 Milam, on a tract of land with the legal description of a A018 Morris, Spencer, Acres .496 (PID 24051) Luling, Caldwell County, Texas.

Code Enforcement Officer, Ryan DeCamp stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission had approved the zone change.

Council Member Lee Rust made a motion seconded by Council Member John Wells approving the recommendation from Planning and Zoning a Zone Change application by J & S Cosey Homes requesting a zone change from a (R-1) Residential single family to a (RMD) Single-Family, Two-Family and Multi-Family to build multi family, a triple or quadplex to be located at 1270 Milam, on a tract of land with the legal description of a A018 Morris, Spencer, Acres .496 (PID 24051) Luling, Caldwell County, Texas. The motion carried with all members present voting unanimously in favor of the motion.

8. Consider/action approving the 2023 Caldwell County Appraisal District Budget.

Mark Mayo, City Manager, said that he had spoken to the County Judge and the LISD Superintendent about the 2023 Caldwell County Appraisal District Budget. Sonny stated that last year the CCAD had proposed a 7% to 10 % salary increase and last month they had a budget amendment. Sonny stated that when they have a budget surplus we pay their budget. Last month we did not approve budget amendment but they passed the budget amendment anyway. The 2023 proposed Caldwell County Appraisal District Budget is outrageous; they are giving a 40% to 45% raise. We are contacting entities to look at what they are requesting and deny the 2023 proposed budget, we need atleast 12 entities to vote against so they will need to go back and do another budget. Sonny stated that we cannot give our employees that kind of raises.

Following discussion Council Member John Wells made a motion seconded by Council Member Jackie Campbell disapproving the 2023 proposed Caldwell County Appraisal District Budget. The motion carried with all members present voting unanimously in favor of the motion.

9. Consider/action amending ordinances of the City Council of the City of Luling, Texas building ordinances, Chapter 22 Building and Building Regulations of the Code of Ordinances.

Ryan DeCamp stated that he gave a cheat sheet of all the changes. There were a lot of red lines to show the changes. There are 11 ordinances that affect other ordinances. Mark stated that working with our attorney from here on out we will have a resolution next month so that we can pass the ordinance through one ordinance instead of multiple like this time.

Following discussion, Council Member Lee Rust made a motion seconded by Council Member John Wells approving the amended ordinances of the City Council of the City of Luling, Texas building ordinances, Chapter 22 Building and Building Regulations of the Code of Ordinances with clarifications. The motion carried with all members present voting unanimously in favor of the motion.

10. Police Department Monthly Activity Report.

Chief Sala stated that they have been busy. They are shorthanded. Night Out is August 2, 2022 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. They have 13 sponsors. Chief Sala stated that they are working with ministerial alliance to help put the event together.

11. Adjourn.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned.

Approved: _____

CJ Watts, Mayor
City of Luling, Texas

Martha C. Velasquez
City Secretary