MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

August 20, 2026 | 6:30 PM
or immediately following the Lucas Fire Control, Prevention and EMS Board Meeting
Council Chambers
City Hall | 665 Country Club Road, Lucas, Texas

City Councilmembers Present:
Mayor Dusty Kuykendall
Mayor Pro Tem Debbie Fisher
Councilmember Chris Bierman
Councilmember Neil Peterson
Councilmember Rebecca Orr

City Councilmember Absent:
Councilmember Phil Lawrence
Councilmember Jonathan Underhill

City Staff Present:
City Manager John Whitsell
City Secretary Toshia Kimball
Development Services Director Joe Hilbourn
Finance Director Liz Exum
Fire Chief Rick Lasky
Director of Public Safety Doug Kowalski
Assistant Director of Public Safety Tom Davis
City Attorney Joe Gorfida

Mayor Kuykendall called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m., determined that a quorum was present, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Citizen Input

1. Citizen Input

No citizen input.

Community Interest

2. Community Interest

- Upcoming Events:
  - Lucas Farmers Market – Saturday, August 22, 2026, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm (Back to School Bash)
  - Make a donation for your chance to dunk Lovejoy's beloved administrators, coaches, and teachers into cold water.
  - All proceeds benefit ACO and their mission to help our community.
- Special City Council Meeting:
  - A special meeting will be held on August 24th at 6:30 p.m. to adopt the tax rate and FY26-27 budget for the City and Fire District.
- City Hall Holiday Closure:
  - City of Lucas offices will be closed Monday, September 7, 2026, in observance of Labor Day.
  - Regular business hours will resume on Tuesday, September 8, 2026.
- 9/11 Memorial Ceremony:

- Friday, September 11, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. at the Lucas Fire-Rescue station located at 165 Country Club Road invites the community to honor the lives lost in the September 11, 2011, terrorist attacks.
- This ceremony recognizes the courage and sacrifice of first responders, military personnel, and civilians.

- Public Lands Trail Cleanup
  - Saturday, September 19, 2026, 9 am – 1 pm.
  - Help keep Lucas beautiful by volunteering to clean up the Highland Park area off Snider Lane
  - Cleanup supplies and lunch will be provided for registered volunteers.
  - Families and youth groups are welcome; individual registration is required for all participants.
  - To sign up, please visit our website under special events in the community tab.
- Follow your watering schedule.
  - No watering on Wednesdays
- November 3rd Elections
  - Voting will be held at the City of Lucas Fire Station in the training room.

Consent Agenda

3. Consent Agenda:

A. Approval of the August 6, 2026 Meeting Minutes

B. Approval of Resolution R-2026-08-00585 Adopting the City of Lucas Public Funds Investment Policy

C. Amend the Development Services Professional Services account 11-6212-309 for FY 2025-2026 to $70,650. Due to increased development activity and several unanticipated projects during the fiscal year, additional professional services were required that were not included in the original budget.

These additional expenses include a $2,000 appraisal and $9,500 surveying services for the property located at 215 Country Club Road; an extensive survey of Lewis Lane associated with the de-annexation process of $31,500; and approximately $24,000 in surveying services for the Brockdale Park project to support the City's upcoming lease agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

D. Authorize the Mayor to enter into an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Lucas and Collin County for animal control services for a period of one-year beginning October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027, in an amount not to exceed $19,030.

E. Discuss and Consider the approval of an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Lucas and Collin County concerning the On-Site Sewage Facility (OSSF) effective October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2030.

F. Authorize the City Manager to enter into an Interlocal Dispatch Services Agreement between the City of Lucas and Collin County for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Councilmember Peterson pulled Agenda Item 3C.

Mayor Kuykendall pulled Agenda Item 3E.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mayor Kuykendall, seconded by Councilmember Peterson to approve Consent Agenda 3A, 3B, 3D, and 3F as presented. The motion passed unanimously by a 5 to 0 vote.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mayor Kuykendall, seconded by Councilmember Peterson to approve Consent Agenda 3C and 3E as presented. The motion passed unanimously by a 5 to 0 vote.

Public Hearing

Finance Director Liz Exum presented.

Mayor Kuykendall opened the Public Hearing at 7:09 p.m.

Mayor Kuykendall closed the Public Hearing at 7:09 p.m.

4. **Consider the City of Lucas Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027:**

    A. Presentation by Liz Exum, Finance Director
    B. Conduct Public Hearing.
    C. Schedule the date for adopting an ordinance approving Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget for Monday, August 24, 2026, at 6:35 pm or immediately following the Lucas Fire Control, Prevention, and EMS District Board Meeting. The meeting will take place at City Hall, located at 665 Country Club, Lucas, Texas 75002.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mayor Kuykendall, seconded by Councilmember Bierman to set the date to adopt an ordinance and make a revision to remove $16,000 from account number 11-8300-200 and place in general fund reserves and approve FY 2026-2027 budget for Monday August 24, 2026, at 6:35 pm or immediately following the Lucas Fire Control, Prevention and EMS District meeting to be held at 6:30 pm. The motion passed unanimously by a 5 to 0 vote.

Regular Agenda

5. **Consider the purchase of the Avior Remote Broadcast System (Three Camera Setup and Closed Captioning Software from Granicus) and authorize the City Manager to the following:**

    - **Execute the contract for the equipment and software purchase totaling $59,953.15. (FY 25-26).**
    - **Encumber funding from unrestricted General Fund Reserves in the amount of $59,953.15 to account 11-8100-420 Equipment. (FY 25-26 Budget).**

- **Amend (FY 26-27) budget account 11-6100-451 Software in the amount of $9,019 for the annual ongoing software fee using unrestricted general fund reserves.**

No action was taken on this item. Staff will seek quotes and bring back to Council at a later date.

6. **Consider approval of the purchase of a 2026 Chevy Tahoe Fire Dept. Vehicle replacement with upfit and encumbering funds to FY 2026–27 budget account #11-8300-421 using unrestricted General Fund reserves in the amount of $99,800.39.**

Development Services Director Joe Hilbourn presented.

Angela Martinez Lucas resident spoke in opposition to items 6-8.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Peterson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Fisher to deny the purchase of a 2026 Chevy Tahoe Fire Dept. Vehicle replacement with upfit and encumbering funds to FY 2026-27 budget account #11-8300-421 using unrestricted General Fund reserves in the amount of $99, 800.39. The motion passed by a 4 to 1 vote.

7. **Consider authorizing the purchase of a digital sign for the Fire Department, selecting either the 6-millimeter or 9-millimeter resolution display option, and encumbering funds to FY 2026–27 budget account #11-8300-200 using unrestricted General Fund reserves.**

Development Services Director Joe Hilbourn presented.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mayor Kuykendall, seconded by Councilmember Peterson to deny authorizing the purchase of a digital sign for the Fire Department, selecting either the 6-millimeter or 9-millimeter resolution display option, and encumbering funds to FY 2026-27 budget account #11-8300-200 using unrestricted General Fund Reserves. The motion passed unanimously by a 5 to 0 vote.

8. **Consider authorizing the purchase of a digital sign for City Hall and selecting either the 6-millimeter or 9-millimeter resolution digital display option and encumber funds to FY 2026–27 budget account number 11-8999-200 using unrestricted general fund reserves.**

Development Services Director Joe Hilbourn presented.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mayor Kuykendall, seconded by Councilmember Orr to deny authorizing the purchase of a digital sign for City Hall and selecting either the 6-millimeter or 9-millimeter resolution display option, and encumbering funds to FY 2026-27 budget account #11-8300-200 using unrestricted General Fund Reserves. The motion passed unanimously by a 5 to 0 vote.

9. **Consideration and approval of Ordinance No. 2026-08-01050, amending the Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 1, titled "General Provisions," to delete and reserve Division 2, titled "Fire Chief," and amending Chapter 9, titled "Personnel,"**

to add a new Article 9.03, titled "Public Safety"; providing for the establishment of the City of Lucas Fire Department and the City of Lucas Police Department; providing for the positions of Fire Chief and Chief of Police; providing for members of the Fire Department and Police Department; providing for department rules; providing for the duties of the Fire Department and Police Department; and other matters incident and related thereto.

Development Services Director Joe Hilbourn presented.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mayor Kuykendall, seconded by Councilmember Peterson to approve Ordinance No. 2026-08-01050, amending the Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 1, titled "General Provisions," to delete and reserve Division 2, titled "Fire Chief," and amending Chapter 9, titled "Personnel," to add a new Article 9.03, titled "Public Safety"; providing for the establishment of the City of Lucas Fire Department and the City of Lucas Police Department; providing for the positions of Fire Chief and Chief of Police; providing for members of the Fire Department and Police Department; providing for department rules; providing for the duties of the Fire Department and Police Department; and other matters incident and related thereto. The motion passed unanimously by a 5 to 0 vote.

Executive Session Agenda

10. Executive Session:

The City Council will convene into executive session pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate on the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.

City Council convened to Executive Session at 8:30 pm.

11. Reconvene from Executive Session and take any action necessary as a result of the Executive Session.

City Council reconvened from Executive Session at 8:51 pm.

There was no action taken.

Adjournment

12. Adjournment.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Peterson, seconded by Mayor Kuykendall to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 pm. The motion passed unanimously by a 5 to 0 vote.

APPROVED:

Dusty Kuykendall, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Toshia Kimball, City Secretary