

City of Lula
Council Meeting
DEPOT / 7:00 P.M.
Monday, April 18, 2022

Present: Mayor	Joe Thomas
Mayor Pro Tem	Matt Hamby
Council Members	Lamb Griffin
	Gene Bramlett
	Denise Shockley
	Garnett Smith

Also Present:

City Manager	Dennis Bergin
City Clerk	Tangee Puckett
City Attorney	Joseph Homans

Prior to the start of the regular meeting, there was a **Public Hearing** item on the agenda. The **Public Hearing** item was for public comment on Proposed Ordinance Adoption - #032122-A **Urban Camping and Prohibiting the Improper Use of Public Places**

Several citizens spoke in opposition to the ordinance.

After hearing all comments from the public and council, the Public Hearing was closed by Counsel.

Opening / Welcome Mayor
Invocation was given and the pledge was recited.

Citizen's Comments –

Mordecai Wilson – Word of encouragement to our council and citizens. Don't let people with negative attitudes keep you from reaching our goals. You can't make people like or approve of you. But don't stoop to their level. You don't need everything to go our way to make you happy. We all have to be patient. Keep moving forward. I have worked with homeless people and they have changed. We need to understand how they got where they are today. Help make a difference in people.

June Vincent – 4719 Old Cornelia Hwy – The Historical Society would like to honor our Veteran's with placing their pictures in the glass cabinet at City Hall. If you are a Veteran or know someone, please let me know and we will display their photos.

Felton Wood – Asked if there would be a car show held at the ball barks? Also mentioned the concession stand and bathrooms at the ballfields need some updating.

Minutes from March 21st Regular Voting Council Session – a motion to approve the March 21st minutes from the Regular Voting Council Session was made by Matt Hamby and seconded by Denise Shockley, discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Yard of the Month - Mayor Thomas announced the YOTM recipients for the month of April and discussed "Bloomin in Lula Celebration" proposed May/June.

Recipients are:

District 1 – Tim & Lisa Allen; District 2 – Melisa Harbison; District 3 – Colin Anderson
District 4 – Khamson Vontharath; and District 5 –

Finance – City Manager gave an update on the Cities current finances and noted the city was in the middle of their fiscal year but the bank balances remain consistent.

Liability Annual Premium

A motion was made to approve the cyber coverage through the cities liability insurance by Matt Hamby and seconded by Gene Bramlett, discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Contract Amendment Waste Management

The contract amendment is to delete section 5.3 in its entirety. This is for clarification purpose only.

Waste Sewer Current Conditions

Monitoring Annual Report / Signed

Oconee Well Production – One of four wells is having some issues; we will be ordering a new pump.

McLeod Lift Station – Replace the pump in the near future.

Mtn. View Lift Station – is back up and running.

Planning Commission / Committee Recommendation

Increase the number of members from 3 to 5. A motion was made by Garnett Smith to table this item for a month and seconded by Gene Bramlett, discussion, the motion was carried unanimously.

Craig Broome, Request/ consideration for de-annexation

Still waiting on a response from Hall County.

Proposed Ordinance Adoption-#032122-A Urban Camping and Prohibiting the Improper Use of Public Places Urban Camping and Homeless Issues/Additional public hearings are April 18th at 7pm at the DEPOT.

A motion to approve was made by Gene Bramlett and seconded by Garnett Smith, discussion, 2 opposed (Matt Hamby, Lam Griffin) and 1 undecided (Denise Shockley). Vote was not carried.

Community Coordinator/ position filled

Publish name of the community coordinator tomorrow

Railroad Caboose / Renovation Status

Still collecting money through the historical society. Hope to be open by Railroad Days

Reminder of the opportunity to donate to the "Carl Manger Memorial Caboose Remodeling Fund", \$4,000 has been raised so far. We are seeing a lot of progress on the renovations already, so be a part of this unique opportunity and preserve history.

Lula Belton Historical Society

Request to use Rafe Banks Park for annual car and truck show June 11th – A motion was made to approve the use of the ball field by Matt Hamby and seconded by Denise Shockley, discussion, the vote carried unanimously.

Meeting the fourth Monday of the Month at the DEPT 7pm, at the DEPOT all are invited.

The 46th Annual "Railroad Days", Friday, May 6th & Saturday, May 7th. Sign up for booths and parade today. "Movies in the Park" on Friday evening

Reminder Spring Clean-Up Day is Monday, April 18th, see flyer and web for limitations.

Citizen Comments

Felton Wood – should consider having 5 members on other committees. The mayor explained you could not or this would make a quorum.

Mordecai Wilson - thank the mayor and council on a job well done. Thanked the city manager and the city attorney. Still need some restrictions with homeless people, but need to understand the why's. Look to the future and not the past.

Eric Stewart – thanked everyone for doing a job well done and understands they hear the good and bad when it comes to making decisions.

Council Comments

Matt Hamby – thankful for spring. We do have challenging decisions to make sometime.

Denise Shockley thanked everyone for coming

Joe Thomas thanked everyone for coming and hoped to see everyone next month. Reminded everyone of the retreat the mayor and council would be attending tomorrow.

Dennis Bergin – has a bid for \$9200 or \$8100 to clean the brush at the park. Garnett Smith made motion to approve the \$8100 bid, Mat Hamby seconded the motion, discussion, vote carried unanimously.

A motion was made to go into executive session was made by Matt Hamby and seconded by Denise Shockley. Discussion, the vote carried unanimously.

A motion was made to come out of executive session by Gene Bramlett, seconded by Matt Hamby, the vote was carried unanimously.

Attorney Joey Homans read the following parcels the city would be acquiring -

6013 Athens St. – Acquire for \$135,000. A motion was made by Matt Hamby to approve the property, seconded by Garnett Smith, discussion, the vote carried unanimously.

5965 Carter Alley – Acquire for \$80,000. A motion was made by Denise Shockley to approve the property, seconded by Gene Bramlett, discussion, the vote carried unanimously.

5930 Maiden Lane – Acquire for \$27,000. A motion was made by Matt Hamby to approve the property, seconded by Garnett Smith, discussion, the vote carried unanimously.

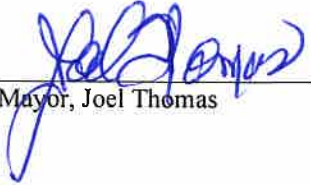
The following parcels were approved to move forward with condemnation –

- 5961 Carter Alley
- 5921 Cobb Street
- 5912 Maiden Lane
- 5924 Maiden Lane

Matt Hamby moved to approve the following parcels for condemnation, Denise Shockley seconded the motion, the vote was carried unanimously.

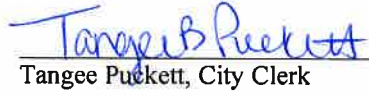
A motion was made by Gene Bramlett to adjourn and seconded by Matt Hamby; the motion was carried unanimously.

Minutes from April 18, 2022



Mayor, Joel Thomas

Approved May 16, 2022



Tangee Puckett, City Clerk