

City of Lula
Council Meeting
DEPOT / 7:00 P.M.
Monday, June 20, 2022

Present: Mayor Joe Thomas
Mayor Pro Tem

Council Members 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 **6232 Athens Street – 202.22 Acres – Proposed Annexation and Rezoning from County Ag to Planned Residential Development**

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 – No matter how much time we have spent in different roles in the great City of Lula, whether we are an official or a citizen, we should share the same vision in making things better now, and especially for the future and for our youth. Officials, as public servants, you should do what you were elected and assigned to do when you took this position. Please don't let your past control the future.

Tony Cornett – A lot of people say they don't know what's going on within the city, there's no transparency on the agenda. We don't understand if things on the agenda are only for discussion or if they will be voted on. The agenda items need better clarification.

Minutes from May 16th Regular Voting Council Session – a motion to approve the May 16th minutes from the Regular Voting Council Session was made by Garnett Smith and seconded by Denise Shockley, discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Yard of the Month - Mayor Thomas announced the YOTM recipients for the month of June for "Blooming in Lula", the recipients will receive a \$100 credit towards their water bill.

Recipients for Blooming in Lula -
District 1 – Jeffrey Cutler; District 2 – Donna Clopton; District 3 – John Beckner
District 4 – Ma Cristina Aguirre; and District 5 – Mack Dover

Recipients for Show us your Colors –
Mark Price, Bruce Lane, Bett Porter, Roy Hall and Jessie Parson

Recognition of Retiring Council Member Lamb Griffin – He was not present to receive his recognition.

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Show Us Your Colors – June/July – Citizens will register with City Hall to show their patriotism for the month of June and July and then be chosen by a drawing.

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

Schedule Finance Meeting – TBD

Budget Adoption 2022-2023

A motion was made by Gene Bramlett to adopt the 2022-2023 budget and seconded by Garnett Smith, discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Water Sewer Current Conditions

We have used more water than we have produced but made some minor adjustments. Oconee Well was changed out.

Sewer Line I Construction Status

At this time no conditions have been found. Completed several man holes and have done some road boring. We are a little behind on the timeframe but still in good shape.

Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem

Garnett Smith recommended Denise Shockley as the Mayor Pro Tem. No other motion was made and the motion did not carry.

Special Election Process

Attorney Homans explained there were two positions open at this time and the Mayor and Council would need to approve a resolution to hold a special election in November. We would also have to approve the qualifying dates as well as the qualifying fees and if the city would like for Hall County Board of Electors to help with the election.

Qualifying Dates – August 22nd – August 24th at City Hall.

A motion was made to accept the qualifying dates by Garnett Smith and seconded by Denise Shockley, discussion, the motion was carried unanimously.

Qualifying Fees \$100.00 -

A motion was made by Denise Shockley to approve the qualifying fees of \$100.00 and seconded by Gene Bramlett, discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Hall County Board of Electors to assist/hold special election for the City of Lula.

A motion was made by Garnett Smith to approve Hall County Board of Electors to assist/hold special election for the city and seconded by Gene Bramlett, discussion, the motion was carried unanimously.

Draft District Voting Map/ Process/ Adoption/ Changes

Public Hearings will be advertised

Banks County LOST Negotiations/ June 30th

Building Permits/ to Zoning and Planning Committee/ Schedule

- **IRC Building Code Adoption – Chapter One – Example Decks**
- **Requirement of Building Permit Holder/ Location**
- **Dumpster for Construction Debris for New Home Construction**

City Hall Building Damage/ Status – waiting on bids

Veterans Park Fountain/ Status – work in progress

Council Consideration –

6232 Athens Street – 202.22 Acres – Proposed Annexation and Rezoning from County Ag to Planned Residential Development

This item was tabled by Garnett Smith and seconded by Denise Shockley, discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Lula Belton Historical Society Meeting the fourth Monday of the Month at the DEPOT at 7pm, everyone is invited.

Lula Ladies Meeting June 29th at Lula DEPOT, lunch and dinner

Executive Session – none

Citizen Comments

Eric Stewart – was there any changes on the budget to allow a body camera for the Marshal. Mayor Thomas answered no. Mr. Stewart asked why the city did not want to protect the Marshal while he was out patrolling the city. Could put it on the budget for next year.

Dwayne (Chip) – since the city is split between two counties, what county will I vote in? Mayor Thomas noted the council seats will be on the Banks County ballots as well. Would like to suggest better ways to pay the water bill, better notification, auto draft, credit cards at city hall.

Council Comments

Denise Shockley - thanked everyone for coming

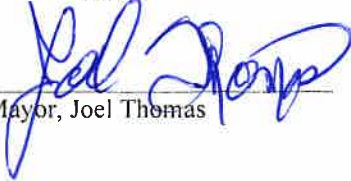
Gene Bramlett – thanked everyone for coming and wished more people would attend.

Garnett Smith – thanked everyone for coming

Joe Thomas - thanked everyone for coming

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

Minutes from June 20, 2022



Mayor, Joel Thomas

Approved July 18, 2022



Tangee Puckett, City Clerk