

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

The mayor amended the agenda to add Item 6.a. – Mayor Pro-Tem Nomination

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

**Minutes from June 13<sup>th</sup> Regular Voting Council Session** – a motion to approve the June 13<sup>th</sup> minutes from the Regular Voting Council Session was made by Denise Shockley and seconded by Garnett Smith, discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

**Yard of the Month** - Mayor Thomas announced the YOTM recipients for the month of July

Recipients for Blooming in Lula -  
District 1 – Pam Last; District 2 – Kevin Seabolt; District 3 – Ruth Morse  
District 4 – Steven Hood; and District 5 – Steven Ledford

Recipients for Show us your Colors –  
Frances Banks, Eddie Everette. Jason & Brandy Wiley, Misty Critzer, and Richard Pope

**Finance** – City Manager gave an update on the Cities current finances and noted the city was in a new fiscal year and the bank balances remain consistent.

**Banks Count Lost Neg/Status**

Joined with the other cities in Banks County to negotiate LOST numbers. Meeting with them on Thursday.

**GEFA Existing Loan Payout**

Proposing paying off the current GEFA loan and it would save the city \$136,000 over the next 10 years.

**FYI** - Sewer Line “I” Construction Status New Pay Application Being Considered

**FYI** – Motive Pump Purchase/ Ordered/ Delivery 12 to 14 weeks - \$14,265.00

**Special Election Process Resolution**

A motion was made to amend the resolution for call for a special election by Gene Bramlett and seconded by Garnett Smith, discussion, the motion was carried unanimously.

**Mayor Pro-Tem Nomination**

A motion was made by Garnett Smith to recommend Denise Shockley for Mayor Pro-Tem and seconded by Gene Bramlett; the motion carried unanimously.

**Final Adoption District Voting Map/ Process/Adoption**

A motion was made by Garnett Smith to approve the district map and seconded by Denise Shockley, discussion, the motion was carried unanimously.

**Request Liberty Baptist Church for Regular Use of the Depot/ to committee**

Eric Stewart noted he would like to offer a recovery class, so people can walk, drive, ride their bikes to attend. This would be available to anyone and 100% free. He would like to use the depot at least once a week or anything the committee would allow. This item will go before the committee.

**Martha Morris request for alley abandonment/ tabled as the city awaits supporting documents**

6232 Athens St. – 202.22 Acres – Item tabled until DRI review is completed.

FYI – Lula Bellton Historical Society Meeting the fourth Monday of the month (July 25<sup>th</sup>) at the DEPOT, 7pm, everyone is invited

FYI – Lula Ladies Meeting July 27<sup>th</sup> – Lula Depot Lunch and Dinner

**Citizen Comments**

Mordecai Wilson – It seems there are people in our city and government, whether it is a lack of foresight or ignorance, who are trying to persuade you from doing the right thing that is better for all of us, especially our children. They seem to want you to find a way to dismiss the men and women that have moved to this city to be a better place to live. Never let your ignorance and lack of foresight discourage you from doing the right things that you were elected by the people to do.

Eric Stewart – this Saturday Community Fun Night at the stage at the DEPOT, 7pm-8:30pm. Loads of Love – we will be washing clothes for the elderly and those that can’t leave their houses for free.

Judy Tilford – attended the Lula Ladies for the first time and it was a great experience. Wellness Park sign needs to be painted.

Marilyn Grier – the Loads of Love is a great idea and the Lula Ladies would love to help any way we can.

**Council Comments**

Denise Shockley - thanked everyone for coming and thanked those that have gotten up and spoke.

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

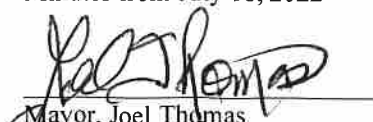
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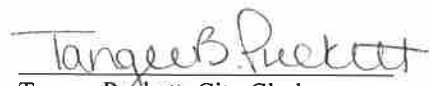
Joe Thomas - thanked everyone for coming and mentioned if you don’t want to get up and speak, send a letter or an email to us.

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

Minutes from July 18, 2022

Approved August 15, 2022

  
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Mayor, Joel Thomas

  
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Tangee Puckett, City Clerk