

City of Lula
Council Meeting
DEPOT / 7:00 P.M.
Monday, March 21, 2022

Present: Mayor Joe Thomas
Mayor Pro Tem Matt Hamby (Absent)

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 annexation an rezoning by Cook Communities/ 6492 7th St./ Lewallen 30.27 acres from Ag to PRD Planned Residential Development/ 90 proposed lots.

Several citizens spoke in opposition to the to the rezoning and annexation.

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 - None

Minutes from February 21st Regular Voting Council Session – a motion to approve the February 21st minutes from the Regular Voting Council Session was made by Gene Bramlett and seconded by Garnett Smith, discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

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

Recipients are:

District 1 – Curtis Irvin; District 2 – Shannon Jenrette; District 3 – Linda Reeves
District 4 – Scotty Poole; and District 5 – Mitch Dover

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.

Contract Amendment Waste Management / recommendation from committee

Extension of 5-year agreement, amendment would take effect in November 2022 with the increase of \$3.00 a month in garbage service. Finance committee recommended. A motion was made by Garnett Smith and seconded by Gene Bramlett, discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Waste Sewer Current Conditions

Secondary tank delivered

Oconee well production – may need to replace pump.

Council District Mapping Proposal/RDC/\$500

A motion was made by Gene Bramlett and seconded by Denise Shockley, discussion, the motion was carried unanimously.

Planning Commission Candidates / readvertised

The position has been re-advertised with a deadline of April 8th.

Banks County –

IGA Local Excise Tax on Energy Usage / Manufacturing/ April 3rd

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

IGA T-SPLOST Referendum Process/ Pending

Still pending

Craig Brome, Request/Consideration for De-annexation

Still waiting on the county's response.

Proposed Annexation and Rezoning by Cook Communities/ 6492 7th St/ Lewallen 30.27 Acres from Ag to PRD

Recommendations by Planning Commission 6492 7th Street proposed development

- Approve annexation
- Deny zoning
- Minutes from the planning commission has not been approved at this time.

Staff Comments –

- Approve annexation (Hall County has no objections)
- Property not served by sewer at this time
- Deny access to Narramore
- Plat presented to the city shows 30.27 Acres – actual acreage is 29.35 acres (difference of .92 acres)
- Application presented to the city shows minimum lot size 7,250 sq. ft. – site plan shows minimum lot size of 5,500 sq. ft. Not sure which is correct.

Consideration of Annexation –

A motion was made by Gene Bramlett for annexation, Garnet Smith seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Re-Zoning –

A motion to deny the rezoning application was made by Denise Shockley, seconded by Gene Bramlett, the motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Ordinance Adoption - #032122-A Urban Camping and Homeless Issues/ establish dates for public hearings are April 11th at 6pm and April 18 at 7pm at the Depot

Public hearing scheduled for April 11th at 6pm and April 18th at 8pm.

Public Safety Committee Meeting/ Comments
Consider loitering/disorderly conduct ordinance

Street Committee Meeting/ Comments
Toombs Street consideration for resurfacing

Lula Ladies Luncheon and Dinner will meet on March 23rd at noon and dinner at 6:30pm
Reminder of the opportunity to donate to the “Carl Manger Memorial Caboose Remodeling Fund”
\$4,000 has been raise 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 meets the fourth Monday of the Month at the Depot at 7pm, all are invited.

Reminder “Annual Railroad Days” Friday, May 6th and Saturday May 7th

Citizen Comments

Mordecai Wilson – Don’t let people make you feel that as a community – we can’t move forward. Look forward to life ahead. Can’t let our failures define us but teach us. If you can’t be positive, be quiet. But don’t give up. People can be different but does not mean thy are wrong. Don’t give up hope – there are better days ahead. Thank everyone for all those who helped celebrate my 97th birthday.

June Vincent – 4719 Old Cornelia Hwy – A church member said Lula was looking better. This is a town to be proud of.

Council Comments

Garnett Smith – thanked everyone for coming and suggested a retreat with the citizens to discuss issues.

Gene Bramlett thanked everyone for coming

Denise Shockley thanked everyone for coming

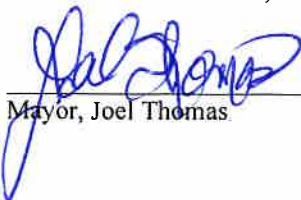
Joe Thomas thanked everyone for coming and hoped to see everyone next month.

Dennis Bergin – Obtain a bid to re-do the floors in the caboose. Finance committee recommended moving forward.


A motion to adjourn was made by Denise Shockley and seconded by Gene Bramlett. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes from March 21, 2022

Approved April 18, 2022



Mayor, Joel Thomas



Tangee Puckett, City Clerk