

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 5th DAY OF AUGUST, 2014.

On the 5th day of August 2014, the City Council of the City of Lufkin, Texas convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chambers of City Hall with the following members, thereof to wit:

Bob F. Brown	Mayor
Lynn Torres	Mayor Pro-Tem
Victor Travis	Councilmember, Ward No. 1
Robert Shankle	Councilmember, Ward No. 2
Don Langston	Councilmember, Ward No. 4
Rocky Thigpen	Councilmember, Ward No. 5
Sarah Murray	Councilmember, Ward No. 6
Paul L. Parker	City Manager
Keith Wright	Deputy City Manager
Bruce Green	City Attorney
Kara Atwood	City Secretary
Belinda Southern	Finance Director
Gerald Williamson	Police Chief
Ted Lovett	Fire Chief
Rodney Ivy	Human Resources Director
Steve Floyd	Public Works Director
Steve Poskey	Street Department Director
Belinda Southern	Finance Director
Mike Akridge	Parks & Recreation Director
Dale Allred	Inspection Services Director
Barbara Thompson	Main Street Director
Thad Chambers	Economic Development Director
Aaron Ramsey	Animal Control Director

being present when the following business was transacted.

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Jeremy Yancey of Lufkin First Assembly.
2. Mayor Bob Brown welcomed visitors present.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the Special Called Meeting held July 14, 2014, and the Regular Council Meeting held July 15, 2014 were approved on a motion by Councilmember Lynn Torres and seconded by Councilmember Sarah Murray. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded to approve the minutes as presented.

4. **PRESENTATION BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MAEGAN PREJEAN, ANGELINA BEAUTIFUL CLEAN, REGARDING KEEP TEXAS BEAUTIFUL AWARDS.**

Executive Director Maegan Prejean of Angelina Beautiful Clean highlighted the recent awards and accomplishments bestowed upon the City and the organization during the recent Keep Texas Beautiful Conference. Mayor Brown thanked Ms. Prejean and Angelina Beautiful Clean for their efforts with beautification of the community.

OLD BUSINESS:

5. **SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 3712 (ELECTRICAL ORDINANCE) TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ELECTRIFIED FENCES, DETERMINE REGULATIONS, ESTABLISH PERMITTING AND PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE - APPROVED**

Mayor Brown stated the next item was to consider on Second Reading an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 3712 (Electrical Ordinance) to authorize the construction of electrified fences, determine regulations, establish permitting and provide for an effective date.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that this was the third time this item had been presented to City Council. City Manager Parker furthered that this item derived from a request by a local commercial business who wished to install an electrical security fence at their establishment. City Manager Parker continued that this ordinance established the guidelines by which electrical fencing may be used in the City of Lufkin. City Manager Parker concluded that Staff would answer any questions City Council might have.

Councilmember Victor Travis moved to approve the Second Reading of the Ordinance as presented. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion. The motion passed with a six (6) to one (1) vote; with Councilmember Don Langston voting against the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

6. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ANIMAL CONTROL SHELTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE PER SECTION 823.005 OF THE TEXAS HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE – APPROVED.

Mayor Brown stated Item No. 6 was to consider on First Reading an Ordinance establishing an Animal Control Shelter Advisory Committee per Section 823.005 of the Texas Health and Safety Code.

City Manager Parker stated this was a requirement of the State of Texas that had not been addressed in the past. City Manager Parker furthered that this issue was discovered by Animal Control Director Aaron Ramsey. City Manager Parker stated the committee must be comprised of a minimum of four (4) individuals including a licensed veterinarian, a municipal official, an individual whose duty includes the daily operation of an animal shelter and a representative of an animal welfare organization. City Manager Parker furthered that Staff was not requesting approval of appointments, but simply the establishment of the committee as required by State law.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the First Reading of the Ordinance has presented. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

7. GRANT TO THE LUFKIN FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM THE DEEP EAST TEXAS REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (DETRAC) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,645 AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 25 APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING – APPROVED

Mayor Brown stated the next item was to consider acceptance of a grant to the Lufkin Fire Department from the Deep East Texas Regional Advisory Council (DETRAC) in the amount of \$2,645 and approval of a Resolution authorizing Budget Amendment No. 25 appropriating the funding.

City Manager Parker stated that the Lufkin Fire Department had recently received funding in the amount of two thousand six hundred forty-five dollars (\$2,645) for the purchase of Ipads to be used on Fire rescue apparatus. City Manager Parker concluded that Staff recommended City Council approve the acceptance of the grant and approve Budget Amendment No. 25 appropriating the funding.

Councilmember Robert Shankle moved to approve acceptance of the grant and Budget Amendment No. 25. Councilmember Victor Travis seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

8. DELETION OF TWO (2) LIEUTENANT POSITIONS TO BE REPLACED WITH FIREFIGHTER POSITIONS WITHIN THE LUFKIN FIRE DEPARTMENT - APPROVED

Mayor Brown stated Item No. 8 was the consideration of the deletion of two (2) Lieutenant positions to be replaced with Firefighter positions within the Lufkin Fire Department.

City Manager Parker stated that previously Fire Chief Ted Lovett requested that City Council approve a staffing plan to reduce the number of Lieutenants in the Fire Department and increase the number of firefighter positions. City Manager Parker furthered that Chief Lovett was now

requesting to delete/replace two (2) of these positions by attrition and Staff recommended approval.

Councilmember Don Langston moved to approve the staff change within the Lufkin Fire Department as stated. Councilmember Rocky Thigpen seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

9. **APPOINTMENT OF AN INTERIM MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE (JULIE ALSTON) FOR THE CITY OF LUFKIN MUNICIPAL COURT - APPROVED**

Mayor Brown stated Item No. 9 was the consideration of the appointment of an Interim Municipal Court Judge for the City of Lufkin Municipal Court.

City Manager Parker stated that Municipal Court judges were recommended for appointment by the City Manager, but approved by City Council and the same applied for interim judges. City Manager Parker furthered that as Council was aware, Judge April Earley would be out on maternity leave in the future and this would allow the interim judge to act during that time as well as when Judge Earley was out due to vacation or training. City Manager Parker stated that Staff recommended City Council approve the appointment of Judge Julie Alston to serve as the Interim City of Lufkin Municipal Court Judge at a rate of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per hour for a two (2) year term.

Councilmember Don Langston moved approve the appointment of Julie Alston as the Interim Municipal Court Judge for the City of Lufkin Municipal Court for a two (2) year period. Councilmember Lynn Torres seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

10. **DESIGNATION OF AUGUST 19TH, SEPTEMBER 2ND, SEPTEMBER 9TH AND SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2014 AS CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES TO CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARINGS, ESTABLISH A TAX RATE AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2014-2015 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF LUFKIN - APPROVED**

Mayor Brown stated the next item would be to consider establishment of several dates in regard to the budget process.

City Manager Parker stated these were dates that were required to finalize the budget process and Staff recommended approval of these dates to for the same.

Councilmember Victor Travis moved to approve the establishment of dates for the budget process as presented. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

11. **APPOINTMENTS TO THE KURTH MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD - APPROVED**

Mayor Brown stated the next item was the consideration of appointments to the Kurth Memorial Library Board.

City Manager Parker stated that the Kurth Memorial Library Board appointment recommendations were simply confirmed by City Council. City Manager Parker continued that the Board recommended that Carlotta Hunt, Kristi Gay and John Wood be appointed to serve on the Board.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the appointments as recommended by the Kurth Memorial Library Board. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

12. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Bob Brown recessed the Regular Session at 5:16 p.m.

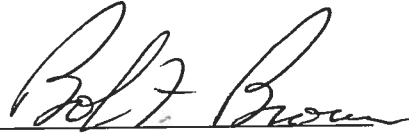
Mayor Brown reconvened Regular Session at 6:45 p.m.

13. **DISCUSSION OF ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST, INCLUDING EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS, CONGRATULATIONS OR CONDOLENCE; INFORMATION**

REGARDING HOLIDAY SCHEDULES; HONORARY RECOGNITIONS OF CITY OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES OR OTHER CITIZENS; REMINDERS ABOUT UPCOMING EVENTS SPONSORED BY THE CITY OR OTHER ENTITY THAT IS SCHEDULED TO BE ATTENDED BY CITY OFFICIALS OR EMPLOYEES; AND ANNOUNCEMENTS INVOLVING IMMINENT THREATS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE CITY.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that the calendar of upcoming events had been distributed and he would be glad to answer any questions regarding the same.

14. There being no further business for consideration, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.



Bob F. Brown, Mayor



Kara Atwood, City Secretary

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