

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS  
HELD ON THE 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2014**

On the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2014, the City Council of the City of Lufkin, Texas convened in a Special Called Meeting in Council Chambers of City Hall with the following members, thereof to wit:

Bob F. Brown	Mayor
Lynn Torres	Mayor Pro-Tem
Robert Shankle	Councilmember, Ward No. 2
Don Langston	Councilmember, Ward No. 4
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
Thad Chambers	Economic Development Director

being present; and

Victor Travis	Councilmember, Ward No. 1
Rocky Thigpen	Councilmember, Ward No. 5

being absent when the following business was transacted.

1. Mayor Bob Brown welcomed visitors present.
2. **PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015**

Mayor Brown state the second item was to conduct a Public Hearing on the proposed tax rate for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

City Manager Parker stated that the proposed tax rate for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 was 0.5238 per one hundred dollars (\$100) of valuation, which was a two cent (.02) increase from the previous rate of 0.5038. City Manager Parker continued that the proposed rate also included the transfer of one cent (.01) from the interest and sinking (I & S) portion of the rate to the maintenance and operation (M & O) portion of the rate. City Manager Parker furthered that the increase in the tax rate was to cover an average 5.5% increase in pay for public safety personnel. City Manager Parker stated that a 4% increase would be provided to all ranked personnel and a 7% increase for firefighter and police classifications, which would cost a projected total of six hundred twenty-five thousand four hundred sixty-seven dollars (\$625,467) per year. City Manager Parker concluded that Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing on the proposed tax rate of 0.5238 for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 12:07 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak, Mayor Brown closed the hearing and requested comments from the City Council. Councilmember Don Langston stated that City Council had thoroughly reviewed this issue and there was no action required on this item.

3. **FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR THE USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN AND PROVIDING FOR THE DEBT SERVICE FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2015 AND APPORTIONING EACH LEVY FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE – APPROVED**

Mayor Brown stated that Item No. 3 was consider on First Reading and Ordinance levying taxes for the use and support of the Municipal Government of the City of Lufkin and providing for the Debt Service Fund for the Fiscal Year 2015 and apportioning each levy for the specific purpose.

City Manager Parker stated that this was the Ordinance enacting the tax rate as discussed in Item No. 2. City Manager Parker concluded that Staff recommended approval.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the Ordinance levying the tax rate for the Fiscal Year 2014-2015. Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion and a unanimous vote (5-0) as shown below was recorded:

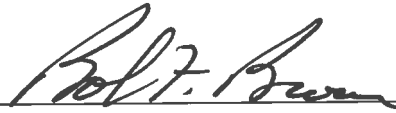
Mayor Bob Brown	Aye
Councilmember Robert Shankle	Aye
Councilmember Lynn Torres	Aye
Councilmember Don Langston	Aye
Councilmember Sarah Murray	Aye

Councilmember Victor Travis and Councilmember Rocky Thigpen were not present at the meeting.

4. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Brown stated there was no need to convene an Executive Session.

5. There being no further business for consideration, the meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.



Bob F. Brown, Mayor



Kara Atwood, City Secretary