

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 16th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2014.

On the 16th day of September 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
Sarah Murray	Councilmember, Ward No. 6
Paul L. Parker	City Manager
Bruce Green	City Attorney
Kara Atwood	City Secretary
Belinda Southern	Finance Director
Gerald Williamson	Police Chief
David Thomas	Assistant Police Chief
Ted Lovett	Fire Chief
Duane Freeman	Assistant Fire Chief
Rodney Ivy	Human Resources Director
Steve Floyd	Public Works Director
Steve Poskey	Street Department Director
Belinda Southern	Finance Director
Dorothy Wilson	Planning & Zoning Director
Mike Akridge	Parks & Recreation Director
Dale Allred	Inspection Services Director
Barbara Thompson	Main Street Director
Thad Chambers	Economic Development Director

being present; and

Rocky Thigpen	Councilmember, Ward No. 5
Keith Wright	Deputy City Manager

being absent when the following business was transacted.

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Paul Geye of Angel of Joy Lutheran Church.
2. Mayor Bob Brown welcomed visitors present.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held September 2nd, 2014 and the Special Called Meetings of September 3rd, 8th and 9th, 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. **PROMOTION CEREMONY OF LUFKIN POLICE OFFICERS**

Mayor Bob Brown conducted a promotion ceremony for the following: Sergeant Mike Shurley promoted to the rank of Lieutenant; Corporal Nick Malone promoted to the rank of Sergeant; Officer Kevin Jackson promoted to the rank of Corporal; and Officer Dale Dodd promoted to the rank of Corporal.

OLD BUSINESS

5. **PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS BY GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A VETERINARY HOSPITAL IN A "COMMERCIAL" ZONING DISTRICT AT 2205 AND 2211 NORTH TIMBERLAND DRIVE – APPROVED.**

Mayor Brown stated the next item was to conduct a Public Hearing and consider on First Reading an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Lufkin, Texas by granting a Special Use Permit for a Veterinary Hospital in a "Commercial" zoning district at 2205 and 2211 North Timberland Drive.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that this was the second reading of the request made by Dr. Lindsay Syler for the development of a veterinary clinic on the property located at 2205 and 2211 North Timberland Drive. City Manager Parker concluded that both staff and the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of the ordinance granting the Special Use Permit as requested.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:06 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak; Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing and requested comments or motions from City Council.

Councilmember Victor Travis moved to approve the Ordinance granting a Special Use Permit for property located at 2205 and 2211 North Timberland Drive. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

6. **PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2014 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 – APPROVED**

Mayor Brown stated the next item was to conduct a Public Hearing and consider on First Reading an appropriations Ordinance adopting a Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2014 and ending September 30, 2015.

City Manager Parker stated that City Council had reviewed the proposed budget numerous times. City Manager Parker continued that this budget included a tax rate of 0.5238, which was two cents (.02) higher than the previous year. City Manager Parker stated the primary reason for the increase was the raise provided to the public safety personnel; a four percent (4%) increase to ranked employees and a seven percent (7%) increase for all other personnel (firefighters and patrol officers). City Manager Parker furthered that a 2.5% increase was included for all other employees. City Manager Parker stated there were no increases included in water, sewer or solid waste rates. City Manager Parker stated he would be glad to answer any questions City Council might have regarding the budget.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:10 p.m. and requested that anyone who wished to speak on the item to please step forward. There being no one who wished to speak; Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing and requested comments from City Council.

Councilmember Victor Travis moved to approve the First Reading of the Ordinance adopting the Budget for the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

7. **SECOND 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. 7 was to consider on Second Reading 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.

City Manager Parker stated that as previously explained; the tax rate was being increased by two cents (.02) to 0.5238. City Manager Parker continued that additionally one cent (.01) was being moved from the interest and sinking portion of the rate to the maintenance and operations portion. City Manager Parker concluded that Staff recommended approval of the Ordinance setting the tax rate for the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year.

Councilmember Robert Shankle moved to approve the Ordinance levying the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 as presented. Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

NEW BUSINESS

8. **PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVAL OF MODIFICATIONS TO THE TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LUFKIN AND PINECREST ENERGY CENTER, LLC - APPROVED**

Mayor Brown stated the next item was to conduct a Public Hearing and consider approval of modifications to the Tax Abatement Agreement between the City of Lufkin and Pinecrest Energy Center, LLC.

City Manager Parker stated this was simply a modification of the existing agreement to allow additional time for the company to meet the benchmarks as delineated in the agreement. City Manager Parker stated that the company had been hindered in the process due to length permitting times and acquiring the necessary interconnect with ONCOR. City Manager Parker concluded that Staff recommended approval of the agreement modifications.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:13 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak, Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing and requested comments or motions from City Council.

Councilmember Don Langston moved to approve the modifications to the agreement as presented. Councilmember Lynn Torres seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

9. **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Mayor Brown stated Item No. 9 was the City Manager's Report.

City Manager Parker highlighted the monthly reports and stated he would be glad to answer any questions City Council might have. There were none.

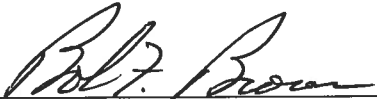
10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Brown stated there was no need to recess into Executive Session.

11. **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. City Manager Parker highlighted upcoming events and meetings including the Forest Festival, 4B Economic Development Meeting, Lufkin Pro Day and the TML Convention. Councilmember Victor Travis commended Guessippina Bonner for being recognized as a "Hero for Children" by the State Board of Education. Mayor Brown noted that a proclamation had been issued for the upcoming Walk to End Alzheimer's.

12. There being no further business for consideration, the meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.



Bob F. Brown, Mayor

Kara Atwood

Kara Atwood, City Secretary

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