

Mayor Brown stated the next item for consideration was to conduct a Public Hearing and consider on First Reading an Ordinance annexing 16.21 acres of property located adjacent to and including a portion of Joe C. Lane into the City of Lufkin.

City Manager Keith Wright stated this was the First Reading of the Ordinance to annex 16.21 acres of property located adjacent to and including a portion of Joe C. Lane. City Manager Wright continued that previously two (2) Public Hearings had been held as required in order to hear comments from those affected by the annexation. City Manager Wright stated that as requested, the property owned by Mr. and Mrs. Wilson located at 206 Joe C. Lane had been removed from the area to be considered. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended approval of the First Reading of an Ordinance annexing the property as described.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:31 p.m. and asked anyone who wished to speak to please step forward. There being no one who wished to speak; Mayor Brown asked for comments or questions from the City Council.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the First Reading of the Ordinance annexing the property as described. Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

6. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT POLICE AND FIRE CHIEFS – APPROVED.**

Mayor Brown stated that Item No. 6 was the consideration of a Resolution authorizing the appointment of Assistant Police and Fire Chiefs.

City Manager Wright stated this Resolution was prompted by a review of the Civil Service Rules and was necessary for the City to be in compliance with Section 143.014 of the Municipal Civil Service for Firefighters and Police Officers Act. City Manager Wright concluded that this Resolution would not change any current practices or result in any additional costs and recommended approval of the Resolution.

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

7. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION WITH THE 2015 DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY CANNABIS ERADICATION/SUPPRESSION GRANT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000 BY THE LUFKIN POLICE DEPARTMENT – APPROVED.**

Mayor Brown stated that the next item was consideration of a Resolution to authorize an application with the 2015 Drug Enforcement Agency Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Grant Program in the amount of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) by the Lufkin Police Department.

City Manager Wright stated that the Lufkin Police Department requested that City Council approve a Resolution authorizing a grant application through the Drug Enforcement Agency in the amount of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for assistance with the eradication of cannabis. City Manager Wright continued that these funds, if received, would be used to defray costs of equipment, overtime and training for the Police Department. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended approval of the Resolution authorizing the grant application.

Councilmember Rocky Thigpen moved to approve the Resolution authorizing the application for a grant by the Lufkin Police Department in the amount of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to the 2015 Drug Enforcement Agency Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Grant Program. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approved was recorded.

8. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN GRANT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,851 BY THE LUFKIN POLICE DEPARTMENT – APPROVED.**

Mayor Brown stated that Item No. 8 was the consideration of a Resolution authorizing an application with Department of Justice Internet Crimes Against Children Grant Program in the amount of nine thousand eight hundred fifty-one dollars (\$9,851) by the Lufkin Police Department.

City Manager Wright stated the Lufkin Police Department requested that City Council approve a Resolution authorizing an application to the Department of Justice for grant funding to assist with the investigation and prosecution of internet crimes against children. City Manager Wright continued that this funding would be used for the purchase of equipment and training costs for the Department. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended approval of this Resolution.

Councilmember Robert Shankle moved to approve the Resolution authorizing the application for the grant as presented. Councilmember Rocky Thigpen seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

9. **ANGELINA COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014/2015 – APPROVED.**

Mayor Brown stated that the next item was consideration of the Angelina County Appraisal District Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

City Manager Wright stated that the Angelina County Appraisal District (ACAD) Budget for the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 had recently been approved by the Board of Directors in the amount of one million four hundred seventeen thousand eight hundred fifty-five dollars (\$1,417,855) which was 6.5% increase from the previous year's budget. City Manager Wright continued that each entity served by the Appraisal District was required to contribute to funding the budget and the City of Lufkin's portion for this year was in the amount of one hundred eighty thousand eight hundred forty-nine dollars and eight cents (\$180,849.08) and would be paid in quarterly payments. City Manager Wright furthered that the increase in the budget was due to salary and benefit costs as well as database maintenance. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council approve the budget for the Angelina County Appraisal District as presented.

Councilmember Lynn Torres, who serves as the City representative on the Board of Directors, commented on the proposed budget and detailed the reasons behind the increase in the budget and moved to approve as presented. Councilmember Don Langston seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded. Mayor Brown thanked Councilmember Torres for her service on the board.

10. **ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,000 TO THE LUFKIN FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM THE GEORGIA PACIFIC COMMUNITY RELATIONS PROGRAM AND APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 6 APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING – APPROVED.**

Mayor Brown stated that the next item was to consider the acceptance of a donation to the Lufkin Fire Department in the amount of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) from the Georgia Pacific Community Relations Program and approval of Budget Amendment No. 6 appropriating the funding.

City Manager Wright stated that the Lufkin Fire Department had recently received funding in the amount of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) from Georgia Pacific. City Manager Wright continued that the funding would be used to purchase needed equipment for the Lufkin Fire Department during the year and recommended City Council approve the acceptance of the funding along with Budget Amendment No. 6. City Manager Wright concluded that the City wished to express its sincere appreciation to Georgia Pacific for the continued support.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the acceptance of funding and Budget Amendment No. 6. Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

11. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Wright highlighted the financial reports and noted revenues and expenditures in the major funds. City Manager Wright stated he would be glad to answer any questions regarding the reports. There were none.

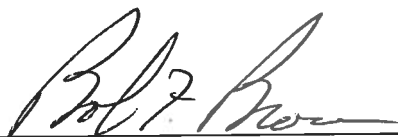
12. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Bob Brown stated there was no reason to enter into Executive Session.

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 Wright listed upcoming events and meetings on the City Council calendar. Mayor Bob Brown complimented Staff on the Holiday decorations in and around City Hall.

14. There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 5:44 pm.



Bob F. Brown, Mayor



Kara Atwood, City Secretary