

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 4TH DAY OF MARCH, 2014.

On the 4TH day of February, 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:

Mayor	Bob F. Brown
Mayor Pro-Tem	Lynn Torres
Councilmember, Ward No. 1	Victor Travis
Councilmember, Ward No. 2	Robert Shankle
Councilmember, Ward No. 4	Don Langston
Councilmember, Ward No. 5	Rufus Duncan
Councilmember, Ward No. 6	Sarah Murray
City Manager	Paul L. Parker
Deputy City Manager	Keith Wright
City Attorney	Bruce Green
City Secretary	Kara Atwood
Human Resources Director	Rodney Ivy
Planning & Zoning Director	Dorothy Wilson
Police Chief	Gerald Williamson
Fire Chief	Ted Lovett
Finance Director	Belinda Southern
Public Works Director	Steve Floyd
Street Department Director	Steve Poskey
Public Utilities Director	Chuck Walker
Parks & Recreation Director	Mike Akridge
Inspection Services Director	Dale Allred
Main Street Director	Barbara Thompson

Being present when the following business was transacted.

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor David Hunt, Eastview Pentecostal Church.

2. Mayor Bob Brown welcomed visitors present.

Mayor Brown then issued the Oath of Office to Police Chief Gerald Williamson.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held February 18, 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. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FROM A "DUPLEX DWELLING DISTRICT" TO A "COMMERCIAL" ZONING CLASSIFICATION AND FUTURE LAND USE MAP CLASSIFICATION TO "RETAIL" ON TWO (2) PARCELS OF LAND LOCATED AT 108 AND 114 VAN STREET - APPROVED.

Mayor Bob Brown stated the next item was to conduct a Public Hearing and consider on Second Reading an Ordinance changing the zoning classification from a "Duplex Dwelling District" to a "Commercial" zoning classification and Future Land Use Map classification to "Retail" on two (2) parcels of land located at 108 and 114 Van Street.

City Manager Paul Parker stated this was a request from the owner to increase the marketability of the property. City Manager Parker concluded that Staff and the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval.

Mayor Bob Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:07 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak; Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing and asked for comments or questions from City Council.

Councilmember Robert Shankle questioned whether a portion of Leach Street could be added to the project. City Manager Parker stated the project could be amended; but the change order would be subject to approval by the Texas Department of Transportation. Councilmember Lynn Torres clarified the location of where Councilmember Shankle requested the addition. City Engineer Chuck Walker clarified the project location and stated that funding should be available to add the portion of Leach Street to the project.

City Manager Paul Parker stated as Council was aware; one of the projects that was not selected for funding during the recent Capital Improvement Program was a walking trail around Ellen Trout Lake at the Zoo. City Manager Parker continued that Council authorized Staff in November 2012 to apply for the 2012 Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program (STEP) Grant to accomplish this project. City Manager Parker stated that notice had been received that the City was awarded the grant in the amount of one million two hundred nineteen thousand dollars (\$1,219,000) with the City match portion being two hundred ninety-eight thousand three hundred dollars. (\$298,300). City Manager Parker stated that if approved, funding for the match would be utilized from a previous bond fund and was included in Budget Amendment No. 10 under Item No. 8. City Manager Parker stated the project would include a crushed granite walkway around the Lake and a concrete sidewalk on a portion of Sayers Street. City Manager Parker concluded that Staff recommended acceptance of the grant.

Mayor Bob Brown stated the next item was to consider approval of an Advanced Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the 2012 Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program (STEP) Grant for sidewalk improvements.

ADVANCED FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE 2012 STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (STEP) GRANT FOR SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS - APPROVED.

6.

Councilmember Victor Travis moved to approve the Ordinance granting a Special Use Permit for a Craft Distillery for property located at 107 East Lufkin Avenue. Councilmember Don Langston seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:09 p.m. and asked anyone who wished to speak to please step forward.

There being no one who wished to speak; Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing and asked for comments or questions from City Council.

City Manager Paul Parker stated this was the Second Reading of a request to allow for a Special Use Permit for a Craft Distillery at 107 East Lufkin Avenue in downtown Lufkin. City Manager Parker stated this was the first business of this type in Lufkin. City Manager Parker furthered that no opposition to this request had been received, and both Staff and the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval.

Mayor Bob Brown stated the next item was to conduct a Public Hearing and consider on Second Reading an Ordinance granting a Special Use Permit for a Craft Distillery in a "Central Business" zoning district for property known as 107 East Lufkin Avenue.

PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A CRAFT DISTILLERY IN A "CENTRAL BUSINESS" ZONING DISTRICT FOR PROPERTY KNOWN AS 107 EAST LUFKIN AVENUE - APPROVED.

5.

Councilmember Victor Travis moved to approve the Second Reading of the Ordinance changing the zoning classification and future land use classification on property known as 108 and 114 Van Street. Councilmember Don Langston seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

Bob F. Brown, Mayor



11. There being no further business for consideration, the meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

City Manager Paul Parker highlighted upcoming events and board meetings on the calendar including the First Friday Luncheon.

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.

Mayor Bob Brown stated there was no need for an Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the Resolution authorizing Budget Amendment No. 10. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

City Manager Paul Parker stated this Budget Amendment simply closed out and re-aligned funding for projects that had been completed. City Manager Parker furthered that the Budget Amendment also included the funding for the City's portion of the match for the grant approved in Item No. 6, returned funding for an unpurchased piece of equipment to the Solid Waste Fund and returned funding to the Economic Development fund due to land not being purchased. City Manager Parker stated he would be glad to answer any questions related to the Budget Amendment.

Mayor Bob Brown stated the next item was to consider a Resolution authorizing Budget Amendment No. 10 to close out or re-align projects in various funds.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 10 TO CLOSE OUT OR RE-ALIGN PROJECTS IN VARIOUS FUNDS - APPROVED.

8. Councilmember Robert Shankle moved to approve the agreement as presented. Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

City Manager Paul Parker stated this was the agreement for Engineering Services for the project discussed in Item No. 7. City Manager Parker furthered that KSA Engineering, Inc. had been working with Staff since the inception of this project and Staff recommended approval of the agreement with KSA, Inc. in the amount of seventy-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$77,500).

Mayor Bob Brown stated the next item was to consider approval of an agreement with KSA Engineers, Inc. for engineering services for the 2012 Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program (STEP) Grant.

AGREEMENT WITH KSA ENGINEERS, INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE 2012 STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (STEP) GRANT - APPROVED.

7. Councilmember Robert Shankle moved to approve the agreement with the understanding that Staff would request a change order to include the sidewalk on Leach Street in front of Garrett Elementary. Councilmember Lynn Torres seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

SEAL

Kara Atwood, City Secretary

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