

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 2014.

On the 1ST day of April, 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
Victor Travis	Councilmember, Ward No. 1
Robert Shankle	Councilmember, Ward No. 2
Don Langston	Councilmember, Ward No. 4
Rufus Duncan	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
Gerald Williamson	Police Chief
Ted Lovett	Fire Chief
Steve Floyd	Public Works Director
Steve Poskey	Street Department Director
Chuck Walker	Public Utilities Director
Mike Akridge	Parks & Recreation Director
Dale Allred	Inspection Services Director
Barbara Thompson	Main Street Director

being present; and

Lynn Torres

Mayor Pro-Tem

being absent when the following business was transacted.

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by Reverend William Ricks, First Missionary Baptist Church.
2. Mayor Bob Brown welcomed visitors present. Mayor Brown stated that prior to the meeting, a proclamation was present in honor of National Service Day.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held March 18, 2014, were approved on a motion by Councilmember Sarah Murray and seconded by Councilmember Robert Shankle. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded to approve the minutes as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

4. **PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE BY CHANGING THE ZONING AND FUTURE LAND USE MAP TO "COMMERCIAL" ON PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS 4766 LANDINVEST FM 819 SUBDIVISION – APPROVED**

Mayor Bob Brown stated the next item was to conduct a Public Hearing and consider on Second Reading an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance by changing the zoning and Future Land Use map to "Commercial" on property described as 4766 Landinvest FM 819 Subdivision.

City Manager Paul Parker stated this was the second reading of the request by the owner Jane Ainsworth for a change in zoning and future land use designation to "Commercial" on the property located on FM 819. City Manager Parker concluded that there was no opposition to this request and both Staff and the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval.

Councilmember Rufus Duncan recused himself from any discussion or vote on the item.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:05 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak on the matter, Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing and requested comments or motions from City Council.

Councilmember Don Langston moved to approve the First Reading of an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance by changing the zoning and Future Land Use map to "Commercial" on property described as 4766 Landinvest FM 819 Subdivision. Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded along with Councilmember Rufus Duncan's recusal.

5. **ACCEPTANCE OF CERTIFICATION FROM CITY SECRETARY CANCELING THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION SCHEDULED FOR MAY 10, 2014 TO ELECT A CITY COUNCIL MEMBER FOR WARD NO. 5 AND WARD NO. 6 AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE DECLARING UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES IN THE MAY 10, 2014 GENERAL CITY ELECTION, ELECTED TO OFFICE AND CANCELLING THE ELECTION – APPROVED**

Mayor Bob Brown stated the next item was consider acceptance of Certification from City Secretary canceling the Municipal Election scheduled for May 10, 2014 to elect a City Council Member for Ward No. 5 and Ward No. 6 and consider on Second Reading an Ordinance declaring unopposed candidates in the May 10, 2014 General City Election, elected to office and cancelling the election.

Councilmember Don Langston moved to accept the Certification and approve the Ordinance on First Reading cancelling the May 10th, 2014 General City Election and declaring the unopposed candidates for Ward No. 5 and No. 6 elected to office. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

6. **SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ABANDONMENT, VACATION AND CLOSURE OF AN ALLEY LOCATED BETWEEN WEST POLK AND WEST LAUREL AVENUE AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO CONVEY THE PROPERTY TO ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS UPON PAYMENT OF FAIR MARKET VALUE – APPROVED**

Mayor Bob Brown stated the next item was to consider on Second Reading an Ordinance providing for the abandonment, vacation and closure of an alley located between West Polk and West Laurel Avenue and authorizing the City Manager to convey the property to adjacent property owners upon payment of fair market value.

City Manager Paul Parker stated this was the second reading of an ordinance to sell surplus property located between Polk and Laurel to the following adjacent property owners: Mr. Wayne Cook in the amount of three hundred sixteen dollars and sixty-seven cents (\$316.67); Mr. Mario Fuentes in the amount of two hundred twenty-three dollars and forty-seven cents (\$223.47); and Mr. Joe Treadwell in the amount of two hundred forty dollars and eleven cents (\$240.11) through a quit claim deed upon payment. City Manager Parker concluded that Staff recommended City Council approve the sale of the alley as stated.

Councilmember Rufus Duncan moved to approve the Second Reading of an Ordinance for the closure of the alley as stated and authorizing the sale of said alley to the adjacent property owners. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion and unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

NEW BUSINESS:

7. **DONATION TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$6,000) FROM THE LUFKIN CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU FOR THE PURCHASE OF AWARDS FOR SOFTBALL AND DISC GOLF TOURNAMENTS AND A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 13 APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING – APPROVED.**

Mayor Bob Brown stated the next item was to consider acceptance of a donation to the Parks and Recreation Department in the amount of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) from the Lufkin Convention & Visitors Bureau for the purchase of awards for softball and disc golf tournaments and approval of a Resolution authorizing Budget Amendment No. 13 appropriating the funding.

City Manager Paul Parker stated the Lufkin Convention & Visitors Bureau allocated six thousand dollars (\$6,000) for the purchase of awards for two (2) youth softball tournaments to be held in April and August. City Manager Parker stated this funding would also provide for the purchase of awards for disc golf tournament to be held in conjunction with the opening of the new disc golf course. City Manager Parker furthered that the Budget Amendment simply allowed the funds to be transferred to the Parks and Recreation Department. City Manager Parker concluded that Staff recommended acceptance of the donation and approval of Budget Amendment No. 13.

Councilmember Robert Shankle moved to accept the donation and approve the Resolution authorizing Budget Amendment No. 13. Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

8. **AWARD OF BID TO LAYNE CHRISTENSEN COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY-ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR DOLLARS (\$31,954) FOR THE REHABILITATION OF WATER WELL NO. 29 AND A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 14 APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING - APPROVED.**

Mayor Bob Brown stated that the next item was to consider approval of a bid to Layne Christensen Company in the amount of thirty-one thousand nine hundred fifty-four dollars (\$31,954) for the rehabilitation of Water Well No. 29 and a Resolution authorizing Budget Amendment No. 14 appropriating the funding.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that as City Council was aware, the City had used Layne Christensen to rehabilitate several water wells. City Manager Parker furthered that the electrical service had finally been connected to the three (3) Abitibi wells located in Nacogdoches County. City Manager Parker stated that one of these wells (Well No. 29) had a submersible pump and would be easier and less costly to rehabilitate. City Manager Parker furthered that Staff requested City Council approve an amendment to the existing contract with Layne Christensen to rehabilitate this well, one of the larger producing wells, which would provide additional water for the City.

Councilmember Don Langston moved to award the bid to Layne Christensen Company for the rehabilitation of Water Well No. 29 and approve Budget Amendment No. 14. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

9. **INSTALLATION OF TWO (2) MONUMENT STREET SIGNS ON GASLIGHT BOULEVARD BY THE LUFKIN LANDSCAPE TASK FORCE - APPROVED**

Mayor Bob Brown stated that Item No. 9 was to consider approval of the installation of two (2) monument street signs on Gaslight Boulevard by the Lufkin Landscape Task Force.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that the Lufkin Landscape Task Force had begun the first phase of the beautification program on Gaslight Boulevard. City Manager Parker continued that the Task Force desired to install two (2) granite signs in the islands at the intersections of Frank and Gaslight and at Pershing and Gaslight. City Manager Parker stated that a rendering of the signage was included in the packet. Task Force member Genie Flournoy addressed Council and stated the signs would be granite and they would be completed by East Texas Monuments. Mrs. Flournoy stated the signs would be engraved on both sides and would not be of any cost to the City.

Councilmember Rufus Duncan moved to approve the installation of the signage as stated. Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

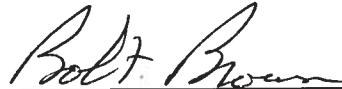
11. **APPOINTMENT OF A BOARD MEMBER TO THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION - TABLED**

Councilmember Don Langston moved to table the appointment of a board member to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

12. **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 highlighted upcoming events and meetings including the First Friday Luncheon, the Memorialization Ceremony at the new Armed Forces Reserve Center, the Downtown Hoedown and the performance of the Harlem Gospel Choir at the Pines Theater.

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



Bob F. Brown, Mayor



Kara Atwood, City Secretary

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