

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 15th DAY OF JULY, 2014.

On the 15th day of July 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
Rocky Thigpen	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
Belinda Southern	Finance Director
Gerald Williamson	Police Chief
David Thomas	Assistant Police Chief
Ted Lovett	Fire Chief
Rodney Ivy	Human Resources Director
Steve Floyd	Public Works Director
Steve Poskey	Street Department Director
Chuck Walker	Public Utilities Director
Belinda Southern	Finance Director
Mike Akridge	Parks & Recreation Director
Dale Allred	Inspection Services Director
Barbara Thompson	Main Street Director
Drew Squyres	Utility Collections Director
Debra Cassidy	WWTP Director
Sid Munlin	Information Technology Director
Ramon Johnson	Water & Sewer Director
Lorraine Simoneau	Library Director
Gorden Henley	Ellen Trout Zoo Director
Thad Chambers	Economic Development Director
Aaron Ramsey	Animal Control Director

being present when the following business was transacted.

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by Deputy City Manager Keith Wright.
2. Mayor Bob Brown welcomed visitors present.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the Special Called Meeting held June 27, 2014, and the Regular Council Meeting held July 1, 2014 were approved on a motion by Councilmember Lynn Torres and seconded by Councilmember Rocky Thigpen. 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 OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS BY CHANGING THE ZONING TO “COMMERCIAL” AND AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP TO “COMMERCIAL” FOR PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 711 LOCKE STREET – APPROVED.**

Mayor Brown stated the next item was to conduct a Public Hearing and consider on Second Reading an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Lufkin, Texas by changing the zoning to “Commercial” and amending the Future Land Use Map to “Commercial” for property commonly known as 711 Locke Street.

City Manager Parker stated this was the Second Reading of this item and stated that Staff recommended approval of the requested change to the zoning and Future Land Use Map to "Commercial" for property commonly known as 711 Locke Street.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:02 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak, Mayor Brown closed the Hearing and requested comments and/or motions from City Council.

Councilmember Victor Travis moved to approve the Second Reading of an Ordinance approving the request for a change of zoning and to the Future Land Use Map as stated. Councilmember Don Langston seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

5. **SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ABANDONMENT, VACATION AND CLOSURE OF AN ALLEY, LOCATED SOUTH OF AND ADJACENT TO 817 KILN STREET (LOT NO. 5, BLOCK NO. 2, HIGH SCHOOL HEIGHTS ADDITION) AND PROVIDING FOR THE CITY MANAGER TO CONVEY SAID ALLEY TO THE ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNER – APPROVED.**

Mayor Brown stated Item No. 5 was the Second Reading of an Ordinance providing for the abandonment, vacation and closure of an alley located adjacent to 817 Kiln Street and providing for the City Manager to convey said alley to the adjoining property owner.

City Manager Parker stated this was the Second Reading of the request of conveyance of the alley to Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Deaton. City Manager Parker furthered that Staff recommended approval of the closure and sale of the alley in the amount of nine hundred eighty three dollars (\$983.00).

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the closure and sale of the alley as stated. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

NEW BUSINESS:

6. **FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 3712 (ELECTRICAL ORDINANCE) TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ELECTRIFIED FENCES, DETERMINE REGULATIONS, ESTABLISH PERMITTING AND PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE – APPROVED.**

Mayor Brown stated the next item for consideration was the First Reading of an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 3712 (Electrical Ordinance) to authorize the construction of electrified fences, determine regulations, establish permitting and provide for an effective date.

City Manager Parker stated that this was the First Reading of the proposed Ordinance that had been discussed during the Council Meeting of July 1, 2015. City Manager Parker furthered that all changes Council had requested had been included in this draft. City Attorney Bruce Green highlighted the changes in the Ordinance.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the First Reading of the Ordinance as presented. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion. The motion passed with a four (4) to three (3) vote with Councilmember Don Langston, Councilmember Sarah Murray and Councilmember Victor Travis opposing.

7. **PURCHASE OF A 2014 FORD F550 TRUCK WITH AERIAL DEVICE (BUCKET TRUCK) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$90,653 THROUGH THE NATIONAL JOINT POWERS ALLIANCE (NJPA) AND A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 21 APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING – APPROVED.**

Mayor Brown stated the next item was to consider approval of the purchase of a 2014 Ford F550 Truck with Aerial Device (Bucket Truck) in the amount of \$90,653 through the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) and a Resolution authorizing Budget Amendment No. 21 appropriating the funding.

City Manager Parker stated that in June of this year the Street Department's bucket truck was destroyed by a fire. The entire vehicle was destroyed. The insurance will be providing coverage, but they do not have the total value determined yet. The City will be receiving

insurance payment and salvage profit, but there will be an additional cost for the purchase of this vehicle. City Manager Parker stated that the different amount is not clear at this time until the insurance agency determines the total amount. City Manager Parker furthered that the bucket truck is a necessity to the City, because it is used by nearly every department for various reasons such as cutting limbs and hanging lights. City Manager Parker concluded that Staff recommends City Council approval of this resolution for the purchase of a 2014 F-550 truck with aerial device in the amount of \$90,653.

Councilmember Rocky Thigpen questioned the amount of the delivery fee on the equipment. Public Works Director Steve Floyd stated he would determine the reason for the fee and inform Councilmember Thigpen.

Councilmember Victor Travis moved to approve the purchase of the 2014 Ford F550 Bucket Truck for the Street Department. Councilmember Don Langston seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

8. **PURCHASE OF A 2014 CHEVY TAHOE FOR THE LUFKIN POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,125 FROM CALDWELL COUNTRY CHEVROLET AND A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 22 APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING - APPROVED**

Mayor Brown stated that Item No. 8 was consideration of the purchase of a 2014 Chevy Tahoe for the Lufkin Police Department in the amount of \$32,125 from Caldwell Country Chevrolet and a Resolution authorizing Budget Amendment No. 22 appropriating the funding

City Manager Parker stated that recently one of the Lufkin Police Department Tahoe's was involved in an accident that resulted in the vehicle being a total loss. City Manager Parker continued that when Staff researched purchasing a replacement vehicle, they found that Caldwell Country Chevrolet had two Chevrolet Tahoes that matched the specifications for the Police Department cruisers. City Manager Parker furthered that the one cruiser in the accident would be replaced, but when the City found out that dealership had two, the City elected to purchase the second cruiser due to the changing body style of the Chevrolet Tahoe, because the new body style does not comply with current Police Department equipment. City Manager Parker furthered that the second Chevrolet Tahoe will be one less that the Police Department will need to purchase in the 2014-2015 and it will just move up in the amortization schedule. City Manager Parker concluded that Staff recommended City Council approve Budget Amendment No. 22 appropriating funding for a 2014 Chevy Tahoe for the Lufkin Police Department.

Councilmember Victor Travis moved to approve the purchase of the 20104 Tahoe for the Lufkin Police Department. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

9. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Paul Parker stated that the financial part of the City Manager's report would be addressed in the presentation of the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Budget. City Manager Parker furthered that the only item worth mentioning was that the Street Department has completed the street overlay program for the year, and will now be working on Capital Improvement Projects for the remainder of the fiscal year. City Manager Parker concluded that unless any City Council Members had a specific question then he would continue on to the presentation of the preliminary 2014-2015 fiscal year budget.

10. **PRESENTATION OF PRELIMINARY 2014-2015 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET**

City Manager Paul Parker stated the various expenditures, revenues, and specifications of each City department's budget. City Manager Parker also provided some recommendations to City Council and City Staff for addressing the budget in the 2015-2016 budget draft process.

11. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2013/2014 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 23), PROVIDING FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS IN THE GENERAL FUND HOTEL/MOTEL TAX, SPECIAL RECREATION, PINES THEATER SPECIAL EVENT, ZOO BUILDING, COURT SECURITY/TECHNOLOGY, ANIMAL CONTROL -**

KURTH GRANT, ANIMAL CONTROL – ANIMAL ATTIC, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, LUFKIN CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU, WATER AND SEWER RENEWAL AND REPLACEMENT, GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT SERVICE, WATER/WASTEWATER, SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING, AND EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION & REPLACEMENT FUNDS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE – APPROVED

Mayor Bob Brown stated the next item was to consider a Resolution authorizing an amendment to the 2013/2014 Operating Budget (Budget Amendment No. 23), providing for the supplemental appropriation of funds in the General Fund Hotel/Motel Tax, Special Recreation, Pines Theater Special Event, Zoo Building, Court Security/Technology, Animal Control – Kurth Grant, Animal Control – Animal Attic, Economic Development, Lufkin Convention & Visitors Bureau, Water and Sewer Renewal and Replacement, General Obligation Debt Service, Water/Wastewater, Solid Waste & Recycling, and Equipment Acquisition & Replacement Funds; and providing an effective date.

City Manager Parker stated during budget preparation each year the City looks to determine if departments are on target with their budget, and this process helps the City determine their needs for the next year's budget. City Manager Parker continued that this Budget Amendment was referred to as the mid-year amendment. City Manager Parker furthered that in some cases the department may have extra revenue or more expenditures that need to be addressed this year. City Manager Parker concluded that Staff recommended City Council approval of the Budget Amendment No. 23.

Councilmember Don Langston moved to approve Budget Amendment No. 23. Councilmember Lynn Torres seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Bob Brown recessed the Regular Session at 6:01 p.m.

Mayor Brown reconvened Regular Session at 7:55 p.m.

13. PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL LAND FOR THE CITY OF LUFKIN INDUSTRIAL PARK AND A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 24 APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING – APPROVED

Mayor Bob Brown stated the next item was to consider the purchase of additional land for the City of Lufkin Industrial Park and approval of Budget Amendment No. 21.

City Manager Parker stated Staff recommended approval of the purchase as discussed in Executive Session.

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

14. 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.

15. There being no further business for consideration, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



Bob F. Brown, Mayor

Kara Atwood

Kara Atwood, City Secretary

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