

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 7TH DAY OF JUNE 2016.

On the 7TH day of June, 2016 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
Mark Hicks	Mayor Pro Tem
Guessippina Bonner	Councilmember, Ward No. 1
Robert Shankle	Councilmember, Ward No. 2
Lynn Torres	Councilmember, Ward No. 3
Rocky Thigpen	Councilmember, Ward No. 5
Sarah Murray	Councilmember, Ward No. 6
Keith Wright	City Manager
Steve Floyd	Assistant City Manager
Bruce Green	City Attorney
Kara Atwood	City Secretary
Rodney Ivy	Human Resource Director
Gerald Williamson	Police Chief
David Thomas	Asst. Police Chief
Ted Lovett	Fire Chief
Belinda Southern	Finance Director
Steve Poskey	Street Department Director
Mike Akridge	Parks & Recreation Director
Barbara Thompson	Main Street Director
Jason Arnold	Water & Sewer Director
Chuck Walker	Public Works Director
Kent Havard	Solid Waste Director

being present when the following business was transacted.

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by Senior Pastor Mark Livingston of Keltys Baptist Church.
2. Mayor Bob F. Brown welcomed visitors present.
3. **MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD MAY 17, 2016 - APPROVED**

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the minutes of the meetings as presented. Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

4. **ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO NEW LUFKIN FIREFIGHTERS**

The Lufkin Firefighters introduced themselves left to right: Michael Vinther; Chad McMurry; Keith Barton; Roosevelt Jolly IV; Steven Arnett and Michael Parish. Mayor Bob F. Brown administered the Oath of Office to the Lufkin Firefighters. Mayor Brown, City Council, attending citizens and family congratulated the new City of Lufkin Firefighters.

5. **PROMOTION CEREMONY**

Mayor Bob F. Brown promoted the following within the Lufkin Fire Department: Keith Cole to Battalion Chief; Jesse Pickett to Captain; Travis Zienko to Captain; and Jonathan Hammond to Lieutenant. Mayor Bob F. Brown thanked the First Responders for their dedication and sacrifice in the pursuit of helping others.

NEW BUSINESS

6. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF A CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND BEING A 0.389 ACRE PARCEL OF UNDEVELOPED RIGHT-OF-WAY WITHIN THE J. A. BONTON SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 5 IN LUFKIN, ANGELINA COUNTY, TEXAS – APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that Section 272.001 of the Texas Local Government Code authorized a municipality to convey narrow strips of land or land that because of its shape, lack of access to public roads, or a small area that could not be used independently under its current zoning or under applicable subdivision or other development control Ordinances to abutting property owners for fair market value. City Manager Wright furthered that the particular tract of land considered was a portion of City right-of-way located at the corner of West Frank Avenue, Gaslight Medical Parkway and Ellis Avenue and according to the Director of Planning and Zoning, due to the fact that it was a portion of right-of-way, it was currently undevelopable for private use. City Manager Wright furthered that the area was not platted or zoned, both of which must be present before land could be developed for a use other than right of way, and such as sidewalks and streets. City Manager Wright stated that given the circumstances the small tract of land could be conveyed to an abutting land owner by the City without the necessity of notice and bidding pursuant to Section 272.001 of the Texas Local Government Code. City Manager Wright furthered that the proposed Resolution authorized the City Manager to convey the property to the abutting landowner by No Warranty Deed upon payment of fair market value. City Manager Wright stated that the property recently appraised by William J. Lyons & Associates for twenty-six thousand dollars (\$26,000) and that the purchase price was the sum of the appraised value plus the cost of appraisal and associated filing fees. City Manager Wright furthered that the abutting property owner, Mr. Sam Baldwin, LIA, LLC had indicated in writing his interest in purchasing the property for the appraised amount of twenty-six thousand five-hundred and thirty dollars (\$26,530). City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council approve a Resolution authorizing the sale of a parcel of land being a 0.389 acre parcel of undeveloped right-of-way within the J.A. Bonton Survey, Abstract No. 5 in the amount of twenty-six thousand five-hundred and thirty dollars (\$26,530) to the abutting property owner.

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

7. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS ADOPTING A RECOGNITION AND HONORARIUM POLICY FOR THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS – APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that during the Regular City Council meeting of May 3, 2016, City Council appointed a committee to develop a policy regarding the recognition of individuals, events and organizations. City Manager Wright furthered that Councilmember Mark Hicks, Councilmember Lynn Torres, and Councilmember Robert Shankle were appointed to serve in that capacity. City Manager Wright stated that the Committee along with City Staff had developed a policy for consideration by City Council that delineated guidelines and procedures for the bestowing of recognitions such as Certificates of Recognition, Mayoral Letters, Proclamations, Keys to the City, and Meritorious Service Medals. City Manager Wright reviewed the Policy included in the Council packets. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council consider approval of a Resolution adopting a Recognition and Honorarium Policy for the City of Lufkin.

Councilmember Sarah Murray moved to approve the Resolution as presented. Councilmember Guessippina Bonner seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

Mayor Bob F. Brown thanked City Staff responsible for contributing to the Recognition and Honorarium policy and requested that the Recognition and Honorarium committee remain a Standing Committee. City Council approved.

8. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST FROM MAYOR, CITY COUNCILMEMBERS AND STAFF

City Manager Wright detailed the various upcoming City sponsored and community events.

Mayor Bob F. Brown stated that Councilmember Lynn Torres would be out of town during the July 5th, 2016 City Council meeting.

9. There being no more business to address the meeting was adjourned at 5:17 p.m.




Bob F. Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kara Atwood, City Secretary