

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 2ND DAY OF FEBRUARY 2016.

On the 2nd day of February, 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
Mark Hicks
Victor Travis
Robert Shankle
Lynn Torres
Rocky Thigpen
Sarah Murray
Keith Wright
Steve Floyd
Bruce Green
Kara Atwood
Gerald Williamson
David Thomas
Duane Freeman
Belinda Southern
Dorothy Wilson
Steve Poskey
Mike Akridge
Barbara Thompson
Brant Lee
Jason Arnold
Dale Allred
Kent Havard
Gorden Henley
Tara Watkins

Mayor
Mayor Pro Tem
Councilmember, Ward No. 1
Councilmember Ward No. 2
Councilmember, Ward No. 3
Councilmember, Ward No. 5
Councilmember, Ward No. 6
City Manager
Assistant City Manager
City Attorney
City Secretary
Police Chief
Asst. Police Chief
Asst. Fire Chief
Finance Director
Planning Director
Street Department Director
Parks & Recreation Director
Main Street Director
Civic Center Director
Water & Sewer Director
Inspection Services Director
Solid Waste Director
Ellen Trout Zoo Director
LCVB Director

being present when the following business was transacted.

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by Senior Pastor Mark A. Newton of Lufkin First Baptist Church.
2. Mayor Bob F. Brown welcomed visitors present.
3. **MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD JANUARY 19TH, 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. **PRESENTATION OF THE LUFKIN CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU ANNUAL REPORT**

The Lufkin Convention and Visitors Bureau Director, Tara Watkins gave a detailed annual report for the year 2015.

City Council thanked Tara Watkins for her efforts.

OLD BUSINESS

5. **PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, BY CHANGING THE ZONING TO "LOCAL BUSINESS" FOR ONE ACRE OF**

LAND (ABS 0040 QUINALTY J.L., TRACT 158) ADDRESSED AS 1513 SOUTH CHESTNUT DRIVE – APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated the owners requested a zone change from “Neighborhood Retail” to “Local Business” and that there was a mixture of local businesses and residences surrounding the subject property. City Manager Wright further stated that north of the site there were some homes and a business (MSGPR public relations firm), south of the site was Gibson Gipson Funeral Home and to the west and slightly north there was a hair salon and Kwik Kopy. City Manager Wright stated east of the owner’s site was vacant land owned by Gipson Funeral Home. City Manager Wright further stated the proposed zone change to a “Local Business” zoning district was recommended for approval based on the many business prospects for the property that could further enhance the area. City Manager Wright concluded that both Staff and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended City Council approve the Second Reading of the Ordinance changing the zoning to “Local Business” on the property located at 1513 South Chestnut Drive.

Mayor Brown opened the floor to public comment at 5:20 p.m. There was none.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the Ordinance as presented. Councilmember Rocky Thigpen seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

NEW BUSINESS

6. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, BY CHANGING THE ZONING TO “LOCAL BUSSINESS” FOR 1.08 ACRES OF LAND DESCRIBED AS LOT 1 OF LOT 100 SUBDIVISION, ADDRESSED AS 803 CROOKED CREEK DRIVE - APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated the owners, ZIVMAT LP, requested a zone change from “Neighborhood Retail” to “Local Business” for the purpose of constructing a building for new office space. City Manager Wright further stated a mixture of local businesses and residences surrounded the subject property. City Manager Wright detailed that the Trails Apartments were located near the western border of the property on Crooked Creek Drive and across South John Redditt Drive was Saint Cyprian’s Episcopal School. City Manager Wright stated that across Crooked Creek Drive from the subject property and to the north was the Trailwood Square Shopping Center, which housed businesses such as Little Caesar’s Pizza, Happy Nails Salon and The Lunch Box. City Manager Wright further stated that in addition to the zoning limits, the site was restricted by a gas pipeline easement placed through the middle of the property as well as floodplain designations that restricted the building area. City Manager Wright detailed the subject area using a map. City Manager Wright concluded that the Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously recommended approval to change the zone from “Neighborhood Retail” to “Local Business” at its regular meeting that was held on January 25, 2016. City Manager Wright stated Staff also recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and approve an Ordinance on First Reading changing the zoning to “Local Business” on property known as 803 Crooked Creek Drive.

Mayor Brown opened the floor to public comment at 5:22 p.m. There was none.

Councilmember Victor Travis moved to approve the Ordinance as presented. Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

7. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CALLING AND ORDERING OF A GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS TO BE HELD AT TWO (2) POLLING PLACES IN LUFKIN, TEXAS ON MAY 7, 2016 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A COUNCILMEMBER FOR WARD NO. 1 AND A COUNCILMEMBER FOR WARD NO. 3 - APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated the City of Lufkin would conduct General Election on May 7, 2016 for the purpose of electing a Councilmember for Ward No. 1 and Ward No. 3. City Manager Wright further stated the Ordinance established dates and the location for early voting in person and by mail; delineated the City Secretary as the early voting clerk and allowed for the posting of the notice of election. City Manager Wright stated that the General Election location would be determined at a later date by amendment to the Ordinance on March 1st, 2016. City Manager Wright further explained that Staff would wait to find out if Lufkin ISD would hold an opposed election and if so the election would be held at the Administration Building and if not the Election would be held at City Hall. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council approve the First Reading of an Ordinance for the calling and ordering of a General Election to be held May 7, 2016 for the purpose of electing a Councilmember for Ward No. 1 and Ward No. 3.

Councilmember Robert Shankle moved to approve the Ordinance as presented. Councilmember Victor Travis seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

8. RESOLUTION AMENDING AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES TO THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT POOL (TEX POOL) - APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated the proposed amendment to the Texas Local government Investment Pool (TexPool) simply delineated City Manager Keith Wright, Assistant City Manager Steve Floyd, Finance Director Belinda Southern and Senior Accountant Teresa Casanova as authorized representatives on the City of Lufkin TexPool account. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended that City Council approve a Resolution amending the list of authorized representatives in the TexPool account.

Councilmember Lynn Torres made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

9. RESOLUTION AMENDING AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES TO THE TEXSTAR SHORT TERM ASSET RESERVE FUND (TEXSTAR) – APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated the Resolution updated the authorized representatives to the City of Lufkin TexStar account as did Item No. 8 and included City Manager Keith Wright, Assistant City Manager Steve Floyd, Finance Director Belinda Southern and Senior Accountant Teresa Cassanova. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council approve the Resolution amending the list of authorized representatives to the TexStar account.

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

10. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2015/2016 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 12), PROVIDING FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS IN THE ELLEN TROUT ZOO BUILDING FUND; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE - APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that during the City Council meeting of January 19th, 2016, City Council approved proposals from MESA, Inc. for the development of a Master Plan and the design of a Gorilla Exhibit for the Ellen Trout Zoo. City Manager Wright further stated the Budget Amendment basically established and allocated the revenues and expenditures for the projects, which would be paid for by Friends of the Ellen Trout Zoo. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council approve a Resolution authorizing Budget Amendment No. 12 appropriating the funds for the development of a Master Plan and the design of a Gorilla Exhibit for the Ellen Trout Zoo.

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

11. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS APPROVING THE ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON, TEXAS FOR A FLOWAGE EASEMENT – APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that attached for City Council consideration was a Resolution approving an assignment agreement with the City of Huntington for a flowage easement from Dorothy Eaves Fall to the City of Lufkin (“City”), as successor in interest to the Fuller Springs Water Control and Improvement District, and authorized the City Manager or his designee to execute the agreement. City Manager Wright further stated that in 1987 the City absorbed water wells from the Fuller Springs Water Control and Improvement District No. one (“District”) and at the same time the City acquired a flowage easement as the successor in interest to the District. City Manager Wright stated that in 1990 the City sold the above referenced wells to the City of Huntington, at which time the easement should have passed to Huntington as successor in interest to Lufkin, but for some reason that did not occur and thus was not recorded with the County. City Manager Wright further stated that given the fact that the easement should have passed with the sale of the wells back in 1990, Staff proposed the formal assignment to the City of Huntington.

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

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Brown convened Executive Session at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Brown recessed Executive Session at 5:35 p.m.

13. RE-APPOINTMENT OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN MUNICIPAL JUDGE – APPROVED

Councilmember Lynn Torres made a motion to approve the re-appointment of April Earley as Municipal Court Judge. Councilmember Rocky Thigpen seconded and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

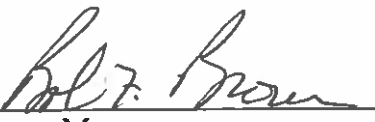
14. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST FROM MAYOR, CITY COUNCILMEMBERS AND STAFF

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

Councilmember Lynn Torres asked those present to note that on the 15th and 16th of February 2016 she would be in Austin, Texas at the Texas Assessment Conference, therefore missing the City Council Meeting.


Mayor Brown complimented Steve Poskey, Street Department Director for his efforts.

15. There being no more business to address the meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.



Bob F. Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kara Atwood, City Secretary

