

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 16TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2016.

On the 16th 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	Mayor
Mark Hicks	Mayor Pro Tem
Victor Travis	Councilmember, Ward No. 1
Robert Shankle	Councilmember Ward No. 2
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
Gerald Williamson	Police Chief
David Thomas	Asst. Police Chief
Ted Lovett	Fire Chief
Belinda Southern	Finance Director
Dorothy Wilson	Planning 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 Deacon Ray Vann of St. Patrick Catholic Church.
2. Mayor Bob F. Brown welcomed visitors present.
3. **MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 2ND, 2016 - APPROVED**

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

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 "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 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 5:03 p.m. There was none.

Councilmember Sarah Murray stated that it appeared there was no opposition to changing the zoning of 803 Crooked Creek Drive to "Local Business".

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

5. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND 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 a 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; and delineated the City Secretary as the early voting clerk and allowed for the posting of the notice of election. City Manager Wright stated that voting locations for Election Day would be determined at a later date by an amendment to the subject Ordinance. City Manager Wright explained that the outcome of whether the Lufkin Independent School District Board had an election would determine the General Election locations for the City of Lufkin. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council approve the Second 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 Sarah Murray seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

NEW BUSINESS

6. PRESENTATION OF THE LUFKIN POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

Police Chief Gerald Williamson highlighted that every major crime rate decreased during the 2015/2016 year. Police Chief Williamson stated that the rapid response time of police officers arriving on scene to aid citizens in priority one (1) calls increased by 25% over the 2015/2016 year. Police Chief Williamson further stated that crashes decreased by 5% compared to 2014. Police Chief Williamson presented a detailed report that covered comprehensive issues specific to the City of Lufkin, citizens and civil servants. Police Chief Williamson concluded that the presented report would be made available online.

Mayor and City Councilmembers thanked Police Chief Gerald Williamson for his efforts.

No action was Necessary.

7. 2015/2016 LUFKIN POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL FORFEITURE FUND BUDGET – APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that each year the Police Chief, under Article 59.06 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedures, submits a forfeiture fund budget for the fiscal year. City Manager Wright further stated the forfeiture funds could only be expended with the recommendation of the Police Chief and the approval of City Council. City Manager Wright stated that the recommended budget for the forfeiture funds included the following: \$10,000 to pay off seized vehicles; \$100,000 for equipment and software, to include computer forensic software; server/memory upgrades; Panasonic Arbitrator vehicle camera systems; new digital cameras for crime scene technicians; force simulator equipment; tactical robot upgrades and rifle rated ballistic plates. City Manager Wright stated that all unspent monies would remain in the forfeiture fund account. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council approve the proposed Police forfeiture fund budget for Fiscal Year 2015/2016.

Councilmember Robert Shankle moved to approve the 2015/2016 Lufkin Police Department Annual Forfeiture Fund Budget. Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

8. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION BY THE LUFKIN POLICE DEPARTMENT TO THE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS DIVISION OF THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,000 – APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated the Lufkin Police Department was seeking authorization to apply for the Fiscal Year 2016 State Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$24,000 through the Homeland Security Grants Division of the Governor's Office. City Manager Wright further stated the grant did not require a match from the City of Lufkin and if awarded the funding would be utilized for the renovation and security upgrade to the Morris Frank Park repeater and tower site. City Manager Wright stated the current communications tower did not have a back-up power generator. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council approve a Resolution authorizing the Lufkin Police Department to apply for the Fiscal Year 2016 State Homeland Security Program in the amount of \$24,000.

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


9. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Wright stated the information he covered was presented to Council in their packets. City Manager Wright highlighted revenues and expenditures from the major accounts. City Manager Wright concluded that he would be happy to answer any questions. There were none.

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

City Manager Wright highlighted upcoming events and meetings.

11. There being no more business to address the meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.


Bob F. Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kara Atwood, City Secretary

