

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2016.**

On the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 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
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
David Thomas	Asst. Police Chief
Ted Lovett	Fire Chief
Dorothy Wilson	Planning Director
Steve Poskey	Street Department Director
Mike Akridge	Parks & Recreation Director
Barbara Thompson	Main Street Director
Jason Arnold	Water & Sewer Director
Dale Allred	Inspection Services Director
Chuck Walker	Public Works Director
Kent Havard	Solid Waste Director
Tara Watkins	LCVB Director

being present when the following business was transacted.

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by City Manager Keith Wright.
2. Mayor Bob F. Brown welcomed visitors present.
3. **MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2016 - APPROVED**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

4. **PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS BY CHANGING THE ZONING TO "COMMERCIAL"; ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A VETERINARY HOSPITAL AND CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP DESIGNATION TO "COMMERCIAL" FOR 2.947 ACRES OF PROPERTY ADDRESSED AS 612 LARGENT STREET - APPROVED**

City Manager Wright stated the owners, 2007 Timberlands, LTD and representative, Cragg Todd, requested a zone change from "Residential Large Single Family Dwelling" to "Commercial" with a Special Use Permit for a "Veterinary Hospital" for the purpose of building and operating a veterinary clinic at the site. City Manager Wright detailed the site on a map. City Manager Wright furthered that the area had seen numerous new businesses located there in the last ten (10) years which included a dialysis center, rehabilitation building, bank, dental office, auto body repair shop and a construction

shop. City Manager Wright furthered that north of the property was “Residential Large Single Family Dwelling”. East of the property was “Local Business” and south of the site was “Commercial” and “Residential Large Single Family Dwelling”. City Manager Wright stated that west of the property was “Residential Large Single Family Dwelling”. City Manager Wright furthered that the site currently was forested with a small house that would be demolished prior to construction and approximately one-third of the site would be used for the Veterinary Hospital and the remainder of the site would be available for future development. City Manager Wright stated that the Future Land Use map classified the subject property as “Office” and added that north, south, east and west of the subject property was “Office” while west of the site was “Low Density Residential”. City Manager Wright furthered that the current zone did not permit the property to be used for a veterinary hospital without a zone change and a Special Use Permit for a veterinary hospital. City Manager Wright furthered that many of the properties on Largent Street were used for commercial purposes and stated that the area had transitioned away from residential uses. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and approve the First Reading of the Ordinance changing the zoning to “Commercial” for 2.947 acres of property addressed as 612 Largent Street.

Mayor Brown opened the floor to public comment at 5:04 p.m. There was none.

Councilmember Lynn Torres 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 FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 4666 ESTABLISHING POLLING PLACE LOCATIONS FOR THE MAY 7, 2016 CITY OF LUFKIN GENERAL ELECTION - APPROVED**

City Manager Wright stated the Ordinance simply amended Ordinance No. 4666 which called and ordered the May 7, 2016 City of Lufkin General Election for the purpose of electing councilmembers for Ward No. 1 and Ward No. 3 by designating the Election Day polling places. City Manager Wright furthered that Lufkin City Hall would be the polling place on Election Day for Ward No. 1 and the main lobby of the Lufkin Middle School would serve as the Election Day polling place for Ward No. 3. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council approve the Ordinance designating Election Day polling places for the upcoming City of Lufkin General Election.

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

**6. PURCHASE OF NINE (9) VEHICLES FOR VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$191,821 FROM CALDWELL COUNTRY FORD-CHEVROLET THROUGH THE BUY BOARD - APPROVED**

City Manager Wright stated the 2015/2016 Amortization Schedule included the replacement of four (4) Chevy ½ ton pickups for the Street Department, Engineering, Parks & Recreation and Utility Collections. City Manager Wright furthered that one (1) ¾ ton crew cab pickup would be purchased for the Waste Water Treatment Plant, one (1) ton crew cab pickup for the Sewer Rehab/Construction Department, one (1) ¾ ton van for Animal Control and one (1) sedan for the Police Department. City Manager Wright stated the vehicles would be purchased through the Buy Board from Caldwell Country Ford-Chevrolet for a total amount of \$191,821 and that the funding was available through the Amortization Fund. City Manager Wright detailed a breakdown of the vehicle pricing as: four (4) Chevy ½ ton pickups at \$20,240 each that totaled \$80,960; one (1) Ford F250 crew cab pickup 1 ton priced at \$27,847; one (1) Ford F350 crew cab pickup 1 ton priced at \$36,502; one (1) Ford Taurus sedan priced at \$23,321 which included a Buy Board fee of \$400. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council approve the purchase of nine (9) vehicles as explained in the amount of \$191,821 from Caldwell Country Ford-Chevrolet. City Manager Wright furthered that the purchases completed the 2015 – 2016 Amortization Schedule.

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

**7. 2015/2016 STREET OVERLAY PROGRAM - APPROVED**

City Manager Wright stated that all City streets were inspected by City staff and all distresses were measured and recorded. City Manager Wright furthered that the collected data was then entered in to the Pavement Management Program (Micropaver) per street section and all street sections were given a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) number between 0 and 100, with 0 being the worst and 100 being the best. City Manager Wright stated that the streets were ranked from worst to best, with a PCI rank of 55 or less classified as a failed section. City Manager Wright concluded the street selections were then based on the PCI index, road designation, condition of utilities and available funding per ward.

Steve Poskey Street Department Director, highlighted the streets by Ward and stated the estimated cost of repairs for Ward No. 1 totaled \$99,431; Ward No. 2 totaled \$92,163; Ward No. 3 totaled 94,976; Ward No. 4 totaled \$95,648; Ward No. 5 totaled \$97,273 and Ward No. 6 totaled \$93,148.

City Manager Wright stated that the combined estimated cost equaled \$572,669. City Manager Wright further stated the actual costs could fluctuate due to unforeseen issues.

City Council thanked Street Director Steve Poskey for his efforts.

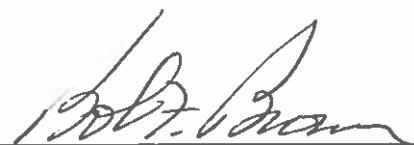
Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the 2015/2016 Street Overlay Program as presented. Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

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

City Manager Wright highlighted upcoming events and meetings.

City Council and Staff welcomed Firefighter Bryan Vinzant to his first City Council Meeting.

9. There being no more business to address the meeting was adjourned at 5:14 p.m.



Bob F. Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kara Atwood, City Secretary

