MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 2ND DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2021

On the 2nd day of February, 2021 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 Guessippina Bonner Lynn Torres Rocky Thigpen Trent Burfine Bruce Green Erika Neill Jason Arnold Gerald Williamson Kara Andrepont David Thomas **Buddy Cross** Jesse Moody Ryan Watson Jessica Pebsworth Scott Rayburn Albert Duffield Scott Feaster Lorraine Simoneau Jessica Leyva

Mayor Mayor Pro Tem Councilmember, Ward No. 1 Councilmember, Ward No. 3 Councilmember, Ward No. 5 Councilmember, Ward No. 6 City Manager City Attorney Assistant City Manager – Public Works Assistant City Manager – Admin/Public Safety City Secretary Police Chief Assistant Police Chief Fire Chief Assistant Fire Chief **Communications Director Planning Director** Water & Sewer Director IT Director Library Director Utility Collections

being present: and

Robert Shankle

Councilmember, Ward No. 2

being absent when the following business was transacted.

INVOCATION – The meeting was opened with prayer by City Manager Bruce Green.

<u>PUBLIC COMMENT</u> – Mayor Brown opened the meeting for Public Comment on any posted agenda item at 5:01 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak, Mayor Brown closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. <u>MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD JANUARY 19TH, 2021 –</u> <u>APPROVED.</u>

- 2. <u>RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR THE CALLING AND</u> <u>ORDERING OF A GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS TO BE</u> <u>HELD ON MAY 1, 2021 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR,</u> <u>COUNCILMEMBER FOR WARD NO. 2 AND A COUNCILMEMBER FOR WARD NO. 4;</u> <u>PROVIDING FOR THE NECESSARY NOTICES AND FIXING THE DATE – APPROVED</u>
- 3. <u>RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, ADOPTING TAX ABATEMENT</u> <u>GUIDELINES FOR GOVERNING TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENTS FOR</u> <u>PROPERTIES LOCATED IN THE CITY'S ENTERPRISE, REVITALIZATION AND</u> <u>REINVESTMENT ZONES – APPROVED.</u>

Mayor Brown stated all consent agenda items were considered routine by City Council and would be enacted by one motion due to their nature of being clerical, ministerial and/or routine. Mayor Brown furthered there would be no separate discussion of the items unless City Council requested an item be removed and considered separately. Mayor Brown stated prior to voting, City Council could add additional items that were listed on the agenda. Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve all items on the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilmember Guessippina Bonner seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

BUSINESS AGENDA

4. <u>PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE</u> ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS BY CHANGING THE ZONING TO "COMMERCIAL" AND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP DESIGNATION TO "COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR" ON PROPERTY ADDRESSED AS 4603 SOUTH FIRST STREET – APPROVED.

City Manager Bruce Green stated the applicant, WLD Properties Lufkin II, LLC, had requested a zone change from "Planned Unit Development (PUD)" to "Commercial" for 4603 South First Street. City Manager Green highlighted the location of the property on corresponding maps and provided information on current zoning of neighboring properties. City Manager Green furthered the request would also include a Future Land Use Plan map designation change from "Institutional" to "Corridor Commercial". City Manager Green furthered the purpose of the zone change and associated future land use map change was for construction of Doggett Machinery Services which would allow for the sale and maintenance of heavy construction equipment primarily produced by John Deere. City Manager Green stated the request was unanimously approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission during the December 21, 2020 meeting. City Manager Green concluded Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and approve the Second Reading of an Ordinance changing the zoning to "Commercial" and the Future Land Use Map designation to "Commercial Corridor" on property addressed as 4603 South First Street.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:04 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak, Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing and moved to comments from the City Council. There were none.

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

5. <u>APPOINTMENTS TO THE KURTH MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD – APPROVED.</u>

City Manager Bruce Green stated nominations for appointment to the Kurth Memorial Library Board must originate with the Library Board. City Manager Green furthered members of the Board whose terms would end at the end of the calendar year were Lin Lentz and Jennifer Ricks. City Manager Green stated there were three (3) additional vacancies on the Board due to the resignations of himself, Carlotta Hunt and Suzanne Lively. City Manager Green furthered the Board recommended that City Council consider approval of the re-appointment of Lin Lentz and Jennifer Ricks; and the appointment of Rebecca Brightwell and Greg Sims to fill the vacancies of Carlotta Hunt and Suzanne Lively. City Manager Green stated he recommended City Council approve his designation of Assistant City Manager Greand Williamson as the City of Lufkin ex-officio member of the Board. City Manager Green concluded Staff recommended City Council approve the recommended appointments as stated.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the re-appointment of Lin Lentz and Jennifer Ricks as well as the appointments of Rebecca Brightwell, Greg Sims and Assistant City Manager Gerald Williamson to the Kurth Memorial Library Board. Councilmember Guessippina Bonner seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

6. <u>PRESENTATION OF KURTH MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD ANNUAL REPORT –</u> <u>APPROVED.</u>

Board Secretary and Treasurer Mr. Lin Lentz presented the Kurth Memorial Library Annual Report.

After the annual report was presented Councilmember Trent Burfine read a statement and made a motion that City Council make an investigative inquiry into the operations and Staff of the Kurth Memorial Library. Councilmember Mark Hicks asked for clarification as to what was being requested of Council and responded no. The motion died due to lack of a second.

There being no further business, Mayor Bob Brown adjourned the meeting at 5:26 p.m.



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Bob F. Brown, Mayor

Kara Andrepont, City Secretary

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