

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 6th DAY OF APRIL, 2021**

On the 6th day of April, 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	Mayor
Mark Hicks	Mayor Pro Tem
Guessippina Bonner	Councilmember, Ward No. 1
Robert Shankle	Councilmember, Ward No. 2
Lynn Torres	Councilmember, Ward No. 3
Trent Burfine	Councilmember, Ward No. 6
Bruce Green	City Manager
Erika Neill	City Attorney
Jason Arnold	Assistant City Manager – Public Works
Gerald Williamson	Assistant City Manager – Admin/Public Safety
Kara Andrepont	City Secretary
Rodney Ivy	Human Resource Director
David Thomas	Police Chief
Buddy Cross	Assistant Police Chief
Jesse Moody	Fire Chief
Jessica Pebsworth	Communications Director
Kevin Gee	Engineering Services Director
Scott Rayburn	Planning Director
Rudy Flores	Parks and Recreation Director
Gary Barton	Water Distribution Director
Scott Feaster	IT Director
Kent Havard	Solid Waste Director
Jessica Leyva	Utility Collections

being present: and

Rocky Thigpen	Councilmember, Ward No. 5
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being absent when the following business was transacted.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – 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. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD MARCH 16, 2021 – APPROVED.**
- 2. PURCHASE OF A TRUCK UTILITY BED FOR THE WATER AND SEWER UTILITIES DEPARTMENT – APPROVED.**

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

- 3. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS (NO. 3368) BY AMENDING ARTICLE XXI “SUPPLEMENTAL DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS” CONCERNING FENCES, WALLS AND SIMILAR BARRIERS AS WELL AS SCREENING – APPROVED.**

City Manager Bruce Green stated after extensive review of the City of Lufkin’s Zoning Ordinance, Staff had found several inconsistencies as well as the need for clarification regarding fencing and

screening requirements. City Manager Green furthered the Planning and Zoning Commission had unanimously approved the Ordinance during the February 22, 2021 meeting. City Manager Green concluded Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and approve the Second Reading of an Ordinance amending Article XXI of the City of Lufkin Zoning Ordinance regarding fences, walls similar barriers and screening.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:03 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak, Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing and moved to comments from the City Council.

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

4. **PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS (NO. 3368) BY AMENDING ARTICLE XXII “OFF STREET PARKING AND LOADING REGULATIONS” CONCERNING PARKING SPACE AND SIZE REQUIREMENT – APPROVED.**

City Manager Bruce Green stated Staff had reviewed the Ordinance and determined a need to modify the driveway material as it pertained to single family residential homes. City Manager Green furthered Staff believed the requirement for an impervious driveway, such as asphalt or concrete, connecting to the required parking spaces should not be required for single family residential homes 100 feet or more from the front property line. City Manager Green furthered the Ordinance had been approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission during the February 22, 2021 meeting. City Manager Green concluded Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and approve the Second Reading of an Ordinance amending Article XXII of the City of Lufkin Zoning Ordinance regarding off street parking and loading regulations.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:05 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak, Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing and moved to comments from the City Council.

Councilmember Guessippina Bonner asked which Department was responsible for enforcing this Ordinance and if the Ordinance addressed the issue of 18-wheelers parking in residential neighborhoods. A discussion ensued.

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

5. **FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING MAXIMUM SPEEDS OF MOTOR VEHICLES IN CERTAIN AREAS - APPROVED.**

City Manager Green stated the request had come from the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) in relation to major construction on Highway 56 North. City Manager Green furthered TXDOT had requested the speed limit for the affected area be lowered to fifty (50) miles per hour in either direction. City Manager Green stated upon approval from Council and publication by TXDOT the new speed limit would remain effective until April 1, 2023, at which time the speed zone limit would return to fifty-five (55) miles and hour. City Manager Green concluded Staff recommended City Council approve the First Reading of an Ordinance lowering the speed limit to fifty (50) miles per hour from 0.759 miles north of SH 103 to SH 103, approximately 4,008 feet, until April 1, 2023 as requested by the Texas Department of Transportation.

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

6. **RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, SUSPENDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE GAS RELIABILITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (GRIP) RATE INCREASE BY CENTERPOINT ENERGY FOR FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS – APPROVED.**

City Manager Green stated CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., Beaumont/East Texas Division had filed for an increase in gas utility rates under the Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program (“GRIP”). City Manager Green furthered if CenterPoint’s application was approved by the Commission it would result in an increase in the individual monthly customer charges by \$2.39 per month for residential customers, \$3.92 per month for general small service customers and \$18.31 per month for general service large

volume customers. City Manager Green stated in order for the City to exercise its due diligence, it was necessary to suspend CenterPoint's proposed effective date of May 3, 2021 for forty-five days, so the City can evaluate whether the data and calculations in CenterPoint's rate application were correctly done. City Manager Green concluded Staff recommended City Council approve a Resolution suspending CenterPoint's proposed effective date for 45 days. City Manager Green stated assuming a proposed effective date of May 3, 2021, CenterPoint's proposed effective date was suspended until June 17, 2021.

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

7. RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELECTION JUDGES, JUDGE OF THE EARLY VOTING BALLOT BOARD AND EARLY VOTING JUDGE FOR THE CITY OF LUFKIN MUNICIPAL ELECTION OF MAY 1ST, 2021 – APPROVED.

City Manager Green stated Section 32.005 (a) of the Texas Election Code required that the governing body of the municipality appoint the positions of Election Judges, Early Voting Judge and Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board. City Manager Green furthered the following had been selected to serve during the election:

- Election Judge – Ward No. 1 – Dorothy Mumphery
- Election Judge – Ward No. 2 – Sandra Gray
- Election Judge – Ward No. 3 – Ralph Ewing
- Election Judge – Ward No. 4 – Maude Hamilton
- Election Judge – Ward No. 5 – Elizabeth Girardi
- Election Judge – Ward No. 6 – Deborah Hill

City Manager Green stated Dorothy Mumphery was also recommended for appointment to serve as the Judge for Early Voting and the Early Voting Ballot Board. City Manager Green concluded Staff recommended City Council approve a Resolution appointing Election Judges for the May 1, 2021 City of Lufkin Election.

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

8. AWARD OF BID TO SUMMIT FIRE & SECURITY FOR THE REPAIR TO THE SOLID WASTE FACILITY FORE SPRINKLER SYSTEM – APPROVED.

City Manager Green stated during the recent winter weather event in February, the fire sprinkler system in the Solid Waste building had suffered extensive damage. City Manager Green furthered the lowest bid was received from Summit Fire & Security of Lufkin and included labor and materials not to exceed \$50,000. City Manager Green stated all submitted bids had been included in the Council Packet for review. City Manager Green concluded Staff recommended Council accept the bid from Summit Fire & Security to repair the fire sprinkler system in the Solid Waste building for an amount that would not exceed \$50,000.

Councilmember Mark Hicks moved to approve the award of bid as presented. Councilmember Guessippina Bonner seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

9. 2020 – 2021 STREET OVERLAY PROGRAM – APPROVED.

City Manager Green stated all City streets were inspected by City Staff and all distresses measured and recorded. City Manager Green furthered the data was then entered into the Pavement Management Program (Micropaver) per street section. City Manager Green stated 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 Green furthered all streets were then designated as either a residential, collector or arterial street and ranked from worst to best. City Manager Green stated the street sections were then selected based on the PCI index, road designation, condition of utilities and available funding per ward. City Manager Green furthered the current budgeted amount for the program was \$600,000 which had been divided among the six (6) wards as followed but actual cost may fluctuate due to unforeseen issues with sub-grade and materials cost:

- Ward No. 1 \$89,581.23
- Ward No. 2 \$86,176.40
- Ward No. 3 \$82,422.80
- Ward No. 4 \$91,963.20
- Ward No. 5 \$92,119.60
- Ward No. 6 \$86,723.80

City Manager Green concluded Staff recommended City Council approve the 2020 – 2021 Street Overly Program as presented.

Councilmember Guessippina Bonner moved to approve the Street Overly Program as presented. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

10. PRESENTATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE AWARDS

City Manager Bruce Green presented City of Lufkin Police Department Communications Supervisor Ashley Jowell and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Justin Cook with the 2020 Above and Beyond Employee Excellence Award. City Manager Green stated this was the highest award the City of Lufkin recognized at the administrative level.

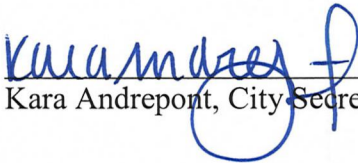
There being no further business, Mayor Bob Brown adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m.



ATTEST:



 Bob F. Brown, Mayor



 Kara Andrepoint, City Secretary