

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 17TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2023.

On the 17th day of October, 2023, 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:

Mark Hicks	Mayor
Robert Shankle	Mayor Pro Tem
Guessippina Bonner	Councilmember, Ward No. 1
Brent Watkins	Councilmember, Ward No. 3
Wes Suiter	Councilmember, Ward No. 4
Rocky Thigpen	Councilmember, Ward No. 5
Adam Lowther	Councilmember, Ward No. 6
Kevin Gee	City Manager
Kristi Skillern	City Attorney
Gerald Williamson	Assistant City Manager
Brian Bray	Assistant City Manager
Kara Andrepont	City Secretary
David Thomas	Police Chief
Buddy Cross	Assistant Police Chief
Jesse Moody	Fire Chief
Jessica Pebsworth	Communications Director
Belinda Melancon	Finance Director
Eddie Aguilar	Engineering Services Director
Scott Rayburn	Planning Director

being present when the following business was transacted.

INVOCATION – The meeting was opened with prayer by Assistant City Manager Gerald Williamson.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mayor Mark Hicks opened the meeting for public comment on any posted agenda item at 5:02 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak; Mayor Hicks closed the public comment period.

Mayor Hicks wished City Manager Kevin Gee a Happy Birthday and recognized those in attendance with Leadership Lufkin.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2023 - APPROVED.**
2. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 EDWARD BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR THE LUFKIN POLICE DEPARTMENT AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2023-2024 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 1) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING- APPROVED.**
3. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS FOR THE CITY OF LUFKIN TEEN COURT PROGRAM AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2023-2024 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 2) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING – APPROVED.**
4. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING FROM THE DEEP EAST TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (DETCOG) FOR THE POSITION OF JUVENILE CASE MANAGER AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2023-2024 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 3) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING – APPROVED.**
5. **APPROVAL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN INVESTMENT POLICY – APPROVED.**

Councilmember Robert Shankle moved to approve all items on the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilmember Wes Suiter seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

BUSINESS AGENDA

6. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, BY CHANGING THE ZONING TO “COMMERCIAL” ON PROPERTY ADDRESSED AS 2906 ATKINSON DRIVE – APPROVED.

City Manager Kevin Gee stated the applicant, Lufkin Land Company LLC, had requested a zone change from “Local Business” to a “Commercial” zoning classification for 2906 Atkinson Drive. City Manager Gee furthered Herty Church of Christ previously occupied the property and the purpose of the zone change was to convert the structure into a self-service storage facility. City Manager Gee highlighted the location of the property and surrounding uses. City Manager Gee stated the Comprehensive Plan Designation for the subject property was “Corridor Commercial” and Staff found the proposed zone change consistent with the current area zoning, the future land use designation and current existing are uses. City Manager Gee furthered the request had been unanimously recommended for approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

City Manager Gee concluded Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and consider approval on First Reading of an Ordinance changing the zoning to “Commercial” on property addressed as 2906 Atkinson.

Mayor Mark Hicks opened the Public Hearing at 5:04 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak; Mayor Hicks closed the Public Hearing and requested comments from City Council.

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

7. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, BY CHANGING THE ZONING TO “COMMERCIAL” ON PROPERTY ADDRESSED AS 310 EAST DENMAN AVENUE – APPROVED.

City Manager Kevin Gee stated the applicant, Ashley Tidwell Properties LLC, had requested a zone change from “Local Business” to “Commercial” for property located at 310 East Denman Avenue. City Manager Gee furthered the property was currently occupied by an existing commercial building with the purpose of the zone change to allow for increased marketability and additions in allowable uses. City Manager Gee highlighted the location of the property and surrounding uses. City Manager Gee stated the Comprehensive Plan designation for the property was “Neighborhood Commercial” and Staff found the proposed zone change consistent with the current area zoning and existing future land use designation. City Manager Gee furthered the request had been unanimously recommended for approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

City Manager Gee concluded Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and consider approval on First Reading of an Ordinance changing the zoning to “Commercial” on property addressed as 310 East Denman Avenue.

Mayor Mark Hicks opened the Public Hearing at 5:06 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak; Mayor Hicks closed the Public Hearing and requested comments from City Council.

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

8. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, BY CHANGING THE ZONING TO “COMMERCIAL” ON PROPERTY ADDRESSED AS 1311 EAST DENMAN AVENUE – APPROVED.

City Manager Kevin Gee stated the applicant, William Ashley Tidwell, had requested a zone change from “Local Business” to “Commercial” for 1311 East Denman Avenue. City Manager Gee furthered the property was one (1) acre and occupied by an abandoned parking lot. City Manager Gee stated the purpose of the zone change was to allow for increased marketability and additions in allowable uses. City Manager Gee highlighted the location of the property and surrounding uses. City Manager Gee furthered the Comprehensive Plan designation for the property was “Neighborhood Commercial” and Staff found the proposed zone change consistent with the current area zoning and existing future

land use designation. City Manager Gee stated the request had been unanimously recommended for approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

City Manager Gee concluded Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and consider approval on First Reading of an Ordinance changing the zoning to "Commercial" on property addressed as 1311 East Denman Avenue.

Mayor Mark Hicks opened the Public Hearing at 5:08 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak; Mayor Hicks closed the Public Hearing and requested comments from City Council.

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

9. AWARD OF BID TO ALLEN LOGGINS & SONS, INC. FOR THE ANGELINA STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT – APPROVED.

City Manager Kevin Gee stated the City had received four (4) sealed bids on October 4th, 2023 for the reconstruction of approximately 2,500 linear feet of South Angelina Street from Pershing Avenue to Denman Avenue, which was a four-lane undivided thoroughfare. City Manager Gee furthered the bid included many alternates and options in order to find the most economical and best approach for reconstruction of the street. City Manager Gee stated it included options for asphalt and concrete for the base bid and two (2) alternate base bids. City Manager Gee furthered the project also included an additive alternate bid for proposed pedestrian improvements. City Manager Gee stated the bids received were evaluated with the low bidder being Allen Loggins & Sons, Inc. with a Total Base Bid Amount of \$1,618,790.00, a Total Alternate Base Bid No. 1 Amount of \$1,481,290.62, a Total Alternate Base Bid No. 2 Amount of \$1,786,302.00, and a Total Additive Alternate Bid Amount of \$123,000.43. City Manager Gee furthered a bid tabulation showing the breakdown of each bid had been included in Council's packet. City Manager Gee stated the construction budget for the project was \$1,900,000.

City Manager Gee concluded Staff recommended City Council award a bid in the amount of \$1,604,291.05 to Allen Loggins & Sons, Inc. for the Angelina Street reconstruction project. City Manager Gee stated it included the Total Alternate Base Bid No. 1 in the amount of \$1,481,290.62 for concrete pavement and the Total Additive Alternate Bid in the amount of \$123,000.43 for pedestrian improvements.

Councilmember Rocky Thigpen had a question regarding the length of the road and if the work would be done on one side of the road at a time. Engineering Services Director Eddie Aguilar responded to the question and discussion ensued.

Councilmember Robert Shankle moved to approve the award of bid as presented. Councilmember Brent Watkins seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

10. PRESENTATION OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Finance Director Belinda Melancon presented the City of Lufkin Quarterly Finance Committee Report.

There being no further business, Mayor Mark Hicks adjourned the meeting at 5: 14 p.m.



ATTEST:


Mark Hicks, Mayor
Kara Andrepoint, City Secretary