

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 2nd DAY OF DECEMBER, 2014.**

On the 2nd day of December 2014, 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
Lynn Torres
Victor Travis
Don Langston
Rocky Thigpen
Sarah Murray
Paul L. Parker
Keith Wright
Steve Floyd
Bruce Green
Kara Atwood
Rodney Ivy
Gerald Williamson
David Thomas
Ted Lovett
Belinda Southern
Dorothy Wilson
Steve Poskey
Mike Akridge
Barbara Thompson
Brant Lee
Dale Allred
Sid Munlin
Chuck Walker
Kent Havard
Lorraine Simoneau
Thad Chambers

Mayor
Mayor Pro-Tem
Councilmember, Ward No. 1
Councilmember, Ward No. 4
Councilmember, Ward No. 5
Councilmember, Ward No. 6
City Manager
City Manager
Assistant City Manager
City Attorney
City Secretary
Human Resources Director
Police Chief
Assistant Police Chief
Fire Chief
Finance Director
Planning & Zoning Director
Street Superintendent
Parks & Recreation Director
Main Street Director
Convention Center Director
Inspection Services Director
IT Director
Public Works Director
Solid Waste Director
Library Director
Economic Development Director

being present when the following business was transacted,
and the following being absent;

Robert Shankle

Councilmember, Ward No. 2

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Andro Branch, Our Father's House of Faith Apostolic Church.
2. Mayor Bob Brown welcomed visitors present including the Angelina College students in attendance.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on November 18, 2014 were approved on a motion by Councilmember Lynn Torres and seconded by Councilmember Sarah Murray. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

4. **PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL KURTH MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD REPORT**

City Manager Keith Wright stated that Library Director Lorraine Simoneau was going to give Library Board report and would also be showing a presentation on the services of Kurth Memorial Library.

Library Director Simoneau highlighted several important points in the Board Report which covered the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2013 and ending September 30, 2014. In the Board Report Library Director Simoneau discussed the positive trends that the Library had encountered in the past year including an increase in patron visits, increase in registered patrons, increased circulation rates, and the improvement of the median age of the Library's

collection. After the Board Report Library Director Simoneau showed a PowerPoint presentation that showcased the positive impacts of Library services on the community.

Mayor Bob Brown commended the Kurth Memorial Library for their participation in the Main Street's Downtown Christmas Parade.

5. **CONSIDER A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PLANNING STAFF TO PROCEED WITH ANNEXATION AND DEVELOP A SERVICE PLAN FOR PROPERTY LOCATED EAST OF LUFKIN CITY LIMITS ALONG AND INCLUDING HARPER ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY-APPROVED**

City Manager Wright stated that Robert Peltier had requested that the City begin the process to annex property along Harper Road next to the Al Meyer Ford Dealership in order to develop a car dealership. City Manager Wright elaborated that this property is 3.39 acres, excluding the road right-of-way. City Manager Wright furthered that this process would be just like the Joe C. Lane annexation, as this Resolution would give Planning & Zoning Staff the approval to develop a service plan for the area. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended approval of the Resolution directing Planning Staff to proceed with annexation and develop a service plan for property located East of Lufkin City Limits along and including Harper Road right-of-way.

The Resolution directing the Planning Staff to proceed with annexation and develop a service plan for property located East of Lufkin City Limits along and including Harper Road right-of-way was approved on a motion by Councilmember Lynn Torres and seconded by Councilmember Don Langston. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

6. **APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF A 2015 PETERBILT 320 FRONT END LOAD COMMERCIAL REFUSE TRUCK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$260,293 FROM RUSH TRUCK CENTER THROUGH THE BUY BOARD-APPROVED**

City Manager Wright stated that the City currently had four of these vehicles in the Amortization Schedule and that included for purchase was the replacement of one (1) front end load commercial refuse truck for the Solid Waste Department. City Manager Wright furthered that the Department currently had four (4) of these vehicles that operate on a daily basis and that the new unit would replace a 2007 Peterbilt truck that will be disposed of during the auction process. City Manager Wright continued that the budgeted amount for this purchase was two hundred twenty five thousand dollars (\$225,000) and the purchase amount for the new unit was two hundred sixty thousand two hundred ninety-three dollars (\$260,293). City Manager Wright explained that the proceeds from the auction process were expected to cover the deficit. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended approval for the purchase of a 2015 Peterbilt 320 Front End Load Commercial Refuse Truck in the amount of \$260,293 from Rush Truck Center through the Buy Board.

The purchase of a 2015 Peterbilt 320 Front End Load Commercial Refuse Truck in the amount of \$260,293 from Rush Truck Center through the Buy Board was approved on a motion by Councilmember Don Langston and seconded by Councilmember Rocky Thigpen. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Bob Brown stated there was no reason to enter into Executive Session.

8. **DISCUSSION OF ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST, INCLUDING EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS, CONGRATULATIONS OR CONDOLENCE; INFORMATION REGARDING HOLIDAY SCHEDULES; HONORARY RECOGNITIONS OF CITY OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES OR OTHER CITIZENS; REMINDERS ABOUT UPCOMING EVENTS SPONSORED BY THE CITY OR OTHER ENTITY THAT IS SCHEDULED TO BE ATTENDED BY CITY OFFICIALS OR EMPLOYEES; AND ANNOUNCEMENTS INVOLVING IMMINENT THREATS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE CITY.**

City Manager Wright listed various events that were taking place in the first two-three weeks of December including the City of Lufkin's Annual Christmas Banquet on December 8th, the Retirement Reception for City Manager Paul Parker on December 12th, the Concerned Black Men's Gala on December 13th, the Councilmember Lynn Torres Breakfast with City Manager Wright on December 15th, the Councilmember Sarah Murray Lunch with City Manager Wright on December 15th, and the Councilmember Don Langston Lunch with City Manager Wright on December 16th.

Mayor Bob Brown wished Councilmember Sarah Murray a Happy Birthday and noted that this was City Manager Paul Parker's last official City Council Meeting. Mayor Brown thanked City Manager Parker for everything he had done for the City for the past ten years.

Councilmember Victor Travis commended the Main Street Staff for the success of the Downtown Christmas Parade.

9. There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 5:18 pm.



Bob F. Brown, Mayor



Kara Atwood, City Secretary