

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 1ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2015.

On the 1ST day of September 2015, 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
Rodney Ivy	Human Resources Director
Gerald Williamson	Police Chief
Ted Lovett	Fire Chief
Belinda Southern	Finance Director
Dorothy Wilson	Planning Director
Steve Poskey	Street Department Director
Mike Akridge	Parks & Recreation Director
Barbara Thompson	Main Street Director
Brant Lee	Convention Center Director
Dale Allred	Inspection Services Director
Sid Munlin	Information Technology Director
Chuck Walker	Public Works Director
Kent Havard	Solid Waste Director
Thad Chambers	Economic Development 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 Brown welcomed visitors present.
3. **MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD AUGUST 18, 2015 AND THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF AUGUST 24, 2015**

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

4. **PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, BY CHANGING THE ZONING TO “DUPLEX” FOR PROPERTY KNOWN AS 604 GOBBLERS KNOB ROAD – APPROVED**

City Manager Wright stated this was a request by the owner for a change in zoning from Residential Large to Duplex. City Manager Wright furthered that the owner intended to build luxury duplexes on the property located at 604 Gobblers Knob. City Manager Wright highlighted the property location and surrounding properties and uses. City Manager Wright concluded that both Staff and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of this request.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:02 p.m. There was no one present who wished to speak on the item.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the Ordinance changing the zoning to “Duplex” on property known as 604 Gobblers Knob Road. Councilmember Rocky Thigpen seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

5. **FIRST READING OF AN APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2015 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 - APPROVED**

City Manager Wright stated that Staff was pleased to present the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Budget for the City of Lufkin. City Manager Wright furthered that the proposed budget maintained the current tax rate of 0.5238 and included no increase for solid waste services. City Manager Wright stated the budget did implement the planned six percent (6%) water and sewer rate increase for all customers which had been delayed for the previous four (4) years. City Manager Wright stated he would not review the significant changes since they had been presented previously, however, he noted that an additional \$20,000 in funding had been added to the Water and Sewer Renewal and Replacement Fund (Fund 380) to assist the County in repairing the road to the location for the Sewer Plant discharge. City Manager Wright stated he would be glad to answer any questions that City Council might have.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the Ordinance adopting the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Budget. Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion. A unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

6. **FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 52.15 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS; MAKING A CHANGE IN THE RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, IRRIGATION, INDUSTRIAL AND WHOLESALE WATER RATES; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE - APPROVED**

City Manager Wright stated that as previously discussed, this Ordinance simply establishes the water and sewer rates including the six percent (6%) increase for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended approval of the First Reading of the Ordinance as presented.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the Ordinance establishing water rates for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year. Councilmember Mark Hicks seconded the motion. A unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

7. **FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 51.111 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS; MAKING CERTAIN CHANGES IN THE SEWER RATES; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE - APPROVED**

City Manager Wright stated this Ordinance established the sewer rates for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year as presented in the 2015-2016 Budget.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the Ordinance establishing sewer rates for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year. Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion. A unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

8. **PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016**

City Manager Wright stated that the City’s current tax rate was 0.5238 per one hundred dollars (\$100) of valuation and the rate was divided into two portions including 0.3638 for maintenance and operations (M&O) and 0.1600 for interest and sinking (I&S). City Manager Wright stated the proposed 2015-2016 tax rate was the same at 0.5238; however, this rate would reduce the interest and sinking portion to 0.1500, which moved one cent (.01) to maintenance and operations. City Manager Wright stated the effective tax rate for the 2015-2016 fiscal year was 0.514413, which is lower than the proposed tax rate. City

Manager Wright stated this would raise more revenue in the amount of \$126,218, which included \$81,437 of new property. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing to allow for public comment on the proposed tax rated.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:07. There was no one present who wished to speak. Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing and asked for comments or questions from City Council. There were none. No action was required.

9. **AWARD OF BID TO KRS CONTRACTORS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$102,693 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT STORAGE BUILDING – APPROVED**

City Manager Wright stated that during the City Council meeting of April 7th, 2015, a number of Capital Improvement Projects were approved to be funded. City Manager Wright stated the construction of a storage building for the Fire Department was included in order to provide more storage for supplies and medications utilized by the Fire Department for emergency medical service (EMS). City Manager Wright stated that a bid opening was held on August 13th and the apparent low bidder was KRS Construction in the amount of \$102,693. Staff recommended that City Council award the bid for the construction of the Fire Department Storage Building to KRS Construction in the amount of \$102,693.

Councilmember Robert Shankle moved to approve the award of bid in the amount of \$102,693 to KRS Contractors for the construction of the Fire Department Storage Building. Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion. A unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

10. **AWARD OF BID TO SOUTH TEXAS BOILER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$157,535 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF BOILER NO. 1 AT THE HURRICANE CREEK WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2014-2015 BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 20) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING - APPROVED**

City Manager Wright stated explained that there were currently three (3) boilers at the Wastewater Treatment Plant that were originally installed in the late 1980's and they were reaching the end of their useful life. City Manager Wright furthered that City Council approved the replacement of two (2) of the boilers in Fund 380. City Manager Wright stated that a bid opening was held and the apparent low bidder was South Texas Boiler in the amount of \$315,070 for the replacement of two (2) boilers. City Manager Wright stated that funding was not available for the replacement of both and Staff recommended that City Council award the bid in the amount of \$157,535 for the replacement of one (1) boiler and approve the Budget Amendment that would provide the needed funding for the removal of the boiler in the amount of \$12,500.

Councilmember Victor Travis questioned when the boilers were originally installed. City Manager Wright stated that they were installed in 1987. Councilmember Travis asked whether the boilers were out of service. City Manager Wright stated that they were in service but had to be constantly repaired and maintained.

Councilmember Victor Travis moved to approve the award of bid and a Resolution for Budget Amendment No. 20 as presented for the removal, purchase and replacement of Boiler No. 1 at the Hurricane Creek Waste Water Treatment Plant. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion. A unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

11. **AWARD OF BID TO PERMA-LINER INDUSTRIES, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$148,826.70 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A CURED-IN-PLACE AIR INVERSION SYSTEM – APPROVED**

City Manager Wright stated that attached for City Council approval was a copy of the bid tab, bid document and letter of understanding from the successful bidder Perma-Liner Industries, LLC for the purchase of a cured-in-place air inversion system. City Manager Wright continued that this was the only bid in the amount of \$148,826.70 received for this

project and the budgeted amount for this project was \$120,000. City Manager Wright stated that a similar project was approved with the culvert replacement project on Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive resulting in some equipment being duplicated. City Manager Wright stated due to this, Staff recommended City Council approve the bid in the original amount of \$148,826.70 with the understanding that Staff would immediately submit a change order to remove any duplicate equipment. City Manager Wright continued that this would lower the project amount to \$88,232.95, which was below the project budget. Councilmember Rocky Thigpen questioned whether City staff had ever used this type of system. City Manager Wright stated that Staff had not done it; but had been involved with contractors who have used it in the past and the equipment and system allowed for the repair of lines without disturbing the surface.

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

Councilmember Robert Shankle moved to approve the award of bid to Perma-Liner Industries, LLC in the amount of \$148,826.70. Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

12. **APPOINTMENT TO THE FIREMEN'S RELIEF & RETIREMENT FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES – HILARY HAGLUND-WALKER – APPROVED**

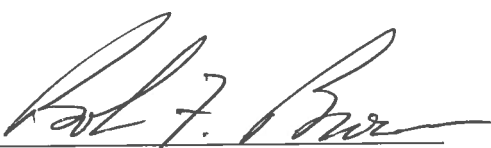
City Manager Wright stated that board member Danny Roper had resigned which created a vacancy on the Board. City Manager Wright furthered that this was a position on the Board which was appointed by City Council and one application had been received. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council consider an appointment to this Board.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to appoint Hilary Haglund- Walker to the Firemen's Relief and Retirement Fund Board of Trustees. Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

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

14. City Manager Keith Wright detailed the various upcoming City sponsored and community events.

15. There being no more business to address the meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m.


Bob F. Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kara Atwood, City Secretary