

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 16th DAY OF JUNE 2015.

On the 16th day of June 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
Lynn Torres	Mayor Pro Tem
Mark Hicks	Councilmember, Ward No. 4
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
Thad Chambers	Economic Development Director
Belinda Southern	Finance Director
Ted Lovett	Fire Chief
Rodney Ivy	Human Resources Director
Sid Munlin	IT Director
Tara Watkins	LCVB Director
Barbara Thompson	Main Street Director
Mike Akridge	Parks & Recreation Director
Dorothy Wilson	Planning Director
Gerald Williamson	Police Chief
Chuck Walker	Public Utilities Director
Steve Poskey	Street Department Director

and the following being absent:

Victor Travis	Councilmember, Ward No. 1
Robert Shankle	Councilmember, Ward No. 2

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor John Greene of Harmony Hill Baptist Church.
2. Mayor Bob Brown welcomed visitors present.
3. **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD JUNE 2, 2015 - APPROVED**

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on June 2, 2015 were approved on a motion by Councilmember Lynn Torres and seconded by Councilmember Sarah Murray. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

OLD BUSINESS:

4. **SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ORDINANCE ADOPTING A CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR THE LUFKIN POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS-APPROVED**

City Manager Keith Wright stated that the proposed Ordinance was necessary under the Civil Service Chapter 143 of the Texas Local Government Code, which required the City Council to approve a Fire and Police Civil Service employee classification plan and authorize the number of Civil Service employees for each position. City Manager Wright continued that the change to the classification plan would convert one (1) position (Sergeant, Public Information Officer) to a non-sworn Public Relations Specialist position. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council approve the Second Reading of an Ordinance amending the Ordinance adopting a Classification Plan for the Lufkin Police Department of the City of Lufkin, Texas.

The Second Reading of an Ordinance amending the Ordinance adopting a Classification Plan for the Lufkin Police Department of the City of Lufkin, Texas was approved on a motion by

Councilmember Lynn Torres and seconded by Councilmember Sarah Murray. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

NEW BUSINESS:

5. **PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LUFKIN POLICE DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A 2015 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ANGELINA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT-APPROVED**

City Manager Keith Wright stated that the Lufkin Police Department requested to apply for funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, specifically the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant. City Manager Wright explained that the Police Department was eligible to receive thirteen thousand four hundred eighty-three dollars (\$13,483) in funding to be distributed between the Lufkin Police Department and the Angelina County Sheriff's Office. City Manager Wright stated that these funds would be used to purchase Taser devices, and that National data showed that the use of Tasers significantly prevented the use of lethal force as well as reduced suspect injuries. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and approve a Resolution authorizing Staff to seek funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, FY 2015 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program in the amount of \$13,483.

Mayor Bob Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:04 pm. There were no comments from the public.

The Resolution authorizing the Lufkin Police Department to submit an application for a 2015 Justice Assistance Grant in conjunction with the Angelina County Sheriff's Department was approved on a motion by Councilmember Lynn Torres and seconded by Councilmember Rocky Thigpen. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

6. **AMENDED WATER SUPPLY AGREEMENT WITH CORONADO POWER VENTURES, LLC-APPROVED**

City Manager Keith Wright stated that in November 2012, City Council approved a Water Supply Agreement with Coronado Power Ventures, LLC for water usage by the proposed power plant. City Manager Wright continued that this agreement was recently discussed at length with Coronado and their leading contender to be the managing partner of the project and during those discussions, several amendments were requested. City Manager Wright introduced the requested amendments and added that the remainder of the agreement would remain unchanged. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council approve the amended Water Supply Agreement with Coronado Power Ventures, LLC.

The amended Water Supply Agreement with Coronado Power Ventures, LLC was approved on a motion by Councilmember Lynn Torres and seconded by Councilmember Sarah Murray. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

7. **EXTENSION OF THE LAND OPTION CONTRACT WITH CORONADO POWER VENTURES, LLC-APPROVED**

City Manager Keith Wright explained that Coronado Power Ventures, LLC was beginning the funding process, and while going over the contract with their attorneys it was discovered that the land option contract expired on June 6, 2015. City Manager Wright continued that the purchase price of six hundred thousand six hundred sixty dollars (\$600,660) remains the same, but this item extends the time period for the land option contract. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council approve a Land Option Contract with Coronado Power Ventures, LLC.

The extension of the Land Option Contract with Coronado Power Ventures, LLC was approved on a motion by Councilmember Lynn Torres and seconded by Councilmember Mark Hicks. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

8. **AWARD OF BID IN THE AMOUNT OF \$56,045 TO BUCKEYE CONSTRUCTION FOR THE REPAVING OF THE CHAMBER'S PARK TENNIS COURTS-APPROVED**

City Manager Keith Wright stated that during the April 7, 2015 meeting, City Council approved a number of projects to be completed with funding remaining from completed projects. City Manager Wright furthered that the refurbishment of the Chamber's Park Tennis Courts was included in these projects with a budgeted amount of one hundred twenty one thousand two hundred twenty dollars (\$121,220) for the refurbishment of the courts at one hundred six thousand two hundred twenty dollars (\$106,220) and the installation of new lighting at fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000). City Manager Wright continued that Staff received bids for the repaving portion of this project and the apparent low bidder of three (3) bids was Buckeye Construction in the amount of fifty six thousand forty five dollars (\$56,045). City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended Council award a bid in the amount of \$56,045 to Buckeye Construction for the repaving of the Chamber's Park Tennis Courts.

Councilmember Sarah Murray questioned where Buckeye Construction was located and if anyone present was familiar with their work. Mayor Bob Brown responded that the company was from Huntington. Public Utilities Director Chuck Walker also responded that the City had been pleased with Buckeye Construction's work in the past.

The award of bid in the amount of \$56,045 to Buckeye Construction for the repaving of the Chamber's Park Tennis Courts was approved on a motion by Councilmember Sarah Murray and seconded by Councilmember Mark Hicks. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

9. **APPOINTMENTS TO THE CITY OF LUFKIN BOARDS AND COMMITTEES-APPROVED**

Mayor Bob Brown stated that City Manager Keith Wright would discuss each Board and Committee and then City Council would vote on the Board appointment(s) at that time.

City Manager Wright discussed the particulars of the Civil Service Commission and presented the application for reappointment. Councilmember Lynn Torres made a motion to reappoint Jim Myers to the Civil Service Commission and Councilmember Mark Hicks seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

City Manager Wright discussed the particulars of the Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals and presented the applications for appointment and reappointment. Councilmember Lynn Torres made a motion to reappoint Mark Strong and Andrew Moore and appoint Brandon Ferrara to the Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals, and Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

City Manager Wright discussed the particulars of the DETCOG Board of Directors and presented the applications for reappointment. Councilmember Mark Hicks made a motion to reappoint Mayor Bob Brown, Councilmember Robert Shankle, Councilmember Lynn Torres, and Councilmember Victor Travis to the DETCOG Board of Directors, and Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

City Manager Wright discussed the particulars of the 4-B Economic Development Board and presented the applications for reappointment and appointment. Councilmember Lynn Torres made a motion to reappoint Mayor Bob Brown, Phil Medford, Casey Robertson, and Andra Self to the 4-B Economic Development Board, and Councilmember Mark Hicks seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

City Manager Wright discussed the Council Committees and commented that there were three (3) vacancies left by former Councilmember Don Langston on the Finance Committee, Health Insurance Committee, and the Construction Committee. Councilmember Lynn Torres volunteered for the Finance Committee and Councilmember Mark Hicks volunteered for the Health Insurance and Construction Committees. Councilmember Sarah Murray made a motion to appoint Councilmember Lynn Torres to the Finance Committee and Councilmember Mark Hicks to the Health Insurance and Construction Committees, and Councilmember Rocky Thigpen seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

City Manager Wright discussed the particulars of the Lufkin Convention & Visitor's Bureau Board and presented the applications for reappointment and appointment. Councilmember Mark Hicks made a motion to reappoint Kevin Jones and appoint Philip Harbuck, Craig Minkner, and

Chad Murray to the LCVB Board, and Councilmember Lynn Torres seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

City Manager Wright discussed the particulars of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and presented the applications for reappointment and appointment. Councilmember Lynn Torres made a motion to reappoint Richard Joseph, Lela Simmons, Cathy Todd, and Councilmember Sarah Murray to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, and Councilmember Rocky Thigpen seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

City Manager Wright discussed the particulars of the Planning & Zoning Commission and presented the applications for reappointment and appointment. Councilmember Rocky Thigpen made a motion to reappoint Dale Green and Nathan to the Planning & Zoning Commission, and Councilmember Mark Hicks seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

City Manager Wright discussed the particulars of the Taxi Cab Committee and presented the application for reappointment. Councilmember Lynn Torres made a motion to reappoint Bennie Moyer to the Taxi Cab Committee, and Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

City Manager Wright discussed the particulars of the Zoning Board of Adjustment & Appeals and presented the applications for appointment. Councilmember Mark Hicks made a motion to appoint Hilary Walker, Wilkins Lopez, Kristy Bice, Martha Maldonado, and Rudy Flores to the Zoning Board of Adjustment & Appeals, and Councilmember Lynn Torres seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

10. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Keith Wright highlighted the financial progress of the General Fund, Water & Sewer Fund, and the Solid Waste Fund. City Manager Wright noted positive trends in sales taxes, ad valorem taxes, and franchise taxes. City Manager Wright stated that Fines and Forfeitures were unlikely to meet their budget amount, but EMS Billing was doing well and on track. City Manager Wright stated that the Water & Sewer Fund was not likely to meet its budgeted amount. City Manager Wright furthered that Solid Waste should meet its budgeted amount, but Recycling Revenues were down. City Manager Wright did not discuss the CIP Status Report or the Project Status Report. City Manager Wright asked for questions from City Council.

Councilmember Lynn Torres questioned how far behind the City was in current projects due to inclement weather. City Manager Wright responded that the City was keeping up with projects, including the Denman Avenue Drainage Project, but the Water Plant at Abitibi had been slowed down because of the continual rain.

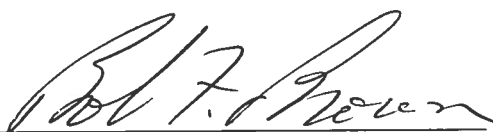
11. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST FROM MAYOR, CITY COUNCILMEMBERS, AND STAFF


City Manager Keith Wright emphasized several upcoming City events, including Business After Five, the Power Networking Breakfast, and also the upcoming City Manager meetings with City Councilmembers.

Mayor Bob Brown pointed out the Family Crisis Center Thrift Store Ribbon Cutting would be on Thursday, June 18th.

12. There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 5:26 pm.




Bob F. Brown, Mayor


Kara Atwood, City Secretary