

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY 2015.**

On the 7<sup>TH</sup> day of July 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
Victor Travis	Councilmember, Ward No. 1
Robert Shankle	Councilmember, Ward No. 2
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
Barbara Thompson	Main Street Director
Brant Lee	Convention Center Director
Mike Akridge	Parks & Recreation Director
Dorothy Wilson	Planning Director
Gerald Williamson	Police Chief
David Thomas	Assistant Police Chief
Dale Allred	Inspection Services Director
Kent Havard	Solid Waste Director
Steve Poskey	Street Department Director

being present when the following business was transacted.

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by Father Joe Kannampuzha, St. Andrews Catholic 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.

4. **PRESENTATION BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MAEGAN PREJEAN, ANGELINA BEAUTIFUL CLEAN, REGARDING KEEP TEXAS BEAUTIFUL AWARDS**

Executive Director Maegan Prejean of Angelina Beautiful Clean presented the City of Lufkin with three awards recently received at the Keep Texas Beautiful Conference. Awards received included the Gold Star Affiliate, the Sustained Excellence Award, and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the category of the Governor's Community Achievement award. Mayor Brown thanked Ms. Prejean for her leadership and continued efforts.

5. **PRESENTATION OF THE 2014 CITY OF LUFKIN COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT.**

City Manager Wright stated that Eric Carver, with Axley & Rode, LLP would discuss the report with City Council. Mr. Carver stated the report had been reviewed in detail earlier during the Finance Committee meeting and he would highlight the report. Mr. Carver briefly reviewed the components of the report and stated the City had been issued an unmodified opinion, which was

in essence a clean financial audit. Mr. Carver thanked the Finance Department for their efforts in completing the audit. Mayor Brown thanked Mr. Carver and the Finance Department for their service.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**6. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, CHANGING THE ZONING TO “COMMERCIAL” FOR PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS 418 NORTH MEDFORD DRIVE (5528 PELTIER ADDITION, BLOCK 1, LOT 1) – APPROVED**

City Manager Keith Wright stated that as shown on the map, the area was just south of Harper Road and was currently zoned “Agricultural”, which was the initial zoning for all property annexed into the City of Lufkin. City Manager Wright stated this parcel of 3.39 acres was annexed into the City in February 2015. City Manager Wright stated the applicant wished to have the entire parcel zoned “Commercial”. City Manager Wright defined the zoning designations for the surrounding properties and the Future Land Use map designations. City Manager Wright concluded that both Staff and the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of the First Reading of the Ordinance changing the zoning to “Commercial” for property located at 418 North Medford Dr.

Mayor Bob Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:14 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak; Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing and requested comments or motions from City Council.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the First Reading of an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Lufkin, Texas, changing the zoning to “Commercial” for property described as 418 North Medford Drive. Councilmember Sarah Murray 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, CHANGING THE ZONING TO “COMMERCIAL” FOR PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS 4110 AND 4208 SOUTH FIRST STREET (BLOUNT, L.F., BLOCK 1, LOT 4.2, 5.2, 6.3 AND 6.2) - APPROVED**

City Manager Wright stated that as shown on the map, these parcels were currently part of a Planned Unit Development (PUD) and designated as lot one and two on the map. City Manager Wright stated the applicant, Lufkin Travel Plaza, had requested the zoning designation be changed to “Commercial” on these parcels to increase business development. City Manager Wright stated that this property was a portion of a large Planned Unit Development (Ordinance No. 3553) which had various designated districts. City Manager Wright described the surrounding properties and their zoning designations, along with the Future Land Use map designation. City Manager Wright furthered that any development of this property would require the submission of site plan and would be required to comply with screening, landscape and parking requirements of the Zoning Ordinance. City Manager Wright concluded that both Staff and the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of the Ordinance as presented.

Mayor Bob Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:16 p.m. There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing and requested comments or motions from City Council.

Councilmember Victor Travis confirmed which parcels were included in the proposed change. City Manager Wright stated that only the two parcels, shown as one and two on the map were part of the request for the change of zoning.

Councilmember Victor Travis moved to approve the First Reading of an Ordinance changing the zoning on property known as 4110 and 4208 South First Street to “Commercial”. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

**8. ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING FROM THE DEEP EAST TEXAS REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (DETRAC) TO THE LUFKIN FIRE DEPARTMENT AND A**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 17 APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING - APPROVED**

City Manager Wright stated as participants in the Deep East Texas Regional Advisory Council (DETRAC), the Lufkin Fire Department received annual funding to use for fire service activities. City Manager Wright stated that recently funding in the amounts of three thousand two hundred eleven dollars and three cents (\$3,211.03); nine thousand thirty-three dollars (\$9,033) and one thousand nine hundred ninety-five dollars (\$1,995) had been received. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended acceptance of the funding and approval of the Resolution authorizing Budget Amendment No. 17.

Councilmember Robert Shankle moved to accept the funding from the Deep East Texas Regional Advisory Council and approve a Resolution authorizing Budget Amendment No. 17 appropriating the funding.

**9. APPOINTMENT TO THE 4B/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD AND THE CITY COUNCIL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE**

City Manager Wright stated that two applications were received regarding serving on the 4B/Economic Development Board. City Manager Wright stated that there was a vacancy on the Board due to the resignation of Board Member Casey Robertson. City Manager Wright furthered that Mayor Brown had requested that he be replaced on the City Council Construction Committee by Councilmember Rocky Thigpen. Councilmember Lynn Torres stated that applicant Jeff Todd initially requested to be appointed to the 4B Board; however, at the time of application there was not an open position. Councilmember Torres stated that Mr. Todd was then appointed to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. Councilmember Torres continued that Mr. Todd would be of better service on the 4B Board and moved to appoint Mr. Todd to the 4B/Economic Development Board. Councilmember Torres stated that this would require him to resign from the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board; however his experience would be an asset to the 4B/Economic Development Board. Councilmember amended her motion to include the appointment of Councilmember Rocky Thigpen to the City Council Construction Committee. Councilmember Robert Shankle moved to nominate Al Meyer to the 4B/Economic Development Board; however, the motion made by Councilmember Lynn Torres required action prior to Councilmember Shankle's motion. Councilmember Rocky Thigpen seconded the motion by Councilmember Torres. Mayor Brown then requested comments and discussion on the motion. Councilmember Robert Shankle expressed his desire to have Al Meyer appointed to the 4B/Economic Development Board. Mayor Brown then requested a vote in regard to the motion made by Councilmember Torres to appoint Jeff Todd to the 4B/Economic Development Board and Councilmember Rocky Thigpen to the Construction Committee.

Both appointments were approved by a vote of four (4) to three (3). Mayor Bob Brown, Councilmember Mark Hicks, Councilmember Rocky Thigpen and Councilmember Lynn Torres voted aye and Councilmember Robert Shankle, Councilmember Sarah Murray and Councilmember Victor Travis voted nay.

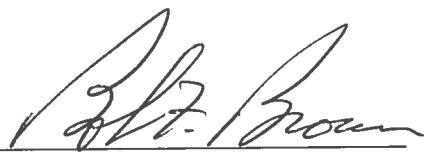
**10. APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO TEM**

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to appoint Councilmember Mark Hicks as Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Rocky Thigpen seconded the motion. Councilmember Hicks appointment as Mayor Pro Tem was approved by a vote of four (4) to three (3). Mayor Bob Brown, Councilmember Mark Hicks, Councilmember Rocky Thigpen and Councilmember Lynn Torres voting aye and Councilmember Robert Shankle, Councilmember Sarah Murray and Councilmember Victor Travis voting nay.

**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 4B/Economic Development meeting, First Friday Luncheon, the Town Hall Meeting hosted by Councilmember Robert Shankle and a retirement reception for Greg Shrader of the Lufkin Daily News.

12. There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 5:34 pm.



Bob F. Brown, Mayor



Kara Atwood, City Secretary

