

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 4th DAY OF AUGUST 2015.**

On the 4TH day of August 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
Mark Hicks
Victor Travis
Robert Shankle
Lynn Torres
Sarah Murray
Keith Wright
Bruce Green
Kara Atwood
Rodney Ivy
Gerald Williamson
David Thomas
Ted Lovett
Belinda Southern
Steve Poskey
Mike Akridge
Barbara Thompson
Jason Arnold
Dale Allred
Sid Munlin
Chuck Walker
Thad Chambers
Tara Watkins

Mayor
Mayor Pro Tem
Councilmember, Ward No. 1
Councilmember, Ward No. 2
Councilmember, Ward No. 3
Councilmember, Ward No. 6
City Manager
City Attorney
City Secretary
Human Resources Director
Police Chief
Assistant Police Chief
Fire Chief
Finance Director
Street Department Director
Parks & Recreation Director
Main Street Director
Water & Sewer Director
Inspection Services Director
Information Technology Director
Public Works Director
Economic Development Director
LCVB Director

being present when the following business was transacted,
and;

Rocky Thigpen

Councilmember, Ward No. 5

being absent.

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by Father Ralph Morgan.
2. Mayor Bob Brown welcomed visitors present.
3. **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD JULY 21, 2015-
APPROVED**

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on July 21, 2015 were approved on a motion by Councilmember Lynn Torres and seconded by Councilmember Sarah Murray. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

4. **PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE REGULATING
VENDORS AND SOLICITORS IN THE CITY OF LUFKIN - APPROVED**

City Manager Keith Wright stated that current ordinance in place to deal with vendors and solicitors in the City of Lufkin was Penal Ordinance No. 199 which was adopted in 1962. City Manager Wright furthered this Ordinance had been modified several times, including the exemption of religious organizations in 1978. City Manager Wright stated the proposed Ordinance would better align with the evolved activities of vendors and solicitors by replacing outdated terms and definitions, establishing hours and the permitting process. City Manager Wright highlighted portions of the Ordinance and stated the main objective was to protect citizens. City Manager Wright noted several definitions including goods, services, vendors and solicitors included in the Ordinance. City Manager Wright stated this Ordinance had been reviewed by City Council at the previous Regular City Council meeting.

Mayor Bob Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:06 p.m. Mr. Charles Nick expressed his opposition to the proposed Ordinance due to his belief that there should not be any additional regulatory ordinances imposed. City Attorney Bruce Green explained the reasoning and provisions of the Ordinance. Mr. Nick concluded his comments. There being no one further who wished to speak; Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing and requested comments or questions from City Council.

Councilmember Victor Travis questioned whether this would affect religious organizations or residential yard sales. City Secretary Kara Atwood stated it was for strictly commercial vendors and solicitors. Councilmember Travis stated that since the Ordinance affected only commercial vendors and solicitors, he would move to approve the Ordinance as presented. Councilmember Mark Hicks seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

5. **ESTABLISHING AUGUST 18TH, SEPTEMBER 1ST, SEPTEMBER 8TH AND SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2015 AS CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES TO CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARINGS, ESTABLISH A TAX RATE AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2015-2016 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF LUFKIN – APPROVED**

City Manager Keith Wright stated that per State law, City Council must approve establishing dates to conduct Public Hearings, establish tax rate and consider approval of the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Budget. City Manager Wright furthered that August 18th, September 1st, and September 15th would be Regular City Council meeting dates and September 8th as a Special City Council Meeting to be held at noon.

City Manager Wright stated Staff recommended City Council set the dates for these hearings and meetings as presented. Councilmember Robert Shankle moved to approve the dates as presented. Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

6. **AWARD OF BID TO COX CONTRACTORS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,155,369.50 FOR THE 2012 STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT GRANT PROJECT TO IMPROVE THE SIDEWALKS ON SAYERS STREET AND AT ELLEN TROUT ZOO AND LAKE - APPROVED**

City Manager Keith Wright stated that City Council had approved the acceptance of a 2012 Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program (STEP) Grant for the purpose of constructing sidewalks on Sayers Street and a walking trail around the lake at Ellen Trout Zoo. City Manager Wright furthered that the scope of the project would include five foot (5') wide concrete sidewalks on a portion of Sayers Street and a five foot (5') wide crushed granite walking path around the lake at the Zoo. City Manager Wright stated that initially the construction of a sidewalk in front of Garrett Primary on Leach Street; however, the funding was not available. City Manager Wright stated that this portion of the project might could be completed at a later time with bond funding.

City Manager Wright stated the apparent low bidder was Cox Contractors, Inc. in the amount of one million one hundred fifty-five thousand three hundred sixty-nine dollars and fifty cents (\$1,155,369.50). City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council approve the award of bid as stated and noted that the award of bid would also require the approval of the Texas Department of Transportation.

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

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

City Manager Keith Wright highlighted various upcoming City and community events including the annual Forest Festival and the Pines Presents event on August 13th.

Councilmember Victor Travis encouraged the audience to attend all City Council meetings related to the annual budget process.

8. There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 5:27 pm.


Bob F. Brown, Mayor


Kara Atwood, City Secretary

