

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 4TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016.**

On the 4th day of October, 2016 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
Guessippina Bonner
Robert Shankle
Lynn Torres
Rocky Thigpen
Sarah Murray
Keith Wright
Steve Floyd
Bruce Green
Kara Atwood
Rodney Ivy
David Thomas
Belinda Southern
Dorothy Wilson
Steve Poskey
Mike Akridge
Barbara Thompson
Dale Allred
Sid Munlin
Chuck Walker
Tara Watkins

Mayor
Mayor Pro Tem
Councilmember, Ward No. 1
Councilmember, Ward No. 2
Councilmember, Ward No. 3
Councilmember, Ward No. 5
Councilmember, Ward No. 6
City Manager
Assistant City Manager
City Attorney
City Secretary
Human Resource Director
Assistant Police Chief
Finance Director
Planning & Zoning Director
Street Department Director
Parks & Recreation Director
Main Street Director
Inspection Services Director
Information Technology Director
Public Works Director
LCVB Director

being present when the following business was transacted;

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Mark Wilke of Carpenter's Way Baptist Church.
2. Mayor Bob F. Brown welcomed the Leadership Lufkin attendees and visitors present.
3. **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD
SEPTEMBER 20, 2016 - APPROVED**

Councilmember Robert Shankle moved to approve the minutes of the meeting as presented. Councilmember Mark Hicks seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

OLD BUSINESS

4. **ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 3803 OF THE CODE OF
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS CHANGING THE
ELECTRICAL WIRING METHODS AND REQUIREMENTS WITHIN THE
CITY OF LUFKIN FIRE DISTRICT - APPROVED**

City Manager Wright stated that in order to make the City Ordinance consistent with the National Electrical Code it was recommended that Paragraph A in the Ordinance be changed to the following: *"All electrical wiring within the Fire District shall be encased and contained in non-combustible raceways. The smallest to be used shall be one-half inch (1/2 ")."* City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council approve the First Reading of the Ordinance amending the Electrical Code to revise the electrical wiring requirements within the Fire District.

Councilmember Shankle move to approve the Ordinance as presented. Councilmember Rocky Thigpen seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

NEW BUSINESS

5. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACCEPTANCE OF A 2016 EDWARD BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO THE LUFKIN POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,517 AND A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 1 APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING – APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that on June 21, 2016 City Council authorized the Lufkin Police Department to apply for funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, specifically the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant. City Manager Wright furthered that the Police Department had recently been notified that it received \$13,517 in funding to be distributed equally between the Lufkin Police Department and the Angelina County Sheriff's Office. City Manager Wright stated that the funds would be used to purchase Taser devices and equipment to be used by the Lufkin Police Department and the Sheriff's Office. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and approve a Resolution accepting funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Fiscal Year 2016 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$13,517 and a Resolution authorizing Budget Amendment No. 1 appropriating the funding.

Mayor Bob F. Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:05 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak, Mayor Brown requested comment from City Council. There was none.

Councilmember Shankle moved to approve the Resolution as presented. Councilmember Lynn Torres seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

6. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE WALMART FOUNDATION TO THE LUFKIN POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,400 AND A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 2 APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING – APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that the Lufkin Police Department had recently received grant funding from the Walmart Foundation in the amount of \$1,400. City Manager Wright furthered that the funding would be used to aid the Police Department with the Blue Santa Program which provided Christmas gifts to underprivileged children. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council accept the funding from the Walmart Foundation in the amount of \$1,400 as well as approve a Resolution authorizing Budget Amendment No. 2 appropriating the funding.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:06 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak Mayor Brown requested comment from City Council. There was none.

Councilmember Bonner moved to approve the Ordinance as presented. Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

7. AWARD OF BID TO THE FLOATING DOCK COMPANY, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE KURTH LAKE FISHING AND BOAT PIER – APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that Council had recently approved several projects to be completed with the remaining bond funds which included the construction of a fishing pier and boat pier at Kurth Lake. City Manager Wright furthered that the project would consist of the installation of two (2) ADA compliant piers for fishing and boating use, which would be identical to the fishing pier installed at Jones Lake. City Manager Wright stated that Staff recently received bids for the project and the apparent low bidder was The Floating Dock Company, LLC in the amount of \$60,000. City Manager Wright furthered that the estimated budget for the project was \$58,800. City Manager Wright stated that Staff modified the design to reduce the number of piles needed from six (6) to four (4); which would reduce the cost to the budgeted amount of \$58,800. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council award a bid to the Floating Dock Company, LLC in the amount of \$60,000 for the

construction of the Kurth Lake Fishing and Boat Pier. City Manager Wright clarified that once the bid was awarded the bid total would be modified to reflect the reduced total of \$58,800.

Councilmember Torres moved to approve the bid to the Floating Dock Company, LLC as presented. Councilmember Shankle seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

8. APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE – POSTPONED


City Manager Wright stated that a proposed Mission Statement or charge to the Steering Committee Comprehensive Plan was included in the Council Packet. City Manager Wright furthered that the item was provided with the intent of giving the most flexibility. City Manager Wright stated that the Lufkin City Council had recognized the need for a new Comprehensive Plan to guide local decision making. City Manager Wright furthered that such plans were designed to provide the basis for guidance, coordination and accountability to future decision makers regarding the long term physical development and growth of the community and as such the City was forming a Steering Committee to oversee the development of a Comprehensive Plan for Lufkin. City Manager Wright stated that the Steering Committee would work with City Staff and the consultant team throughout the process of developing the Comprehensive Plan. City Manager Wright furthered that the charge was a very important one, and would be a twelve (12) month process that should not be rushed in order to choose the correct individuals to represent the City on the Steering Committee. City Manager Wright stated that the mission of the individuals serving on the Steering Committee would be to build a consensus around a comprehensive strategy for Lufkin's future by engaging the public's input and directing the process of developing a Comprehensive Plan. City Manager Wright furthered that the Comprehensive Plan required extensive public input throughout the entire process and included public input in every aspect. City Manager Wright furthered that the consultant provided a suggested composition, however the make-up of the comprehensive list could be modified and therefore City Council Members were welcome to review the material and email the proposed modifications and/or individuals to include in the suggested composition list. City Manager Wright stated that it was important that a broad cross section of the community demographic provided input and comment throughout the process. City Manager Wright furthered that stakeholders should be representative of, but not limited to all age groups; ethnicities, various economic means, religious and secular associations and family structures. City Manager Wright stated that the Steering Committee should seek out individuals, community groups, civic clubs, business owners, and other to encourage their participation in the planning process. City Manager Wright furthered that the Steering Committee planned to meet with the Comprehensive Plan Consultant and City Staff, four (4) to six (6) times during the process and work with the collected compiled information from the various different groups involved in the process. City Manager Wright recommended a postponement in anticipation of the review and collective input of City Councilmembers.

Councilmember Bonner moved to postpone the consideration of appointments to the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee. Councilmember Shankle seconded and a unanimous vote to postpone was recorded.

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

City Manager Wright detailed the various upcoming City sponsored and community events. Councilmember Hicks complimented Main Street for the success of the Lufkin Bistro event. Mayor Brown welcomed Councilmember Torres on her return to City Council.

10. There being no more business to address the meeting was adjourned at 5:14 p.m.


Bob F. Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kara Atwood, City Secretary

