

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 5TH DAY OF JANUARY 2016.**

On the 5th day of January, 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
Victor Travis
Robert Shankle
Lynn Torres
Rocky Thigpen
Sarah Murray
Keith Wright
Steve Floyd
Bruce Green
Kara Atwood
Rodney Ivy
Gerald Williamson
Ted Lovett
Belinda Southern
Dorothy Wilson
Steve Poskey
Mike Akridge
Barbara Thompson
Jason Arnold
Dale Allred
Sid Munlin
Chuck Walker
Kent Havard

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 Resources Director
Police Chief
Fire Chief
Finance Director
Planning Director
Street Department Director
Parks & Recreation Director
Main Street Director
Water & Sewer Director
Inspection Services Director
Information Technology Director
Public Works Director
Solid Waste Director

being present when the following business was transacted.

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by Senior Pastor Jeremy Yancey of Lufkin First Assembly of God.
2. Mayor Bob F. Brown welcomed visitors present.
3. **MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD
DECEMBER 15th, 2015 - APPROVED**

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.

OLD BUSINESS

4. **PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE
DESIGNATING A CERTAIN AREA IN THE CITY OF LUFKIN AS "TAX
ABATEMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER ONE, CITY OF LUFKIN,
TEXAS"; PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE AND EXPIRATION DATES FOR
THE ZONE AND A MECHANISM FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE ZONE; AND
CONTAINING OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THE ZONE - APPROVED**

City Manager Keith Wright stated this was a second reading of the Ordinance that established a Tax Abatement Reinvestment Zone in the area commonly known as Angelina Village Shopping Center. City Manager Wright further stated TFG Lufkin, LP recently acquired the property located on 3047 S. John Redditt Drive, commonly known as Angelina Village Shopping Center. City Manager Wright outlined a map that detailed the Revitalization Zone and the proposed Reinvestment Zone parameters. City Manager

Wright explained the bank on South John Redditt Drive was excluded from the proposal along with the convenience store located on the corner of South First Street and John Redditt Drive. City Manager Wright stated the Lufkin Economic Development Corporation unanimously approved the tax abatement incentive package agreement detailed in Item Number Six of the meeting packet. City Manager Wright clarified the approved tax abatement incentive package was contingent on the area being classified as a Reinvestment Zone.

City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council approve the Ordinance classifying the Angelina Village Shopping Center as a Reinvestment Zone.

Mayor Brown opened the floor to public comment at 5:04 p.m. There was none.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved 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 FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, BY GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A DRINKING ESTABLISHMENT IN A "CENTRAL BUSINESS" ZONING DISTRICT FOR PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS 3570 CITY OF LUFKIN BLOCK 3, LOT 10-11 AND ADDRESSED AS 119 NORTH FIRST STREET - APPROVED**

City Manager Wright highlighted the area of discussion on a map and stated the applicant requested a Special Use Permit for a "Drinking Establishment" for the purpose of operating a special events venue for rental at 119 North First Street in the downtown area. City Manager Wright further stated the Special Use Permit for a "Drinking Establishment" was a requirement for special event venues, because those attractions hosted many events such as weddings, parties and fundraiser dinners, that offered the purchase and service of alcohol.

City Manager Wright further stated the subject property was located in a Central Business Zoning district and the properties surrounding the area on all sides are zoned Central Business as well. City Manager Wright listed the businesses that shared the same block and also surrounded 119 North First Street that rented for special events. City Manager Wright concluded, that the Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and approve an Ordinance on First Reading granting a Special Use Permit for a Drinking Establishment on property located at 119 North First Street.

Mayor Brown opened the floor to public comment at 5:07 p.m. There was none.

Councilmember Lynn Torres made a request to update the City of Lufkin's records to reflect the updated owner information for the former Kurth Memorial Library as Lufkin Independent School District.

Councilmember Victor Travis made a motion to approve the Ordinance as presented. Councilmember Mark Hicks seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

6. **TAX ABATEMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LUFKIN AND TFG LUFKIN, LP - APPROVED**

City Manager Wright stated the item of discussion was related to Item Number Four, the "Tax Abatement Reinvestment Zone Number One". City Manager Wright further stated the Economic Development office received an application for economic development assistance from TFG Lufkin, LP for the property located at 3047 S. John Redditt Drive, commonly known as the Angelina village Shopping Center and explained that TFG Lufkin,

LP requested tax abatements as well as cash incentives for new tenants occupying the Angelina Village Shopping Center and proposed as part of the agreement a 6 million dollar investment for upgrades. City Manager Wright detailed the proposal which included a property tax abatement on any new growth, reimbursement for any permits associated with remodels or upgrades and cash incentives of up to \$300,000 based upon the tier of the tenant. City Manager Wright reviewed examples of businesses in three different Tier levels. City Manager Wright gave examples of companies and the tier group each would be classified in. City Manager Wright stated the amounts were based upon new tenants moving into the shopping center and not relocating from another location within Lufkin.

City Manager Wright noted the agreement was made possible by City Council approving the Ordinance (Item No. 4) designating the property as "Tax Abatement Reinvestment Zone Number One". City Manager Wright concluded the 4B Economic Development Board unanimously approved the request and Staff recommended City Council approve the tax abatement and economic development program agreement with TFG Lufkin, LP.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the tax abatement agreement as presented. Councilmember Mark Hicks seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

7. GRANT TO THE LUFKIN FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM TEXAS INTRASTATE FIRE MUTUAL AID SYSTEM (TIFMAS) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$900 AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 8 - APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated the Lufkin Fire Department received a grant from the Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) in the amount of \$900 and further stated that Staff requested that the grant amount of \$900 be placed in the Fire Services Training Budget to reimburse for swift water rescue training education expenses.

Councilmember Robert Shankle made a motion to accept the grant and approve the Resolution as presented. Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

8. BID TO TOWER SPECIALISTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$131,051 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MONOPOLE TOWER AND A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 9 – APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated City Council previously approved the project to replace the existing 110' tall monopole communication tower. City Manager Wright further stated that the existing monopole communication tower no longer supported the wireless needs of the City of Lufkin and the tower had begun to weaken making it unsafe to climb which resulted in Staff hiring a crane service to make any needed repairs to the tower and antenna. City Manager Wright stated the communication needs of the City of Lufkin had substantially increased since the time of the initial estimate to replace the monopole tower and after discussion of the present and future wireless network needs for the City of Lufkin, the original anticipated improvements to the monopole would no longer suffice. City Manager Wright summarized that basically the needed height of the monopole to support the wireless communication needs for the City of Lufkin entailed the need for increased height that required numerous modifications along with a new tower design. City Manager Wright stated that the original budget for the replacement of the monopole tower was \$85,000; however the funding required to replace the existing tower with a three legged tower would be \$131,051. City Manager Wright stated that bids were opened on October 15, 2015 for the purchase, installation and grounding of a one-hundred and ninety-two (192) foot tall self-supporting communication tower and two alternate bid items; one for the relocation of the antennas from the old tower to the new tower and the second for the removal of the old tower.

City Manager Wright concluded that Staff requested that City Council award the base bid and alternate items 1 and 2 to Tower Specialist of Nacogdoches in the amount of \$131,051 and amend the original budget from \$85,000 to \$136,051.00 allowing for the bid amount plus a \$5,000 contingency fund.

Councilmember Robert Shankle made a motion to award a bid to Tower Specialist in the amount of \$131,051 and approve the Resolution as presented. Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

9. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FUNDING FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FISCAL YEAR 2015 BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,812.99 AND A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 10 APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING - APPROVED**

City Manager Wright stated the Lufkin Police Department recently received the funding through the U.S. Department of Justice fiscal year 2015 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program in the amount of \$15,812.99. City Manager Wright further stated the grant funding required a fifty percent (50%) match from the City and would be used to purchase bullet resistant vests for the Lufkin Police Department.

City Manager Wright concluded that Staff requested City Council approve a Resolution to accept the funding in the amount of \$15,812.99 from the U.S. Department of Justice Fiscal Year 2015 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program and approve a Resolution authorizing Budget Amendment No. 10 appropriating the funding.

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

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

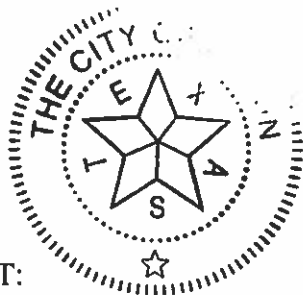
City Manager Wright detailed the various upcoming City sponsored and community events.

Councilmember Victor Travis recommended that parents with school age children should consider the application for the N.A.A.C.P. Scholarship that offered payment for a semester of college at Angelina College. Councilmember Victor Travis further encouraged those present to share the news of the scholarship program.

Councilmember Sarah Murray congratulated Eddie Ibara for earning the title: Officer of the Year and commented Eddie Ibara was a fantastic officer.

Mayor Brown congratulated Steve Knight for the Sunday's edition of the Lufkin Daily News and further expressed his pride in Mr. Knight's work.

11. There being no more business to address the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.



ATTEST:



Kara Atwood, City Secretary



Bob F. Brown, Mayor