

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 5th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2017.**

On the 5th day of December, 2017 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
Mark Hicks	Mayor Pro Tem
Guessippina Bonner	Councilmember, Ward No. 1
Robert Shankle	Councilmember, Ward No. 2
Lynn Torres	Councilmember, Ward No. 3
Sarah Murray	Councilmember, Ward No. 6
Keith Wright	City Manager
Bruce Green	City Attorney
Jason Arnold	Assistant to the City Manager
Kara Atwood	City Secretary
Gerald Williamson	Police Chief
Ted Lovett	Fire Chief
Belinda Melancon	Finance Director
Dorothy Wilson	Planning Director
Steve Poskey	Street Department Director
Mike Akridge	Parks & Recreation Director
Barbara Thompson	Main Street Director
Dale Allred	Inspection Service Director
Chuck Walker	Public Works Director
Kent Havard	Solid Waste Director

being present; and

Rocky Thigpen

Councilmember, Ward No. 5

being absent when the following business was transacted.

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Eric Barton, City Church Lufkin.
2. Mayor Bob F. Brown welcomed attendees and Leadership Lufkin.
3. **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD
NOVEMBER 21, 2017 – APPROVED**

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

4. **OATH OF OFFICE TO NEW LUFKIN FIREFIGHTERS**

Mayor Brown administered the Oath of Office to Lufkin Firefighters Kolton Prince, Blake Meredith, Colton Crisp, Caleb Dove and Jakob Smith.

5. **PROMOTION OF LUFKIN FIREFIGHTERS**

Mayor Bob Brown ceremoniously promoted Lieutenant Wade Modisette to the rank of Captain and Firefighter Duane Kenner to the rank of Lieutenant within the Lufkin Fire Department.

6. **PRESENTATION FROM THE MUSEUM OF EAST TEXAS EXPANSION**

Executive Director J.P. McDonald presented information on a proposed expansion of the Museum of East Texas.

OLD BUSINESS

7. SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS PROHIBITING THE USE OF ENGINE BRAKES (ALSO KNOW AS “JAKE BRAKES”); PROVIDING A PENALTY; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE - APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that the purpose of this ordinance was to make it unlawful for vehicles equipped with compression release type braking system, sometimes known as “jake brakes” to use such braking system or devices upon any public streets, roads or highways within the City limits and its territorial jurisdiction except in an emergency situation for the peace, health and comfort of the citizens of the City and the public.

City Manager Wright stated that Staff recommended City Council consider on Second Reading an Ordinance of the City of Lufkin, Texas prohibiting the use of engine brakes, commonly known as “jake brakes”.

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

NEW BUSINESS

8. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS BY CHANGING THE ZONING TO “LOCAL BUSINESS” FOR PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS 2098 AND 2102 SOUTH JOHN REDDITT DRIVE - APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that the owner, Mark Hicks, had requested a zone change top “Local Business” for parcels with frontage on South John Redditt Drive/ Loop 287 for the construction of an office facility.

City Manager Wright explained that the subject property at 2098 South John Redditt Drive was zoned “Residential Large Single Family Dwelling” while the subject property at 2102 South John Redditt Drive was zoned “Residential Large Single Family Dwelling” and property to the east and was zoned “Local Business.” City Manager Wright stated that property to the south and across Old Gobbler’s Knob Road was zoned “Local Business.”

City Manager Wright furthered that the subject property was currently vacant, wooded land. City Manager Wright stated that the property to the north and across South John office was located to the east. City Manager Wright stated that the property to south and across Old Gobbler’s Knob Road was vacant land. City Manager Wright stated that the property to the west was the Pioneer Crossing Apartments for Seniors.

City Manager Wright furthered that the zone change request to “Local Business” was unanimously approved at the regular meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission on November 27, 2017.

City Manager Wright stated that Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and consider on First Reading an Ordinance Changing the zoning to “Local Business” on property addressed as 2098 and 2102 South John Redditt Drive.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:17 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 Mark Hicks recused from discussion and voting on this Item.

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

9. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING PROPERTY LOCATED NEAR EAST LUFKIN AVENUE INTO THE CITY OF LUFKIN – APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that as Council was aware, this annexation was initiated by the property owner, Mr. Arnold Montes, in order to receive municipal services. City Manager Wright stated that the required Public Hearing and consider on First Reading an Ordinance changing the zoning to “Local Business” on property addressed as 2098 and 2102 South John Redditt Drive.

City Manager Wright stated that Staff had ensured that all procedures required for annexation by the Texas Local Government Code had been followed including mailing notices to residents, utility providers, transportation authorities and school districts. City Manager Wright stated that the annexation had been published as mandated. City Manager Wright furthered at the request of City Council, Staff also contacted adjacent property owners and none requested annexation.

City Manager Wright stated that Staff recommended City Council consider on First Reading an Ordinance annexing property located near East Lufkin Avenue into the City of Lufkin.

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

10. ANNUAL INVESTMENT POLICY FOR THE CITY OF LUFKIN AND THE LUFKIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – APPROVED

City Manager Wright explained that annually the City of Lufkin and the Lufkin Economic Development Corporation must adopt an Investment Policy which governed how funds would be invested and who had the authority to make those investments. City Manager Wright stated there had been no changes from the previous year and the proposed Investment Policy for both entities was in essence the same document as last year.

City Manager Wright stated that Staff recommended Council approve the Investment Policy for the City of Lufkin and the Lufkin Economic Development Corporation.

Councilmember Torres moved to approve the adoption of the annual Investment Policy as presented. Councilmember Murray seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

11. AWARD OF BID TO KRS CONTRACTORS, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$152,888 FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE CONCRETE LAUNDERS FOR THE FINAL CLARIFIER NO. 1 AND NO. 2 REHABILITATION PROJECT – APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that attached for Council approval was a copy of the bid and bid tabulation for the Hurricane Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Final Clarifier No. 1 & 2 Rehabilitation – Concrete Launder Installation. City Manager Wright stated that there were three bidders on this project. City Manager Wright stated the low bid was KRS Contractors, LLC in the amount of \$152,880.

City Manager Wright stated that the project consisted of installing concrete launders for Final Clarifiers No. 1 & 2 City Manager Wright furthered that Staff previously bid the supplying and installation of these concrete launders on July 11, 2017; however, no bids were submitted. City Manager Wright explained that Staff then divided the project into three sections; the purchase of the concrete launders, the installation of the concrete

launders and finally the sand blasting of the clarifiers, the bid for the concrete launders was awarded by Council on November 7, 2017.

City Manager Wright stated that after the opening of the bid for the installation portion of this project, Staff met with the Contractor and Sherwin-Williams and determined a better coating for the concrete launders. City Manager Wright stated that after the award of bid, Staff would issue a change order for the launder coatings from Core Coat to Dura Plate 5900, which would reduce the cost by \$47,750, bringing the project under budget.

City Manager Wright furthered that Staff requested City Council award a bid to KRS Contractors, LLC in the amount of \$152,880 with the understanding that a change order in the amount of \$47,750 would be forthcoming.

Councilmember Shankle moved to approve the award of bid to KRS Contractors as presented. Councilmember Murray seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

12. AWARD OF BID TO KRS CONTRACTORS, LLC IN THE AMOUNT \$62,508.64 FOR THE SANDBLASTING AND PAINTING OF THE HURRICANE CREEK WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT CLARIFIERS - APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that the project consisted of sandblasting and painting the steel components for Clarifiers No. 1, 2 and 3. City Manager Wright stated a total of three bids were received for this project, with the low bidder being KRS Contractors, LLC in the amount of \$62,508.64. City Manager Wright stated that both the bids and bid tabulation were included in the Council packet.

City Manager Wright furthered Staff recommended City Council award a bid to KRS Contractors, LLC in the amount \$62,508.64 for the sandblasting and painting of the Hurricane Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Clarifiers.

Councilmember Shankle moved to approve the award of bid to KRS Contractors as presented. Councilmember Torres seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

13. AWARD OF BID TO SOUTH TEXAS BOILER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$159,321 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE DIGESTER BOILER NO. 3 AT THE WASTERWATER TREATMENT PLANT – APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that this project consisted of equipment, materials and labor to install a boiler, circulation pumps, control panel and piping for Digester No.3 City Manager Wright stated that City Staff would remove the existing boiler.

City Manager Wright concluded Staff recommended City Council award a bid to South Texas Boiler in the amount of \$159,321 for the replacement and installation of the Digester No. 3 boiler.

Councilmember Bonner moved to approve the award of bid to South Texas Boiler as presented. Councilmember Hicks seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

14. ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT TO THE LUFKIN POLICE DEPARTMENT “BLUE SANTA” PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 FROM THE TARGET CORPORATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2017-2018 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 6) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING – APPROVED

City Manager Wright explained that the Lufkin Police Association conducted an annual “Blue Santa” program to provide toys for less fortunate children in our area. City Manager Wright stated the funds for this year’s program comes from partnerships with retailers, donations and raffle of a football autographed by Lufkin’s own Dez Bryant.

City Manager Wright stated that the Lufkin Police Association was awarded a grant from the Target Corporation for \$10,000 to be used in or local Target store. City Manager Wright furthered that Target’s guidelines require this money to be accepted and administered by the Lufkin Police Department. City Manager Wright stated that the plan was to allow 100 children to purchase up to \$100,000 in gifts with the assistance of police personal. City Manager Wright stated no matching funds were required.

City Manager Wright stated that the money raised thought other means would allow up to 50 additional children to receive \$100.00 gift packages (150 Children total). The Lufkin Police Association partners with LISD Counselors and other local service organizations to select children for this program.

City Manager Wright furthered that Staff recommended City Council accept a grant in the amount of \$10,000 from Target for the “Blue Santa” program and approved a Resolution authorizing Budget Amendment No. 6 appropriating the funding.

Councilmember Shankle moved to approve the acceptance of a grant to the Lufkin Police Department and approve the Resolution Authorizing Blue Santa No. 6 as presented. Councilmember Murray seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

15. PURCHASE OF AN ARMORED RESCUE VEHICLE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$234,750 FROM THE ARMORED GROUP FOR THE LUFKIN POLICE DEPARTMENT, ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 FROM THE E.L. KURTH CHARITABLE FOUNDATION FOR PURCHASE OF THE SAME AND A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2017-2018 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 7) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING – APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that the Lufkin Police Department recently received grant funds in the amount of \$100,000 from the E.L. Kurth, Jr. Charitable Foundation to assist with the purchase of an armored rescue vehicle.

City Manager Wright explained that this armored rescue vehicle would be used to respond to life threatening incidents such as active shooters, hostage takers and armed barricaded suspects. City Manager Wright stated that this vehicle and trained LPD operators would be made available during qualifying events to communities throughout the DETCOG region.

City Manager Wright stated that the vehicle, a BATT-X model, was built on a Ford F550 truck chassis. City Manager Wright stated the vehicles considerable weight, ground clearance and all-wheel drive would also enable it to function as a high and swift water rescue vehicle. City Manager Wright furthered that the pricing had been obtained from The Armored Group in the amount of \$234, 750 for the purchase of the unit.

City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council approve the purchased of an Armored Rescue Vehicle in the amount of \$234,750 from The Armored Group, accept a grant in the amount of \$100,000 from the E.L. Kurth Charitable Foundation for purchase of the same and approve a resolution authorizing budget Amendment No. 7 appropriating the funding.

Councilmember Torres moved to approve the purchase of the vehicle, acceptance of the grant and a Resolution authorizing Budget Amendment No. 7 as presented. Councilmember Shankle seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

16. PURCHASE OF A 2018 CHEVROLET VAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,275 FROM JM CHEVROLET OF LUFKIN FOR THE LUFKIN POLICE DEPARTMENT – APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that the purchase of a passenger van for the Lufkin Police Department was included in the 2017-2018 Amortization Fund. City Manager Wright furthered that this van was used to transport prisoners, evidence, records and the Crimestoppers Band, City Manager Wright stated that the existing van was a 1995 Ford Passenger Van and would be disposed of through the auction process.

City Manager Wright furthered that the pricing for the purchase of a 2018 Chevrolet Express 2500 12 passenger van had been secured through JM Chevrolet of Lufkin in the amount of \$29,925. City Manager Wright stated that additionally, Real Graphics of Lufkin would install graphics on the unit for \$350, bringing the total purchase price to \$30,275.

City Manager Wright stated that Staff recommended City Council approve the purchase of a 2018 Chevrolet Van in the amount of \$30,275 from JM Chevrolet of Lufkin from the Lufkin Police Department.

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

17. PURCHASE OF A JOHN DEERE 450K CRAWLER DOZER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$88,198.75 FROM DOGETT MACHINERY OF LUFKIN – APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that the budgeted in the 2017-2018 Amortization Fund was the purchase of a new dozer for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. City Manager Wright stated that the pricing had been secured from local dealer Doggett Machinery for a 450 K Crawler Dozer in the amount of \$88,198.75. City Manager Wright stated that Doggett Machinery was the low bidder. Bids were also received from local vendors Mustang Cat and Waukesha- Pearce Industries.

City Manager Wright furthered that Staff recommended City Council approve the purchase of a 450K Crawler Dozer from local dealer Doggett Machinery in the amount of \$88,198.75. City Manager Wright stated that upon delivery of the new dozer, the old dozer would be sold through the auction process.

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

18. PURCHASE OF A MUSTANG CAT 320 E2 MINI EXCAVATOR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$54,477.67 FROM MUSTANG CAT OF LUFKIN – APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that the pricing had been secured in the amount of \$54,477.67 from local dealer Mustang Cat for a CAT305E2 mini excavator, City Manager Wright furthered that the two additional bids were received from local vendors Doggett Machinery and Waukesha Pearce Industries.

City Manager Wright furthered that Staff recommended City Council approve the purchase of a Mustang CAT 320 E2 Mini Excavator in the amount of \$54,477.67 from Mustang Cat of Lufkin.

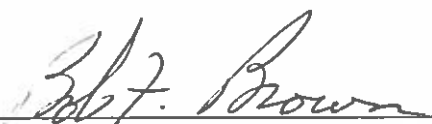
Councilmember Bonner moved to approve the purchase as presented. Councilmember Murray seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

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

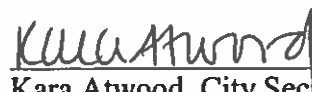
City Manager Wright highlighted events and upcoming meetings on the Calendar.

20. There being no further business, Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.




Bob F. Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kara Atwood, City Secretary