

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 19th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2017.**

On the 19th 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
Rocky Thigpen	Councilmember, Ward No. 5
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
Rodney Williamson	Human Resource Director
David Thomas	Asst. Police Chief
Ted Lovett	Fire Chief
Steve Poskey	Street Department Director
Mike Akridge	Parks & Recreation Director
Barbara Thompson	Main Street Director
Dale Allred	Inspection Service Director
Sid Munlin	IT Director
Chuck Walker	Public Works Director
Kent Havard	Solid Waste Director
Lorraine Simoneau	Library Director

being present when the following business was transacted.

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by Reverend Dr. Jerome Brimmage, First United Methodist Church.
2. Mayor Bob F. Brown welcomed attendees and visitors present.
3. **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD
DECEMBER 5, 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. **PRESENTATION OF KURTH MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD ANNUAL
REPORT**

Executive Director Lorraine Simoneau and Library Board President Linda Smelley presented the Kurth Memorial Library Board Annual Report.

OLD BUSINESS

5. **PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND 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 to “Local Business” for two parcels with frontage on South John Redditt Drive/Loop 287 for the construction of an office facility.

City Manager Wright furthered that the Future Land Use Map recommended the subject property for office areas. City Manager Wright stated that the land to the north, east, and west and across South John Redditt Drive was recommended for office areas. City Manager Wright stated that the land to the south and across Old Gobbler's Knob Road was recommended for retail use.

City Manager Wright stated that the subject property was currently vacant, wooded land. City Manager Wright furthered that located on the property to the north and across South John Redditt Drive was the Timber Creek Church while the Duncan Property Management Office was located to the east. City Manager Wright continued that property to the south and across Old Gobbler's Knob Road was vacant land and 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 concluded that Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and consider on second reading an Ordinance changing the zoning to "Local Business" on property addressed as 2098 and 2102 South John Redditt Drive.

Councilmember Mark Hicks recused himself from discussion and voting on this item.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:12 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 Torres moved to approve the Ordinance as presented. Councilmember Murray seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

6. SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING PROPERTY LOCATED NEAR EAST LUFKIN AVENUE INTO THE CITY OF LUFKIN - APPROVED

City Manager Wright explained that Staff recommended City Council consider on second 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 Hicks seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

NEW BUSINESS

7. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, CHANGING THE ZONING TO "HEAVY MANUFACTURING" FOR PEROPERTY KNOWN AS 3403 ELLEN TROUT DRIVE - APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that the owner, Allen Loggins Jr., had requested a zone change to "Heavy Manufacturing" for a 27.28 acre parcel with frontage on Ellen Trout Drive/Loop 287 and Kurth Drive. City Manager Wright stated that the owner had stated that the zone change request was for the construction of a building and future development.

City Manager Wright furthered that the subject property was currently vacant, partially wooded land and was proposed as the future location of Aaxion, Inc. City Manager Wright stated the property to the east was vacant, wooded land and property to the south was the former Aspen Power Plant. City Manager Wright stated the property to the west was C&C Auto Center, and to the west across Kurth Drive was vacant, wooded land. City Manager Wright expanded that the property to the north was a distribution center for several businesses and a wrecker service. City Manager Wright

stated that property to the north and across Ellen Trout Drive was the location of Fesco, United Rentals, the Fedex Distribution Center as well as vacant, wooded land.

City Manager Wright explained that the requested zone change to "Heavy Manufacturing" was more of a "housekeeping" task. City Manager Wright stated that the "Residential Large Single Family Dwelling" zoning was not compatible in the "Heavy Manufacturing" zoning district and any type of residential dwelling was not a permitted use. City Manager Wright stated the access on the property to Kurth Drive, Ellen Trout Drive/Loop 287 and the railroads were complementary to future industrial development.

City Manager Wright stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously voted to approve this request during the meeting of December 11, 2017.

City Manager Wright stated that Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and consider on First Reading an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Lufkin, Texas, changing the zoning to "Heavy Manufacturing" for property known as 3403 Ellen Trout Drive.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:15 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 Hicks moved to approve the Ordinance as presented. Councilmember Murray seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

8. BID TO OTIS ELEVATOR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,537.31 FOR THE REPAIR OF THE CITY HALL ELEVATOR AND A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2017-2018 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 8) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING - APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that recently one of the City Hall elevators suffered a hydraulic failure taking it out of service. City Manager Wright furthered upon inspection by Otis Elevator, it was determined that the hydraulic ram that moves the elevator between floors had ruptured. City Manager Wright stated these elevators were installed in the early 1980's. City Manager Wright explained that the elevators were recently upgraded and hydraulic lines rerouted; however, this did not include replacement of the hydraulic ram.

City Manager Wright stated that the price for the repair of the elevator in the amount of \$42,537.31 had been received from Otis Elevator. City Manager Wright furthered that this included all parts and labor necessary to repair the elevator's hydraulic system in order to restore its operation. City Manager Wright stated that since this was not a planned expenditure, funding would need to be appropriated from Fund Balance for the cost of the repairs.

City Manager Wright stated that Staff recommended City Council approve the repair of the City Hall Elevator in the amount \$42,537.31 and a Resolution authorizing Budget Amendment No. 8 appropriating the funding.

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

9. RECOMMENDATION BY THE LUFKIN PARK ADVISORY COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE BOARD REGARDING THE PLACEMENT OF SIGNS AND NAMING OF FACILITIES AT MORRIS FRANK PARK - APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that a packet of information had been provided to City Council titled "Youth Baseball in Lufkin" which had been submitted to the City of Lufkin as a request for consideration of naming City facilities after individuals that had both recent and past acclaim regarding youth baseball. City Manager Wright continued that in accordance with City policy, the request was submitted to the Parks Board for review and recommendation.

City Manager Wright stated that during the Parks Board meeting of November 6th, discussion was held regarding the placement of a sign honoring the Thundering 13 Little League Team as well as recognition for Bud Maddux and Ted Maberry for their contributions and achievements with Little League baseball.

City Manager Wright stated that the Board approved the placement of a sign at Morris Frank Park honoring the Thundering 13 Little League Team. City Manager Wright stated that the sign would include the names of all players and coaches, including Bud Maddux.

City Manager Wright furthered that due to length of time since Ted Maberry's involvement in Little League and the lack of any recent recognition, the Board did not approve any type of memorial or recognition in his name. City Manager Wright stated that the Board also felt that there were many people who had given their time to mentor our youth through sports and it would be difficult to single out either individual by naming a facility in their honor. City Manager Wright continued that per the policy, once the recommendation has been made by the Board, it is then submitted to City Council for approval. City Manager Wright explained that City Council could uphold the Parks Board recommendation or change the recommendation as they pleased.

City Manager Wright stated that Staff recommended City Council consider the recommendation by the Lufkin Parks Advisory Board regarding the placement of signage honoring the Thundering 13 Little League team and naming of facilities at Morris Frank Park.

Councilmember Torres made a motion that City Council honor the Parks Board recommendation as presented. Councilmember Shankle seconded the motion. Mayor Brown then asked for any discussion or questions. Councilmember Hicks questioned that if City Council approved the recommendation, could the matter be readdressed in the future. City Manager Wright stated that it could.

Councilmember Murray stated that she would like for her name to be removed as a member of the Parks Advisory Board that made the recommendation due to her not being able to vote on Ted Mayberry issue. City Manager Wright stated that it would be added to the minutes.

Mayor Brown stated that perhaps a sign could be created to include the names of people being honored for their community involvement with youth baseball without having facilities named in their honor or signs installed at City parks. City Manager Wright stated that one option would be to have a commemorative plaque that names could be added to over time and be placed on a facility to recognize those that were influential in youth sports. Councilmember Torres concurred that this type of recognition would be more appropriate. Councilmember Murray also concurred that it would appropriate as well. City Manager Wright stated that Staff would bring back a proposed plaque design that would be submitted to the Parks Board and subsequently for City Council approval. City Council concurred with this proposal. City Manager Wright stated that Parks Director Mike Akridge would ensure this was addressed.

A unanimous vote was recorded approving the recommendation of Parks Board for the placement of a sign honoring the Thundering 13 Little League team.

10. APPROVAL OF THE KURTH MEMORIAL LIBRARY POLICY MANUAL – APPROVED

City Manager Wright explained that the revised Policy Manual for Kurth Memorial Library had been included in the Council Packet. City Manager Wright furthered that the changes to the policy were delineated in red/blue ink. City Manager Wright stated the policy had been updated to reflect current library rules and practices. City Manager Wright stated there were no major changes to the policy.

City Manager Wright stated that Staff recommended City Council consider approval of the Kurth Memorial Library Policy Manual.

Councilmember Bonner moved to approve the Kurth Memorial Library Policy Manual as presented. Councilmember Shankle seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

11. APPOINTMENT TO THE KURTH MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD – APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that the Board recently recommended that City Council consider approving the re-appointment of Carlotta Hunt and John Wood and the appointment of Lin Lentz and Jennifer Ricks to the Kurth Memorial Library Board. City Manager Wright stated the term of office would begin January 1, 2018.

City Manager Wright stated Staff recommended City Council confirm the recommendations of the Kurth Memorial Library Board and appoint those recommended to the Board.

Councilmember Torres moved to approve the Kurth Memorial Library Board appointments as presented. Councilmember Shankle seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

12. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Wright stated the information he covered was presented to Council in their packets. City Manager Wright highlighted revenues and expenditures from the major accounts and concluded that he would be happy to answer any questions about the report. There were none.

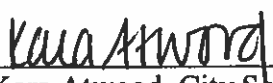
13. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST FROM MAYOR, CITY COUNCILMEMBERS AND STAFF

City Manager Wright highlighted events and upcoming meetings on the Calendar. City Manager Wright stated that he was excited to announce that local employer American Echem would be expanding their facility which would provide additional job opportunities for the community.

14. There being no further business, Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 5:32 p.m.



ATTEST:


Kara Atwood, City Secretary


Bob F. Brown, Mayor