

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2018.**

On the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018 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	Deputy City Manager/City Attorney
Jason Arnold	Assistant to the City Manager
Kara Atwood	City Secretary
Gerald Williamson	Police Chief
Ted Lovett	Fire Chief
Belinda Southern	Finance Director
Steve Poskey	Street Department Director
Mike Akridge	Parks & Recreation Director
Barbara Thompson	Main Street Director
Albert Duffield	Water & Sewer Director
Dale Allred	Inspection Services Director
Chuck Walker	Public Works Director
Kent Havard	Solid Waste Director
Bob Samford	Economic Development Director
April Earley	Municipal Court Judge

being present when the following business was transacted.

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by Father Hank Lanik, of St. Andrews & St. Patricks Catholic Churches.
2. Mayor Bob F. Brown welcomed visitors present and recognized those in attendance from Leadership Lufkin.
3. **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD MARCH 6, 2018 – APPROVED**

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

4. **PRESENTATION OF ANGELINA COLLEGE SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER ANNUAL REPORT**

Director Larry Cain presented the Annual Report of the Angelina College Small Business Development Center.

5. **PRESENTATION OF AWARDS RECEIVED BY CITY OF LUFKIN MUNICIPAL COURT**

City of Lufkin Municipal Court Judge April Earley presented information regarding the Court's initiatives to help juvenile offenders and impaired drivers. Judge Earley also highlighted recent awards received by the Court. City Attorney Bruce Green commended Judge Earley and her staff for their efforts.

**6. ACCEPTANCE OF THE CERTIFICATION OF UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE CANCELLING THE MAY 5, 2018 GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE OFFICE OF MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER FOR WARD NO. 4 - APPROVED**

City Manager Keith Wright stated Staff recommended City Council approve the Second Reading of an Ordinance cancelling the May 5, 2018 General Election for the office of Mayor and Councilmember Ward No. 4 and declare Bob Brown and Mark Hicks elected to the same respectively.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to accept the Certification and approve the Ordinance as presented. Councilmember Rocky Thigpen seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

**7. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE PURCHASERS OF SECONDHAND GOODS (PAWNBROKERS) IN THE CITY OF LUFKIN - APPROVED**

City Manager Wright stated this Ordinance was initially approved during the Council meeting of February 20, 2018, however, the Police Department requested that several changes be made to the Ordinance. City Manager Wright continued that these changes were the result of discussions between local pawnbrokers and the Police Department regarding the Ordinance and its impact. City Manager Wright furthered that the Ordinance was designed to regulate pawnbrokers to prevent unlawful business practices regarding stolen goods. City Manager Wright reviewed some of the regulations of the Ordinance and concluded that Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and approve the First Reading of the Ordinance.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:25 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak; Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing and requested comments from City Council.

Councilmember Guessippina Bonner questioned the whether this should be a First Reading of the Ordinance since it was previously heard. City Manager Wright stated it was considered a First Reading due to it being a new Ordinance. Councilmember Rocky Thigpen questioned whether all pawnshops were approached. Sergeant Steve Abbott detailed the reasons and need for this Ordinance. Further discussion ensued regarding the Ordinance and its regulations.

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

**8. RESOLUTION OF THE LUFKIN CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LUFKIN TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO ESTABLISH A FOREIGN TRADE ZONE UNDER THE ALTERNATIVE SITE FRAMEWORK - APPROVED**

City Manager Wright stated on June 20, 2017, City Council approved a feasibility study regarding establishing Lufkin as a Foreign Trade Zone and approved the submittal of the application and budget on January 16, 2018. City Manager Wright furthered that the application required a Resolution authorizing Staff to apply for the designation and recommended approval of the same.

Councilmember Mark Hicks moved to approve the Resolution as presented. Councilmember Guessippina Bonner seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

**9. INTERLOCAL COOPERATION CONTRACT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE CITY OF LUFKIN FOR THE TEXAS HIGHWAY PATROL PARKING AREA – APPROVED**

City Manager Wright stated this was a contract to provide additional parking for the local Department of Public Safety office. City Manager Wright detailed the location of the parking area and highlighted portions of the proposed contract.

Councilmember Mark Hicks moved to approve the contract as presented. Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

**10. 2017-2018 LUFKIN POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL FORFEITURE BUDGET – APPROVED**

City Manager Wright stated that each year the Police Chief submitted a proposed budget for the use of forfeiture funds. City Manager Wright then stated the proposed expenditures totaling approximately \$132,375 as follows:

- \$10,000 – pay off seized vehicles
- \$25,000 – enhanced security upgrades at facilities
- \$ 5,000 – tactical robot upgrade
- \$67,375 – assist with purchase of Armored Rescue Vehicle
- \$15,000 – upgrade to Panasonic Body Worn Cameras
- \$10,000 – unbudgeted equipment, software and maintenance needs

City Manager Wright recommended City Council approve the budget as presented.

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

**11. APPOINTMENT TO LUFKIN CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU - APPROVED**

City Manager Wright stated that Board Member Lashonda Runnels, formerly of Brookshire Bros, had resigned due to relocating for a job opportunity. City Manager Wright recommended City Council approve the appointment of Adam Lowther, also of Brookshire Bros., to fulfill the unexpired term on the Lufkin Convention and Visitors Bureau Board.

Councilmember Guessippina Bonner moved to approve the appointment of Adam Lowther to the Lufkin Convention and Visitors Bureau Board. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

**12. CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Wright highlighted the monthly revenue reports and stated he would be glad to answer any questions. There were none.

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

City Manager Wright highlighted upcoming events and meetings on the City Council calendar. Councilmember Rocky Thigpen gave information regarding an upcoming fundraiser being held at The Chamber.

14. There being no further business to address, the meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.



Bob F. Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kara Atwood, City Secretary