

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 3RD DAY OF APRIL, 2018.

On the 3rd day of April, 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
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
David Thomas	Assistant Police Chief
Ted Lovett	Fire Chief
Belinda Southern	Finance Director
Dorothy Wilson	Planning Director
Steve Poskey	Street Department Director
Mike Akridge	Parks & Recreation Director
Barbara Thompson	Main Street Director
Albert Duffield	Water & Sewer Director
Chuck Walker	Public Works Director
Kent Havard	Solid Waste Director
Sid Munlin	Information Technology Director
Tara Watson-Watkins	LCVB Director

being present; and

Sarah Murray	Councilmember, Ward No. 6
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being absent when the following business was transacted.

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by Minister Paul Jackson, Abundant Life Methodist Church.
2. Mayor Bob F. Brown welcomed visitors present and recognized those in attendance from Leadership Lufkin as well as students from Angelina College.
3. **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD MARCH 20, 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. **DEMONSTRATION OF THE LUFKIN POLICE DEPARTMENT TACTICAL ROBOT**

Assistant Police Chief David Thomas presented a short video highlighting the capabilities of the tactical robot. Lufkin Police Department Staff then demonstrated the ability of the robot.

5. PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL LUFKIN CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU ANNUAL REPORT

Lufkin Convention and Visitors Bureau Director Tara Watson-Watkins presented the annual report; highlighting community events, Main Street events and Pines Theater performances.

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

City Manager Wright stated Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and approve the Second Reading of the Ordinance regulating pawnbrokers in the City of Lufkin.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:28 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak; Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing and requested comments from City Council.

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

7. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LUFKIN AND OVERSEAS HARDWOODS COMPANY - APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that the Economic Development Corporation had received an application for Economic Development assistance from President Lee Robinson of Overseas Hardwoods Company for their planned expansion in Lufkin. City Manager Wright highlighted the components of the agreement which would include a \$500,000 grant for expansion, as well as an infrastructure loan. City Manager Wright furthered that the company planned to invest a minimum of \$2 million dollars, as well as hire an additional fifteen (15) employees within the next five years. City Manager Wright continued that the 4B Board unanimously approved the agreement during their meeting held on March 27, 2018 and concluded that Staff recommended approval of the Economic Development agreement as presented.

Councilmember Rocky Thigpen recused himself from discussion and voting on this item.

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

8. RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN APPOINTING ELECTION JUDGES, JUDGE OF THE EARLY VOTING BALLOT BOARD AND EARLY VOTING JUDGE – APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that Section 32.005 (a) of the Texas Election Code required that the governing body of a jurisdiction appoint the positions of election judge, early voting ballot board judge and early voting judge for the upcoming May 5, 2018 election. City Manager Wright continued that Staff recommended that Dorothy Mumphery be appointed to serve as election judge, early voting ballot board judge and early voting judge and Debra Ash be appointed as the alternate judge.

Councilmember Guessippina Bonner expressed concern that the process of voting and the number of different locations of polling places would hinder voters during the election. City Manager Wright stated that Staff would work to address the issues and concerns presented.

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

9. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS APPROVING THE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF STATE RIGHTS OF WAY FOR CONDUCTING EVENTS FOR THE 2018 CALENDAR YEAR - APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that this Resolution authorized an agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the temporary closure of Highway 59 South, or First Street, for events held downtown such as Lufkin Bistro, Main Street Market Days and Spring Fest. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council approve the Resolution authorizing the entering into the agreement.

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

10. APPOINTMENT OF KEVIN COTA TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION - APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that Board Member Josh Zeleskey had resigned from the Planning and Zoning Commission due to a conflict of interest. City Manager Wright stated that applications had been received from Holly Valentine and Kevin Cota. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council consider an appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Councilmember Mark Hicks moved to appoint Kevin Cota to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Councilmember Rocky Thigpen seconded the motion.

Councilmember Guessippina Bonner expressed concern in the process of filling vacancies on City of Lufkin Boards and requested that City Council members be notified of the same for an opportunity to recommend applicants. Staff concurred and confirmed that in the future councilmembers would be notified in advance of board vacancies and upcoming board appointments.

Mayor Brown then requested further comments. There being none, Mayor Brown called for a vote on the appointment as moved. A unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

11. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST FROM MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS AND STAFF

City Manager Wright highlighted upcoming events and meetings on the City Council calendar. Mayor Brown recognized retiring Street Department Director Steve Poskey and congratulated him on his retirement.


12. There being no further business to address, the meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.





Bob F. Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kara Atwood, City Secretary