

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2018.**

On the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 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
Seth Elmore	Assistant City Attorney
Jason Arnold	Assistant to the City Manager
Kara Atwood	City Secretary
Rodney Ivy	Human Resources Director
Gerald Williamson	Public Safety Director
David Thomas	Police Chief
Ted Lovett	Fire Chief
Belinda Melancon	Finance Director
Kevin Gee	Engineering Services Director
Barbara Thompson	Main Street Director
Albert Duffield	Water & Sewer Director
Chuck Walker	Street Department Director
Kent Havard	Solid Waste Director
Bob Samford	Economic Development Director

being present when the following business was transacted.

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Jacob Fitzgerald, Denman Avenue Baptist Church.
2. Mayor Bob F. Brown welcomed visitors present.
3. **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD APRIL 17, 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. **OATH OF OFFICE – LUFKIN FIREFIGHTER JUSTIN REED**

Mayor Bob Brown administered the Oath of Office to new Lufkin Firefighter Justin Reed.

5. **PUBLIC HEARING AND A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,200 THROUGH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF LUFKIN – APPROVED**

City Manager Wright stated that the Lufkin Police Department has requested to apply for funding in the amount of \$15,200 through the U.S. Department of Justice Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program. City Manager Wright continued that these funds would be used to purchase additional bulletproof vests for Lufkin Police Officers and would also require matching funds in the amount of \$7,600. City Manager Wright furthered that this grant also required a public comment period and concluded that Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing as required and approve a Resolution authorizing the application.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:04 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 moved to approve the Resolution as presented. Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

**6. RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF LUFKIN DENYING THE PROPOSED RATE INCREASE BY ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY, LLC – APPROVED**

City Manager Wright explained the proposed rate increase as filed on April 5, 2018 by Oncor Electric Delivery, LLC in detail as well as the need for representation by Herrera Law & Associates, PLLC as part of the Alliance of Oncor Cities. City Manager Wright stated this was necessary in order for the rate case to be carefully reviewed and appealed if necessary.

City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended that City Council approve a resolution denying the proposed rate increase by Oncor Delivery, LLC and authorizing representation by Herrera Law & Associates for the rate case.

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

**7. BANKING SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LUFKIN AND SOUTHSIDE BANK – APPROVED**

City Manager Wright stated that the City of Lufkin currently utilized Southside Bank, formerly First Bank and Trust of East Texas, as its banking depository. City Manager Wright furthered that the current contract would expire June 30, 2018. City Manager Wright continued that Staff, along with the assistance of Valley View Consulting, had conducted the process of Request for Applications for banking services. City Manager Wright stated that four (4) applications had been received Citizens National Bank, Commercial Bank of Texas, Regions Bank and Southside Bank. City Manager Wright continued that after review, Staff and the Finance Committee recommended City Council approve a banking services contract with Southside Bank.

Councilmember Robert Shankle moved to approve the banking services contract between the City of Lufkin and Southside Bank. Councilmember Rocky Thigpen seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

**8. 2017-2018 STREET OVERLAY PROGRAM - APPROVED**

Street Department Director Chuck Walker presented the proposed 2017-2018 Street Overlay program for consideration.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the 2017-2018 Street Overlay Program. Councilmember Guessippina Bonner seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

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

City Manager Wright highlighted upcoming events and meetings on the City Council calendar.

**10. There being no further business to address, the meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.**



ATTEST:

  
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Bob F. Brown, Mayor

  
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Kara Andrepont, City Secretary