

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 5TH DAY OF MARCH, 2019

On the 5th day of March, 2019 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
Guessippinna 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
Jason Arnold	Assistant to the City Manager
Seth Elmore	Assistant City Attorney
Kara Andrepont	City Secretary
Rodney Ivy	Human Resource Director
Gerald Williamson	Public Safety Director
David Thomas	Police Chief
Duane Freeman	Asst. Fire Chief
Dorothy Wilson	Assistant Director Planning & Zoning
Kevin Gee	Engineering Services Director
Barbara Thompson	Main Street Director
Michael Flinn	Parks & Recreation Director
Albert Duffield	Water & Sewer Director
Kent Havard	Solid Waste Director
Bob Samford	Economic Development Director

being present; and

Mark Hicks	Mayor Pro Tem
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being absent when the following business was transacted.

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by Captain Jason Moore, Salvation Army of Lufkin.
2. Mayor Bob F. Brown welcomed visitors and recognized the members of the Fierce 14 team as well Leadership Lufkin attendees present.
3. **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 19, 2019 – 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. **FINAL PLAT CONTAINING A FLAG LOT ON PROPERTY ADDRESSED AS 1309 CALIFORNIA BOULEVARD- APPROVED**

City Manager Wright stated that on January 14th the owner, Juan Ramos, and applicant, Michael G. Parker had submitted a request for approval of a plat that would allow the use of a flag lot. City Manager Wright furthered that the plat divided the property into two (2) lots, sharing the open, accessible area out of the floodway and floodplain. City Manager Wright stated that the lots met the minimum required square footage of the zoning district and access to right of way. City Manager Wright highlighted the location of the property as well as the current floodway and floodplain as shown on the corresponding map. City Manager Wright furthered that the definition from the Subdivision Ordinance for a flag lot was a lot which had a stem, or a narrow strip of land connecting the main property to the street. City Manager Wright stated that the stem or strip must be wide enough to meet the

subdivision requirement for frontage on a street and maintain a minimum width of thirty (30) feet along its entire length. City Manager Wright furthered that the request had been approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission during the meeting of February 11th, 2019. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council approve the final plat containing a flag lot on property addressed as 1309 California Boulevard.

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

5. ACCEPTANCE OF A TEXAS LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER STANDARDS AND EDUCATION (LEOSE) GRANT TO THE LUFKIN FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$910.08 AND FOR FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2018 – 2019 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 15) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING – APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that the City of Lufkin Fire Department had recently received a grant in the amount of \$910.08. City Manager Wright furthered that the funds would be placed in the Fire Prevention Training budget to be used in funding additional educational opportunities throughout the year. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council accept a Texas Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (LEOSE) grant in the amount of \$910.08 and approve the First Reading of an Ordinance authorizing Budget Amendment No. 15 appropriating the funding.

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

6. REIMBURSEMENT FUNDING FROM THE DEEP EAST TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (DETCOG) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,657.86 FOR THE LUFKIN POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2018 – 2019 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 16) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING – APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that the Lufkin Police Department had received reimbursement funds from the Deep East Texas Council of Governments (DETCOG) for communication operator's salaries as allowed per Section 251.3 of the Texas Administrative Code. City Manager Wright furthered that the reimbursement amount of \$22,657.86 would be used by dispatch to purchase equipment, technology, furniture, computer aided dispatch enhancements and radio consoles. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council accept reimbursement funding from the Deep East Texas Council of Governments (DETCOG) in the amount of \$22,657.86 and approve on First Reading an Ordinance authorizing Budget Amendment No. 16 appropriating the funding.

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

7. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS IN SUPPORT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FOREIGN TRADE ZONE UNDER THE ALTERNATIVE SITE FRAMEWORK - APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that the City of Lufkin submitted an application, formally docketed on September 5, 2018 to the Foreign Trade Zones Board for a grant of authority to establish a Foreign-Trade-Zone under the Alternative Site Framework in the State of Texas. City Manager Wright furthered that the City proposed a service area encompassing the City and a portion of its Extra Territorial Jurisdiction, specifically the Buck Creek Plant. City Manager Wright stated that the application for the designation was a means to diversify the regional economy of East Texas. City Manager Wright furthered that despite efforts to

attract businesses, unemployment had been an issue in Lufkin since the departure of several major manufacturing plants. City Manager Wright stated that there had been over 500 jobs added in manufacturing for the current year thanks in part to Economic Development Director Bob Samford. City Manager Wright furthered that obtaining Foreign Trade Zone designation is a long-term, systematic change for the City that would attract new investments and help retain local companies looking to expand in international trade. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council approve a Resolution in support of the establishment of a Foreign Trade Zone under the Alternative Site Framework. City Manager Wright noted and thanked Angelina County as well as DETCOG for passing similar Resolutions.

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

8. LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LUFKIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND TWIN DISC, INC. FOR PROPERTY AND FACILITY TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT THE LUFKIN BUSINESS PARK - APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that in August 2018 City Council had approved an Economic Development agreement with Twin Disc, Inc. City Manager Wright furthered that the agreement had included the financing of construction of a 50,000 square foot facility in the Lufkin Business Park. City Manager Wright stated that the project financing had been approved by City Council and the total cost to the City would be \$4.5 million dollars which would be a lease purchased by the company for a 15 year period at a five percent interest rate. City Manager Wright furthered that the building was scheduled to be operational and occupied by the fourth quarter of 2019 and that the groundbreaking for the facility would be the following day. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council approve the lease agreement with Twin Disc, Inc.

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

Mayor Bob Brown invited everyone to attend the groundbreaking and ribbon cutting at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday in the Lufkin Business Park.

9. AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ) AND THE CITY OF LUFKIN REGARDING THE PLACEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF SUPERIOR PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM SIGNAGE - APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's (TCEQ), Drinking Water Special Functions Section was required to review all drinking water systems currently recognized as having "Superior" status in the state of Texas. City Manager Wright explained that the City of Lufkin tested their drinking water over thirty (30) times each month and that the data was submitted to TCEQ. City Manager Wright furthered that the review was required by the Texas Health and Safety Code Section 341.0353 and explained the requirements. City Manager Wright furthered that in order to keep their records up to date the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) required the City to sign and return the agreement. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended that City Council approve an agreement between the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and the City of Lufkin regarding the placement and maintenance of Superior Public Water System signage.

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

10. WAIVER FOR THE INTEREST ACCRUED ON A HEALTH CONTROL LIEN FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 806 K. MORGAN AVENUE - APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that in 1990 a lien was filed on property located at 806 K. Morgan Avenue for the City's expenses incurred in the demolition and removal of a

building determined to be a threat to public health and a danger to the public. City Manager Wright furthered that the original lien amount was \$1,462.50 and included interest accrual at 10%. City Manager Wright stated that the current payoff to clear the lien was over \$24,000; while the current Appraisal District valuation was only \$5,660. City Manager Wright furthered that it had been brought to Staff's attention that someone wished to purchase the vacant property and construct new housing. City Manager Wright furthered that the City believed it was in the best interest to waive the interest amount and require payment of the original lien. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff requested that City Council waive the interest accrued on a health control lien for property located at 806 K. Morgan Avenue and only charge the initial cost without interest.

Councilmember Guessippina Bonner asked for clarification concerning the condemnation process. City Manager Wright explained how the process had changed since 1990 when the structure at issue had been demolished.

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

11. CONSTRUCTION OF A GAGA BALL PIT AT THE CITY OF LUFKIN'S BRANDON PARK BY THE 2019 LEADERSHIP LUFKIN CLASS – APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that the 37th class of Leadership Lufkin had selected the Parks and Recreation Department as a recipient of their service project of installing a Gaga ball pit at Brandon Park. City Manager Wright furthered that Gaga ball was a fast paced, dodge ball style game played in a fenced in court with a single ball and two (2) or more players. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council approve the construction of a Gaga ball pit at the City of Lufkin's Brandon Park by the 2019 Leadership Lufkin class.

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

12. PLACEMENT OF A BRONZE SCULPTURE HONORING THE LUFKIN LITTLE LEAGUE BY THE LUFKIN LANDSCAPE TASK FORCE - APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that the Lufkin Landscape Task Force wished to honor the City of Lufkin's successful back-to-back US Championship Little League baseball teams by placing a sculpture at the Convention Center. City Manager Wright noted the location of and a description of the proposed sculpture which included bronze plaques recognizing the players and coaches for both the Thundering 13's and Fierce 14's. City Manager Wright stated that any additional plaques must be approved by Council prior to placement. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended that City Council approve the placement of a bronze sculpture honoring the Lufkin Little League by the Lufkin Landscape Task Force.

Genie Flournoy, Project Chairman for the Lufkin Landscape Task Force, spoke regarding the sculpture honoring the Lufkin Little League back-to-back US Champion teams.

Councilmember Shankle asked about the placement of the sculpture. Mrs. Flournoy explained that the Lufkin Landscape Task Force felt the Convention Center would be the most visible place where the sculpture would be seen by those visiting the City of Lufkin. Councilmember Shankle asked if there had been consideration of placing the sculpture at one of the local baseball parks. Mike Maberry explained that the baseball parks were only seasonal and that by placing the sculpture at the Convention Center it would be seen by visitors year round.

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

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

Mayor Bob Brown once again invited everyone to attend the groundbreaking for the Twin Disc facility on Wednesday, March 6th at 1:00 p.m.

14. There being no further business, Mayor Bob Brown adjourned the meeting at 5:29p.m.





Bob F. Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kara Andrepont, City Secretary