

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 16th DAY OF APRIL, 2019

On the 16th day of April, 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
Mark Hicks	Mayor Pro Tem
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
Bruce Green	City Attorney
Jason Arnold	Assistant to the City Manager
Kara Andrepont	City Secretary
Rodney Ivy	Human Resource Director
David Thomas	Police Chief
Ted Lovett	Fire Chief
Belinda Melancon	Finance Director
Dorothy Wilson	Asst. Director Planning & Zoning
Barbara Thompson	Main Street Director
Michael Flinn	Parks & Recreation Director
Albert Duffield	Water & Sewer Director
Bob Samford	Economic Development Director

being present when the following business was transacted.

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by Vicar Dan Simmons, Angel of Joy Lutheran Church.
2. Mayor Bob F. Brown welcomed visitors and recognized students present from Angelina College.
3. **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD APRIL 2, 2019 – 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. **SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2018–2019 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 17) APPROPRIATING THE MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT – APPROVED**

City Manager Wright stated that Staff recommended City Council approve on Second Reading an Ordinance authorizing Budget Amendment No. 17 appropriating matching funds in the amount of \$38,436 for the completion of sidewalk improvements by the Texas Department of Transportation.

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

5. SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2018-2019 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 18) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CHLORINE CONTACT CHAMBER AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT - APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that Staff recommended City Council approve on Second Reading an Ordinance authorizing Budget Amendment No. 18 appropriating additional funding for the construction of the Chlorine Contact Chamber at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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

6. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS CHANGING THE ZONING TO “COMMERCIAL” AND THE FUTURE LAND USE CHANGE TO “COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR” AT 4604 SOUTH FIRST STREET - APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that the owner, Skywalker Family Limited Partnership, had requested a zone change to “Commercial” to promote business development and allow a tractor sales business at the location. City Manager Wright furthered that currently the subject property was governed by a “Planned Unit Development,” which was a zoning ordinance in itself. City Manager Wright highlighted the location on the corresponding maps. City Manager Wright stated that the “Planned Unit Development” Ordinance No. 3553 had separate restrictions and allowed uses from the City of Lufkin Zoning Ordinance No. 3368. City Manager Wright furthered that the Future Land Use Maps recommended the subject property for mainly “Corridor Commercial” and that the subject property was currently vacant, wooded land and surrounded on all sides by the same. City Manager Wright stated that the requested zoning classification of “Commercial” would allow for many compatible business uses in a high traffic, accessible area while simplifying the overall zoning requirements for development and growth. City Manager Wright furthered that the request was unanimously approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission during the meeting of April 8, 2019. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and approve the First Reading of an Ordinance changing the zoning to “Commercial” and Future Land Use change to “Commercial Corridor” for property located at 4604 South First Street.

Mayor Bob Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:06 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak, Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing and moved to comments from the City Council.

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

7. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS SUSPENDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE 2019 ANNUAL GAS RELIABILITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (GRIP) RATE INCREASE BY CENTERPOINT ENERGY FOR FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS- APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that on or about March 28, 2019 CenterPoint Energy Resources Corporation, Beaumont/East Texas Division filed for an increase in gas utility rates under the Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program. City Manager Wright outlined the increase in monthly customer charges for residential, general service small and general service large volume customers. City Manager Wright stated that under Section 104.301 of the Gas Utility Regulatory Act, a gas utility was allowed to request increases in its rates to recover a return on infrastructure investments it made between rate cases. City Manager Wright furthered that although the City’s ability to review and effectuate a change in CenterPoint’s requested increase was limited, the City should exercise due

diligence with regard to rate increases of monopoly utilities who operated within its boundaries, including increases requested under the GRIP statute to ensure compliance with the requirements of that law. City Manager Wright explained that in order to exercise its due diligences, it was necessary to suspend CenterPoint's proposed effective date of May 7, 2019 for forty-five (45) days, so that the City could evaluate whether the data calculations in CenterPoint's rate application were correct.

City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council approve the Resolution suspending CenterPoint's proposed effective date for forty-five (45) days. City Manager Wright stated that assuming a proposed effective date of May 27, 2019, CenterPoint's proposed effective date was suspended until July 11, 2019.

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

Councilmember Mark Hicks ask for clarification on this subject for those citizens that needed more information. Tommy Scherry with CenterPoint spoke and gave a brief explanation.

8. APPOINTMENT TO THE MAIN STREET ADVISORY BOARD – APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that Board Member Cathy Marberry had resigned due to her job being relocated from the Lufkin location of Johnson Furniture. City Manager Wright furthered that Anne Brookshire had submitted an application to serve the remaining unexpired term. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council consider the appointment to the Main Street Advisory Board.

Councilmember Guessippina Bonner moved to approve the Main Street Advisory Board appointment as presented. Councilmember Mark Hicks seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

9. APPOINTMENT TO THE ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD – APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that Board Member Mickey Dupre had resigned from the Board. City Manager Wright furthered that Ms. Dupre held the position on the board that was required to be a member of an animal welfare organization. City Manager Wright stated that Kristy Bice, Executive Director of the Winnie Berry Animal Shelter had submitted an application to serve the remaining unexpired term. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council consider the appointment to the Animal Control Advisory Board.

Councilmember Robert Shankle moved to approve the Animal Control Advisory Board appointment as presented. Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

10. PRESENTATION OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Finance Director Belinda Melancon updated City Council on the City of Lufkin Quarterly Finance Committee Report. Finance Director Melancon offered to answer any questions. There were none.

11. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Wright reviewed the major funds and offered to answer any questions regarding the monthly Financial and Project Reports.

Mayor Bob Brown recognized the day as being Arbor Day and also asked that everyone keep Angelina County Commissioner Kermit Kennedy in their prayers.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

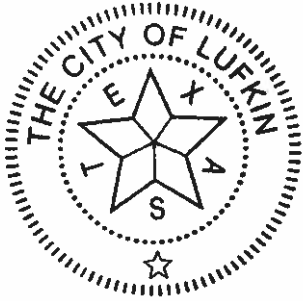
Mayor Bob Brown recessed the Regular Session at 5:18 p.m.


Mayor Bob Brown reconvened the Regular Session at 5:34 p.m.

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

City Manager Wright highlighted events and upcoming meetings on the Calendar.

14. There being no further business for consideration, the meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.





Bob F. Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kara Andrepont, City Secretary