

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 2ND DAY OF JUNE, 2020

On the 2nd day of June, 2020 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
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 City Manager
Kara Andrepont	City Secretary
Rodney Ivy	Human Resource Director
Gerald Williamson	Public Safety Director
David Thomas	Police Chief
Jesse Moody	Fire Chief
Ryan Watson	Asst. Fire Chief
Kevin Gee	Engineering Services Director
Michael Flinn	Parks and Recreation Director
Brant Lee	Convention Services Director
Albert Duffield	Water and Sewer Director
Sid Munlin	IT Director

being present: and

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

INVOCATION - The meeting was opened with prayer by Bishop Clifford T. Olford, New Zion Temple of Deliverance.

Mayor Brown recognized and congratulated the six (6) recipients of the 2020 Tino Villasana Lufkin Fire Department Scholarships.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mayor Brown opened the meeting for Public Comment on any posted agenda item at 5:01 p.m. There being no one that wished to speak, Mayor Brown closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD MAY 19, 2020 – 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.

2. SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2019 – 2020 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 17) PROVIDING FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS IN THE GENERAL, HOTEL/MOTEL TAX, SPECIAL RECREATION, PINES THEATER SPECIAL EVENTS, ELLEN TROUT ZOO BUILDING, COURT SECURITY/TECHNOLOGY, MAIN STREET/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENTS, ANIMAL SERVICES (KURTH GRANT), ANIMAL SERVICES (ANIMAL ATTIC), ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, LUFKIN CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU, GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT SERVICE, WATER/WASTEWATER, SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING AND EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION & REPLACEMENT FUNDS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE – APPROVED.

City Manager Wright stated that Staff recommended City Council approve the Second Reading of an Ordinance authorizing Budget Amendment No. 17, which modifies the 2019 – 2020 Annual Budget to provide appropriate funding for each department for the remainder of the fiscal year.

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

3. PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVAL OF THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE(S) OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR EMERGENCY AND NON-EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE IN THE CITY OF LUFKIN– APPROVED.

City Manager Wright stated that per City Ordinance (No. 4889 / No. 4809) no person could operate a non-emergency ambulance for hire on any street of the City without first having obtained from the City Council a certificate declaring that the public convenience and necessity required such an operation. City Manager Wright furthered that Acadian Ambulance Service was the only ambulance service in Lufkin which possessed a Certificate, which would expire at the end of June 2020. City Manager Wright stated that there were two applicants for a Certificate; Acadian Ambulance Service and Lonestar Ambulance 1, LLC doing business as Allegiance Mobile Health. City Manager Wright furthered that both applications had been reviewed by the City Attorney and had been deemed to be complete. City Manager Wright stated that additionally, Fire Chief Jesse Moody had reviewed and conducted extensive research in regard to the applicants and the need for issuance of more than one certificate. City Manager Wright furthered that Chief Moody had determined that the supplemental EMS service in the City of Lufkin needed to be strengthened and believed such service would be improved by competition among the supplemental providers. City Manager Wright stated that Chief Moody’s recommendation and both applications had been included in Council’s packet for review.

City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and consider the issuance of Certificate(s) of Public Convenience and Necessity for emergency and non-emergency ambulance service in the City of Lufkin.


Mayor 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. There were none.

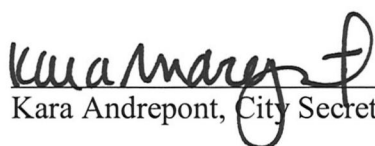
Councilmember Guessippina Bonner moved to approve the issuance of Certificate(s) of Public Convenience and Necessity for emergency and non-emergency ambulance service in the City of Lufkin as presented. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

There being no further business, Mayor Bob Brown adjourned the meeting at 5:06 p.m.



ATTEST:


Bob F. Brown, Mayor


Kara Andrepont, City Secretary