

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 5TH DAY OF MAY, 2020

On the 5th day of May, 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
Ryan Watson	Asst. Fire Chief
Belinda Melancon	Finance Director
Kevin Gee	Engineering Services Director
Michael Flinn	Parks and Recreation Director
Albert Duffield	Water and Sewer 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 City Manager Keith Wright.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mayor Brown opened the meeting for Public Comment on any posted agenda item at 5:01 p.m. Mr. Victor Patel came forward to speak on Agenda Item No. 2 regarding amending Ordinance No. 4776 establishing applicable commercial sewer rates. Mr. Patel requested that the commercial water/sewer rates be based on usage or occupied rooms. Mr. Amrat Rowjee came forward to speak on Agenda Item No. 2 and also requested that the City help the hotel/motel owners concerning commercial water/sewer rates. Mr. Roshin Rowjee came forward to speak on Agenda Item No. 2 and stated that the occupancy rates the hotel/motel owners once had decreased when the larger industries had closed in Lufkin. There being no one else that wished to speak, Mayor Brown closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD APRIL 21, 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 AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 4776 OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN REQUIRING OCCUPANCY DOCUMENTATION FROM HOTELS/MOTELS IN ESTABLISHING APPLICABLE COMMERCIAL SEWER RATES– APPROVED.

City Manager Wright stated that it had been brought to Staff's attention that adjustments were being made to hotel/motel owner's sewer bills that were not in accordance with the water/sewer Ordinance.

City Manager Wright furthered that Staff proposed to modify the Ordinance so that the sewer portion of the customer's bill would be calculated on occupancy.



City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council approve the Second Reading of an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 4776 providing City staff with the authority to adjust bills for hotels/motels based on occupancy.

Councilmember Lynn Torres asked if the hotel/motel owners would be required to provide documentation regarding the occupancy. City Manager Wright stated that they would be required to provide notarized documentation concerning the occupancy in January of each year for the previous calendar year. City Manager Wright furthered that the City would apply a credit to the owner's future bill for any unused charges. Councilmember Guessippina Bonner asked if it would be possible to have the adjustments done quarterly as opposed to annually. City Manager Wright stated that the proposed amendment to the Ordinance could be changed to reflect this request.

Councilmember Guessippina Bonner moved to approve the Ordinance with the change made to reflect the notarized documentation being provided as well as the adjustments to the bills being done quarterly instead of annually. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

3. ALL MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF "CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, TAX AND WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM (LIMITED PLEDGE) REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2020", INCLUDING THE ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION – APPROVED.

City Manager Wright stated that during the City Council meeting of March 17, 2020, City Council had approved the initiation of the process to issue approximately \$5,200,000 in bonds to fund numerous projects for the Capital Improvement Program. City Manager Wright highlighted the projects that had been approved.

City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council approve the receipt of bids and First Reading of an Ordinance authorizing the issuance of Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2020 in the amount of \$5,200,000.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to adopt the Ordinance authorizing the issuance of the "City of Lufkin, Texas, Tax and Waterworks and Sewer System (Limited Pledge) Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2020," approving and authorizing the execution of a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement and a Purchase Agreement, and approving and authorizing the distribution of an Official Statement in relation to such Certificates. Councilmember Guessippina Bonner seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

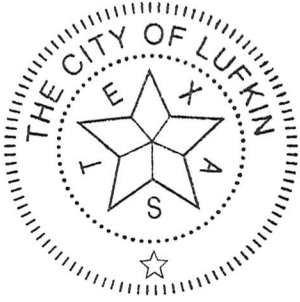
4. ALL MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF "CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2020", INCLUDING THE ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS – APPROVED.

City Manager Wright stated that the City of Lufkin had the opportunity to refund portions of two Bonds for savings which included the 2010 General Obligation Refunding Bonds in the amount of \$2,355,000 and the 2010 Certificates of Obligation in the amount of \$2,895,000. City Manager Wright furthered that the total amount of refunding was \$5,250,000 which would be for a seven (7) year period at 1.601 %. City Manager Wright stated that refunding all or a portion of the issues would provide approximate gross debt savings of \$160,375 and present value savings of \$153,858.


City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council receive bids and authorize the issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds in the amount of \$5,265,000 and approve First Reading of an Ordinance authorizing the same.

Councilmember Guessippina Bonner moved to adopt the Ordinance authorizing the issuance of the "City of Lufkin, Texas, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020," approving and authorizing the execution of a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement and a Purchase Agreement, and approving and authorizing the distribution of an Official Statement in relation to such Bonds. 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 5:19 p.m.



ATTEST:



Bob F. Brown, Mayor



Kara Andrepont, City Secretary