

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 16th DAY OF MARCH, 2021**

On the 16th day of March, 2021 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
Trent Burfine	Councilmember, Ward No. 6
Bruce Green	City Manager
Erika Neill	City Attorney
Jason Arnold	Assistant City Manager – Public Works
Gerald Williamson	Assistant City Manager – Admin/Public Safety
Kara Andrepont	City Secretary
Rodney Ivy	Human Resource Director
David Thomas	Police Chief
Buddy Cross	Assistant Police Chief
Ryan Watson	Assistant Fire Chief
Belinda Melancon	Finance Director
Kevin Gee	Engineering Services Director
Scott Rayburn	Planning Director
Brant Lee	Convention Services Director
Jarod Murphy	Assistant Director Water & Sewer
Scott Feaster	IT Director
Jessica Leyva	Utility Collections

being present when the following business was transacted.

INVOCATION – The meeting was opened with prayer by City Manager Bruce Green.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD MARCH 2, 2021 – APPROVED.**
- 2. SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2020-2021 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 9) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING FROM DONATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,025 FOR THE CITY OF LUFKIN ANIMAL SERVICES VETERINARIAN FUND – APPROVED.**

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve all items on the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

BUSINESS AGENDA

- 3. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS (NO. 3368) BY AMENDING ARTICLE XXI “SUPPLEMENTAL DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS” CONCERNING FENCES, WALLS AND SIMILAR BARRIERS AS WELL AS SCREENING – APPROVED.**

City Manager Bruce Green stated after extensive review of the City of Lufkin’s Zoning Ordinance Staff had found several inconsistencies as well as the need for clarification regarding fencing and screening requirements. City Manager Green furthered that fence regulations and standards were currently located in multiple sections of the Zoning Ordinance. City Manager Green stated consolidating fence regulations in to one section would result in a more useful and understandable document for Staff and

citizens. City Manager Green furthered the Planning and Zoning Commission had unanimously approved the Ordinance during the February 22, 2021 meeting. City Manager Green concluded Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and approve the First Reading of an Ordinance amending Article XXI of the City of Lufkin Zoning Ordinance regarding fences, walls similar barriers and screening.

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.

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

4. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS (NO. 3368) BY AMENDING ARTICLE XXI “SUPPLEMENTAL DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS” BY ADDING PROVISIONS REGARDING MOBILE FOOD UNITS – WITHDRAWN.

City Manager Bruce Green stated Staff and Administration were pulling the item from this agenda in order to do further research. City Manager Green furthered the item would be brought back to Council at a later date.

Councilmember Guessippina Bonner stated some citizens in Ward No. 1 were concerned with this item. Councilmember Guessippina Bonner asked if a community meeting could be held at City Hall with citizens and a discussion ensued. Councilmember Trent Burfine questioned as to why Neighborhood Retail and Office zoning locations had been left off of the list of permitted zoned districts and a discussion ensued.

5. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS (NO. 3368) BY AMENDING ARTICLE XXII “OFF STREET PARKING AND LOADING REGULATIONS” CONCERNING PARKING SPACE AND SIZE REQUIREMENTS – APPROVED.

City Manager Bruce Green stated under current parking requirements a parking space shall be paved with asphalt, concrete or similar impervious surface and be provided with a similarly paved driveway connecting the parking space to a street or improved paved alley. City Manager Green furthered Staff had determined a need to modify the driveway material as it pertained to single family residential homes. City Manager Green explained many homes were on larger pieces of property and were built a substantial distance from the street. City Manager Green stated the construction of an impervious driveway could often be financially prohibitive. City Manager Green furthered Staff believed the requirement for an impervious driveway, such as asphalt or concrete, connecting to the required parking spaces should not be required for single family residential homes 100 feet or more from the front property line. City Manager Green stated a driveway surface, as it related to this exemption, would still be required to be constructed of non-impervious material such as rock or other material approved by the City Engineer. City Manager Green furthered the Ordinance had been approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission during the February 22, 2021 meeting. City Manager Green concluded Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and approve the First Reading of an Ordinance amending Article XXII of the City of Lufkin Zoning Ordinance regarding off street parking and loading regulations.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:14 p.m. Mr. Don Langston spoke and asked if there was an appeal process if there was a controversy between a home owner and the City Engineer. Engineering Services Director Kevin Gee stated there was a Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals for those issues. There being no one else who wished to speak, Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing and moved to comments from the City Council.


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

6. FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT

City Manager Bruce Green offered to answer any questions. There were none.

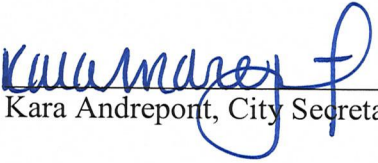
There being no further business, Mayor Bob Brown adjourned the meeting at 5:16 p.m.





Bob F. Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kara Andrepoint, City Secretary