

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 1ST DAY OF JUNE, 2021

On the 1st day of June, 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:

Mark Hicks	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
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
Jesse Moody	Fire Chief
Belinda Melancon	Finance Director
Kevin Gee	Engineering Services Director
Scott Rayburn	Planning Director
Rudy Flores	Parks and Recreation Director
Albert Duffield	Water & Sewer Director
Rick Smith	Fleet Maintenance Director
Scott Feaster	IT Director
Jessica Leyva	Utility Collections

being present when the following business was transacted.

INVOCATION – The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor David Hunt, Eastview United Pentecostal Church.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mayor Hicks 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 Hicks closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 18, 2021– APPROVED.**
2. **SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2020-2021 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 12) APPROPRIATING FUNDING FOR THE SOLID WASTE FACILITY FIRE SPRINKLER REPAIR – APPROVED.**
3. **SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2020 – 2021 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET EMENDMENT NO. 13) APPROPRIATING FUNDING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A TRANSFER SWITCH FOR THE CONVENTION CENTER GENERATOR – APPROVED.**
4. **SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2020 - 2021 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 14) APPROPRIATING FUNDING FOR REPAIRS TO THE KURTH MEMORIAL LIBRARY ROOF - APPROVED.**
5. **SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2020 - 2021 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 15) APPROPRIATING FUNDING FOR THE LUFKIN FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR FACILITY REPAIRS AND EQUIPMENT/UNIFORM PURCHASES – APPROVED.**
6. **SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2020 - 2021 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 16) APPROPRIATING**

FUNDING FOR THE LUFKIN POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF BALLISTIC VEST CARRIERS – APPROVED.

7. **SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CLOSURE AND CONVEYANCE OF AN ALLEY, BLOCK 2 AND 5, THE JORDAN DAVIS ADDITION, BOUNDED BY ELSIE STREET TO THE SALVATION ARMY -APPROVED.**
8. **SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CLOSURE AND CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY BEING A 60’ X 452’ SECTION OF UNDEVELOPED ROADWAY, LUFKIN LAND AND LUMBER COMPANY NO. 2 ADDITION – APPROVED.**
9. **ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,556 FROM TRAUMA SERVICE AREA H FOR THE LUFKIN FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2020-2021 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 17) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING – APPROVED.**
10. **ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,000 FROM THE KOCH COMPANIES (GEORGIA PACIFIC) COMMUNITY FUND FOR THE LUFKIN FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2020-2021 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 18) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING – APPROVED.**
11. **FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2020-2021 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 19) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF A LUBE SKID FOR MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT – APPROVED.**
12. **FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2020-2021 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 20) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF A BRUSH CHIPPER FOR DEBRIS REMOVAL – APPROVED.**
13. **FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT OT THE 2020-2021 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 21) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF GRADER BLADES FOR STREET CLEAN UP DURING EMERGENCY EVENTS – APPROVED.**
14. **FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2020-2021 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 22) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A STORAGE BUILDING FOR GENERATOR STORAGE– APPROVED.**
15. **RESOLUTION CANCELLING THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 6TH, 2021 – APPROVED.**

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

BUSINESS AGENDA

16. **PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS BY GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A CRAFT DISTILLERY IN A “CENTRAL BUSINESS” ZONING DISTRICT FOR PROPERTY KNOWN AS 113 NORTH FIRST STREET – APPROVED.**

City Manager Green stated the applicant, Trey Allen, on behalf of Troy Tiemann with GDT Properties LLC, had requested a Special Use Permit for “Distillation of Liquors, Spirits, Etc. – Craft” for sale of craft beer to be produced on the site. City Manager Bruce Green highlighted the location of the property on the corresponding maps and provided information on the current zoning of the neighboring properties. City Manager Green stated this request was unanimously recommended for approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission. City Manager Green concluded Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and consider approval of the Second Reading of an Ordinance granting a Special Use Permit for a Craft Distillery for property addressed as 113 North First Street.

Mayor Mark Hicks opened the Public Hearing at 5:05 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak, Mayor Hicks closed the Public Hearing and moved to comments from the City Council.

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

17. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS BY CHANGING THE ZONING TO “COMMERCIAL” ON PROPERTY ADDRESSED AS 2015 CULVERHOUSE STREET – APPROVED.

City Manager Bruce Green stated the applicant, Duneva Branson, had requested a zone change from “Residential Small” to “Commercial” for 2015 Culverhouse Street. City Manager Green highlighted the location of the property on corresponding maps and provided information on the current zoning of neighboring properties. City Manager Green noted the property was currently vacant and the zone change would be for future business development. City Manager Green stated the request was unanimously recommended for approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission. City Manager Green concluded Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and consider approval of the Second Reading of an Ordinance changing the zoning to “Commercial” on property located at 2015 Culverhouse Street.

Mayor Mark Hicks opened the Public Hearing at 5:06 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak, Mayor Hicks 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.

18. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS BY CHANGING THE ZONING TO “RESIDENTIAL LARGE” ON PROPERTY ADDRESSED AS 4707 DANIEL MCCALL DRIVE – APPROVED.

City Manager Bruce Green stated the applicant, Michael G. Parker, representing Lamar Clark with Shirey Forest, LLC, was requesting a zone change from “Planned Unit Development (PUD)” to “Residential Large” for 4707 Daniel McCall Drive. City Manager Green highlighted the location of the property on corresponding maps and provided information regarding the current zoning of neighboring properties. City Manager Green furthered the request was recommended for approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission. City Manager Green concluded Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and consider approval of the Second Reading of an Ordinance changing the zoning to “Residential Large” on property addressed as 4707 Daniel McCall Drive.

Mayor Mark Hicks opened the Public Hearing at 5:08 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak, Mayor Hicks closed the Public Hearing and moved to comments from the City Council.

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

There being no further business, Mayor Mark Hicks adjourned the meeting at 5:09 p.m.



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Mark Hicks, Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kara Andrepont", is written over a horizontal line.

Kara Andrepont, City Secretary