

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 17TH DAY OF MAY, 2022.**

On the 17th day of May, 2022 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
Robert Shankle
Guessippina Bonner
Brent Watkins
Wes Suiter
Rocky Thigpen
Trent Burfine
Kevin Gee
Erika Neill
Gerald Williamson
Kara Andrepont
Adriana Thomasee
Buddy Cross
Jesse Moody
Ryan Watson
Jessica Pebsworth
Belinda Melancon
Eddie Aguilar
Scott Rayburn
Calvin Toups
Albert Duffield
Scott Feaster

Mayor
Mayor Pro Tem
Councilmember, Ward No. 1
Councilmember, Ward No. 3
Councilmember, Ward No. 4
Councilmember, Ward No. 5
Councilmember, Ward No. 6
Interim City Manager
City Attorney
Assistant City Manager – Admin/Public Safety
City Secretary
Human Resources
Assistant Police Chief
Fire Chief
Assistant Fire Chief
Communications Director
Finance Director
Engineering Services Director
Planning Director
Building Official
Utilities Director
IT Director

being present when the following business was transacted.

INVOCATION – The meeting was opened with prayer by Assistant City Manager Gerald Williamson.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mayor Mark 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 period.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 3RD, 2022–
APPROVED.**
2. **ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,000 FROM THE KOCH
COMPANIES COMMUNITY FUND (GEORGIA PACIFIC) FOR THE LUFKIN FIRE
DEPARTMENT AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN
AMENDMENT TO THE 2021-2022 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO.
16) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING – APPROVED.**
3. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FM 324 (SOUTHWOOD DRIVE) HURRICANE
CREEK PROJECT - APPROVED.**

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

BUSINESS AGENDA

4. **CANVAS OF THE 2022 CITY OF LUFKIN MUNICIPAL ELECTION AND RESOLUTION
DECLARING RESULTS OF THE SAME - APPROVED.**

Interim City Manager Kevin Gee stated State Law required the City Council canvass the votes of the May 7, 2022 City of Lufkin General Election. City Secretary Kara Andrepont reported the vote totals for the City of Lufkin Election held on May 7th, 2022. Interim City Manager Kevin Gee concluded

Staff recommended City Council perform the required canvassing of the votes and approve a Resolution declaring the same.

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

5. OATH OF OFFICE TO COUNCILMEMBER WARD NO. 1 GUESSIPPINA BONNER AND COUNCILMEMBER WARD NO. 3 BRENT WATKINS.

Mayor Mark Hicks issued the Oath of Office to Councilmember Guessippina Bonner and incoming Councilmember Brent Watkins.

6. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ABANDONMENT, VACATION, CLOSURE AND SALE OF A PROTION OF A NON-IMPROVED ALLEY NEAR PAUL AVENUE WITHIN THE NESBERT ADDITION – APPROVED.

Interim City Manager Kevin Gee Engineering Services had received a request for the purchase of a portion of a non-improved surplus alley where there were no existing City utilities. Interim City Manager Gee furthered the property had been determined appropriate for sale and all steps required by Chapter 272 of the Local Government Code had been followed. Interim City Manager Gee stated upon payment, the City would issue a non-warranty deed for the property to the buyer. Interim City Manager Gee furthered the alley was a 10-foot x 175-foot (1,750 square foot) section near Paul Avenue within the Nesbert Addition. Interim City Manager Gee stated the total sum of payment was \$1,930 and included the appraised value of \$1,400 for the alley, the appraisal cost of \$500 and the filing fee of \$30.00. Interim City Manager Gee furthered the abutting property owners were notified per Chapter 272 of the Local Government Code and given the opportunity to purchase corresponding parts of the non-improved surplus alley.

Interim City Manager Gee concluded Staff recommended City Council consider on First Reading an Ordinance providing for the abandonment, vacation, closure and sale of a non-improved alley near Paul Avenue within the Nesbert Addition.

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

7. FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT

Interim City Manager Kevin Gee updated City Council on the financial status of the City. Interim City Manager Gee offered to answer any questions. There were none.

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



ATTEST:



Mark Hicks, Mayor



Kara Andrepont, City Secretary