

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 7TH DAY OF JUNE, 2022.

On the 7th day of June, 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	Mayor
Robert Shankle	Mayor Pro Tem
Guessippina Bonner	Councilmember, Ward No. 1
Brent Watkins	Councilmember, Ward No. 3
Wes Suiter	Councilmember, Ward No. 4
Trent Burfine	Councilmember, Ward No. 6
Kevin Gee	Interim City Manager
Erika Neill	City Attorney
Gerald Williamson	Assistant City Manager – Admin/Public Safety
Kara Andrepont	City Secretary
Adriana Thomasee	Human Resources
David Thomas	Police Chief
Buddy Cross	Assistant Police Chief
Jesse Moody	Fire Chief
Jessica Pebsworth	Communications Director
Belinda Melancon	Finance Director
Eddie Aguilar	Engineering Services Director
Scott Rayburn	Planning Director
Dwayne Greenwood	Street Department Director
Rudy Flores	Parks and Recreation Director
Brant Lee	Convention Services Director
Scott Feaster	IT Director

being present; and

Rocky Thigpen	Councilmember, Ward No. 5
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being absent 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 17TH, 2022–APPROVED.**
2. **SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2021-2022 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 16) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING FROM A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,000 FROM THE KOCH COMPANIES (GEORGIA PACIFIC) COMMUNITY FUND FOR THE LUFKIN FIRE DEPARTMENT – APPROVED.**
3. **RESOLUTION DENYING THE PROPOSED RATE INCREASE BY ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY, LLC. - APPROVED.**
4. **SECOND 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.**

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

BUSINESS AGENDA

5. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS BY CHANGING THE ZONING FROM “RESIDENTIAL LARGE”, “LOCAL BUSINESS”, AND “APARTMENT” TO A SINGULAR “LOCAL BUSINESS” ZONING DISTRICT AND APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR 2030 SOUTH JOHN REDDITT DRIVE - APPROVED.

Interim City Manager Kevin Gee stated the applicant was requesting a zone change from “Residential Large”, “Local Business”, and “Apartment” to a singular “Local Business” zoning classification. Interim City Manager Gee furthered there was also a request included for approval of a Special Use Permit for a self-service storage facility. Interim City Manager Gee highlighted the location of the property on corresponding maps and provided information on current zoning of neighboring properties. Interim City Manager Gee stated the special use permit for a self-storage facility within a “Local Business” zoning classification required a conceptual site plan which was attached. Interim City Manager Gee furthered all development would be required to meet all City Ordinances, technical standards including parking, landscaping and detention requirements. Interim City Manager Gee stated the request was unanimously recommended for approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission during the May 23, 2022 meeting. Interim City Manager Gee concluded Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and consider approval of the First Reading of an Ordinance changing the zoning to “Local Business” and granting a Special Use Permit for a self-service storage facility at 2030 South John Redditt Drive.

Mayor Mark Hicks opened the Public Hearing at 5:04 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak; Mayor Hicks closed the Public Hearing and moved to comments from the Council.

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

6. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS BY CHANGING THE ZONING FROM “RESIDENTIAL LARGE” TO A “COMMERCIAL” ZONING DISTRICT FOR PROPERTY ADDRESSED AS 1619 SOUTH HENDERSON STREET – APPROVED.

Interim City Manager Kevin Gee stated the applicant was requesting a zone change from “Residential Large” to a “Commercial” zoning classification for 1619 Henderson Street. Interim City Manager Gee furthered the property was currently non-developed and was being used as a parking lot for the Skate Ranch. Interim City Manager Gee explained the property was approved in 1994 for a commercial parking lot by Special Use Permit (Ordinance No. 3077). Interim City Manager Gee stated the purpose of the zone change was for future commercial development and the applicant intended to place a seasonal snow cone trailer on the site. Interim City Manager Gee highlighted the location of the property on corresponding maps and provided information on current zoning of neighboring properties. Interim City Manager Gee concluded Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and consider approval of the First Reading of an Ordinance changing the zoning to “Commercial” on property located at 1619 Henderson 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 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.

7. PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LUFKIN POLICE DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FISCAL YEAR 2022 BULLETPROOF VEST PROGRAM GRANT – APPROVED.

Interim City Manager Kevin Gee stated the Lufkin Police Department had requested to apply for funding from the U.S. Department of Justice Assistance Bulletproof Vest Program in the amount of \$11,380. Interim City Manager Gee furthered the grant would require a 50% match of \$5,690 from the City. Interim City Manager Gee stated the funds would be used to assist in the purchase of bulletproof vests for the Police Department and a Public Hearing was required for the grant. Interim City Manager Gee concluded Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and consider

approval of a Resolution authorizing an application for funding in the amount of \$11,380 through the U.S. Department of Justice Bulletproof Vest Partnership program for the Lufkin Police Department.

Mayor Mark Hicks opened the Public Hearing at 5:07 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak; Mayor Hicks closed the Public Hearing and moved to comments from the Council.

Councilmember Wes Suiter moved to approve the Resolution as presented. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion and unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

8. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE TERMS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE MORRIS FRANK PARK MASTERPLAN – APPROVED.

Interim City Manager Kevin Gee stated part of the Capital Improvements Plan that was adopted in 2020 included the renovation and expansion of Morris Frank Park and was listed as a possible project in the 2024 grouping of potential projects. Interim City Manager Gee furthered projects of this magnitude took substantial time to complete. Interim City Manager stated Staff recommended a master plan be developed along with an advisory committee to work with the consultant. Interim City Manager Gee furthered a notice was published in the newspaper and requests for qualifications were sent directly to multiple architecture, landscape architecture and engineering firms with only one (1) Statement of Qualification being received from Goodwin-Lasiter-Strong. Interim City Manager Gee gave a breakdown of and highlighted the two-phase process. Interim City Manager Gee stated Staff recommended the selection of Goodwin-Lasiter-Strong as the professional services consultant for the Morris Frank Park revitalization project. Interim City Manager Gee concluded Staff recommended City Council approve a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract for professional services for the Morris Frank Park revitalization project.

Councilmember Wes Suiter moved to approve the Resolution as presented. Councilmember Guessippina Bonner seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

9. 2021 – 2022 STREET OVERLAY PROGRAM – APPROVED.

Interim City Manager Kevin Gee stated the proposed 2021-2022 Street Overlay Program was being presented for City Council approval. Interim City Manager Gee furthered all streets were inspected by City Staff and all distresses were measured and recorded with the data then being entered into the Pavement Management Program (Micropaver) per street section. Interim City Manager Gee stated the Street Department had provided a listing to Council based on the scorings to consider for improvements. Interim City Manager Gee furthered the project was budgeted for \$600,000 with a breakdown of approximately \$90,000 for each Ward. Interim City Manager Gee stated Street Department Director Dwayne Greenwood was available to answer any questions. Interim City Manager Gee concluded Staff recommended City Council approve the 2021 – 2022 Street Overlay Program as presented.

Councilmember Guessippina Bonner thanked Staff for putting together an excellent presentation.

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

There being no further business, Mayor Mark Hicks adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.



ATTEST:

Mark Hicks, Mayor

Kara Andrepont, City Secretary