

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2022.**

On the 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 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  
Wes Suiter  
Trent Burfine  
Kevin Gee  
Erika Neill  
Kara Andrepont  
Adriana Thomasee  
David Thomas  
Buddy Cross  
Jesse Moody  
Jessica Pebsworth  
Belinda Melancon  
Eddie Aguilar  
Scott Rayburn  
Brant Lee  
Albert Duffield  
Kent Havard

Mayor  
Mayor Pro Tem  
Councilmember, Ward No. 1  
Councilmember, Ward No. 4  
Councilmember, Ward No. 6  
Interim City Manager  
City Attorney  
City Secretary  
Human Resources  
Police Chief  
Assistant Police Chief  
Fire Chief  
Communications Director  
Finance Director  
Engineering Services Director  
Planning Director  
Convention Services Director  
Utilities Director  
Solid Waste Director

being present; and

Brent Watkins  
Rocky Thigpen

Councilmember, Ward No. 3  
Councilmember, Ward No. 5

being absent when the following business was transacted.

**INVOCATION** – The meeting was opened with prayer by Councilmember Trent Burfine.

**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 JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2022 AND THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 – APPROVED.**
2. **SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TRAFFIC ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN PERTAINING TO THE ADDITION OF SCHOOL ZONES FOR LUFKIN MIDDLE SCHOOL AND PINWOODS COMMUNITY ACADEMY – APPROVED.**
3. **SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2021-2022 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 17) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING IN VARIOUS FUNDS (MID-YEAR BUDGET AMENDMENT) – APPROVED.**
4. **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING FUNDING FROM THE CENTERPOINT ENERGY COMMUNITY SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE LUFKIN POLICE DEPARTMENT AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2021-2022 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 18) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING - APPROVED.**
5. **RESOLUTION CANCELLING THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 – APPROVED.**
6. **ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE DEEP EAST TEXAS REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (DETRAC) FOR THE LUFKIN FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2021-2022 OPERATING**

**BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 19) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING – 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**

**7. PURCHASE OF FOURTEEN (14) BUS STOP SHELTERS FROM BRASCO INTERNATIONAL, INC. – APPROVED.**

Interim City Manager Kevin Gee stated part of the Capital Improvement plan included the installation of fourteen (14) bus stop shelters. Interim City Manager Gee furthered Staff had coordinated with Brazos Transit for the locations of the shelters along the routes and the exact locations would be coordinated with Council. Interim City Manager Gee explained the item being voted on was for the acquisition of the shelters. Interim City Manager Gee stated Brasco International was the low bidder in the amount of \$87,500 which did not include installation of the shelters; Street Department Staff would be responsible for the installation. Interim City Manager Gee concluded Staff recommended City Council approve the purchase of fourteen (14) bus stop shelters from Brasco International, Inc. in the amount of \$87,500.00.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Mark Hicks recessed the Regular Session at 5:03 p.m.

Mayor Mark Hicks reconvened the Regular Session at 5:14 p.m.

**8. APPOINTMENT OF CITY ATTORNEY – APPROVED.**

Interim City Manager Kevin Gee requested City Council approve the appointment of Kristi Skillern as City Attorney.

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

**9. PRESENTATION OF CITY OF LUFKIN FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT.**

Finance Director Belinda Melancon updated City Council on the City of Lufkin Quarterly Finance Committee Report.

**10. 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 5:17 p.m.



  
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Mark Hicks, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Kara Andrepont, City Secretary