

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 2ND DAY OF MAY, 2023.

On the 2nd day of May, 2023, 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
Brent Watkins	Councilmember, Ward No. 3
Rocky Thigpen	Councilmember, Ward No. 5
Trent Burfine	Councilmember, Ward No. 6
Kevin Gee	City Manager
Kristi Skillern	City Attorney
Gerald Williamson	Assistant City Manager
Kara Andrepont	City Secretary
Adriana Thomasee	Human Resources
Buddy Cross	Assistant Police Chief
Jesse Moody	Fire Chief
Ryan Watson	Assistant Fire Chief
Jessica Pebsworth	Communications Director
Belinda Melancon	Finance Director
Eddie Aguilar	Engineering Services Director
Scott Rayburn	Planning Director
Buddy Timme	Parks and Recreation Director
Albert Duffield	Utilities Director

being present; and

Robert Shankle	Mayor Pro Tem
Wes Suiter	Councilmember, Ward No. 4

being absent when the following business was transacted.

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

Mayor Mark Hicks recognized those in attendance with the Leadership Lufkin class.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mayor Mark Hicks opened the meeting for public comment on any posted agenda item at 5:02 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 APRIL 18TH, 2023 - APPROVED.**
2. **SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2022-2023 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 10) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE LUFKIN BUSINESS PARK – APPROVED.**
3. **APPROVAL OF A BANKING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHSIDE BANK – APPROVED.**

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

BUSINESS AGENDA

4. **PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING TO “COMMERCIAL” ON PROPERTY ADDRESSED AS 2118 SOUTH FIRST STREET– APPROVED.**

City Manager Kevin Gee stated the applicant, Drew Donosky with Claymoore Engineering, on behalf of Brookshire Brothers Incorporated, had requested a zone change from “Manufactured Homes Park” and “Commercial” to a single “Commercial” zoning district for 2118 South First Street. City Manager Gee furthered the 21.059-acre property was currently undeveloped and originally occupied by Scenic Acres Mobile Home Park. City Manager Gee stated the purpose of the zone change was to allow for the future development of a new Brookshire Brothers grocery store. City Manager Gee highlighted the location of the property and surrounding uses. City Manager Gee stated the request was unanimously recommended for approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission during their April 24th, 2023 meeting.

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 addressed as 2118 South First Street.

Mayor Hicks opened the Public Hearing at 5:04 p.m. Mr. Clay Christie with Claymore Engineering offered to answer any questions regarding the item. Councilmember Trent Burfine asked if there was a timeframe as to when the construction would begin. Mr. Christie addressed the questions. There being no one else who wished to speak; Mayor Hicks closed the Public Hearing and requested comments from the City Council.

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

There being no further business, Mayor Mark Hicks adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.




Mark Hicks, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kara Andrepont, City Secretary