

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 12TH DAY OF JULY, 2023.

On the 12th day of July 2023 the City Council of the City of Lufkin, Texas convened in a Special Called Meeting (Annual Budget Retreat) at Kurth Lake Lodge, Lufkin, Texas at 8:30 a.m.

Mark Hicks	Mayor
Guessippina Bonner	Councilmember, Ward No. 1
Robert Shankle	Councilmember, Ward No. 2
Brent Watkins	Councilmember, Ward No. 3
Wes Suiter	Councilmember, Ward No. 4
Rocky Thigpen	Councilmember, Ward No. 5
Adam Lowther	Councilmember, Ward No. 6
Kevin Gee	City Manager
Kristi Skillern	City Attorney
Gerald Williamson	Assistant City Manager
Albert Duffield	Utilities Director
Kara Andrepont	City Secretary
Belinda Melancon	Finance Director
Eddie Aguilar	City Engineer

being present when the following business was transacted.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mayor Hicks opened the meeting for Public Comment on any posted agenda item at 8:36 a.m. There being no one who wished to speak, Mayor Hicks closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

1. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2022-2023 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 13) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING IN VARIOUS FUNDS (MID-YEAR BUDGET AMENDMENT) - APPROVED

City Manager Gee highlighted significant portions of the mid-year Budget Amendment and mid-year supplemental requests that were included in the budget. City Manager Gee stated that this Budget Amendment simply realigned expenditures and revenues to complete the current fiscal year and added projects that could be completed and funded prior to year-end. Discussion ensued among Staff and City Council regarding funds and planned projects.

Councilmember Guessippina Bonner moved to approve the Ordinance authorizing Budget Amendment No. 12. Councilmember Rocky Thigpen seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

2. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE 2023-2024 CITY OF LUFKIN ANNUAL BUDGET.

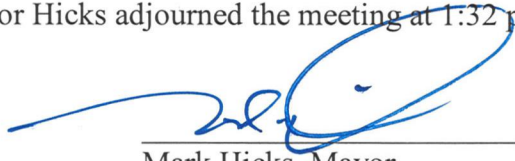
City Manager Gee presented the proposed budget and reviewed significant changes in the upcoming budget. City Manager Gee highlighted proposed employee benefits that would be implemented which included a longevity payment, the addition of three (3) paid holidays and health care driven incentives. City Manager Gee detailed revenue funds and planned expenditures. Discussion ensued regarding the budget, Capital Improvement Projects, Departmental issues and tax revenue projections. No action was taken.

3. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT ELECTION.

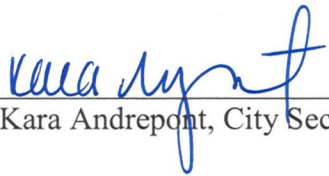
City Manager Gee stated that the current City of Lufkin Charter, which was last amended in 1994, was in need of updating due to numerous provisions being outdated or in conflict with State Law. City Manager Gee reviewed each proposed amendment and the reasons for amending. City Council and Staff discussed these proposed amendments and the timing of the election. Staff ensured City Council that public input would be gathered and citizens would have the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed amendments. No action was taken.

There being no further business, Mayor Hicks adjourned the meeting at 1:32 p.m.





Mark Hicks, Mayor



Kara Andrepont, City Secretary