

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON THE 17TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2024.**

On the 17th day of December 2024, 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
Kim Ogden	Councilmember, Ward No. 4
Jimmy Ford	Councilmember, Ward No. 5
Adam Lowther	Councilmember, Ward No. 6
Kevin Gee	City Manager
Kristi Skillern	City Attorney
Brian W. Bray	Assistant City Manager
Kara Andrepont	City Secretary
David Thomas	Police Chief
Buddy Cross	Assistant Police Chief
Jesse Moody	Fire Chief
Jessica Pebsworth	Communications Director
Christopher Key	Engineering Services Director
Scott Rayburn	City Planner
Buddy Timme	Parks and Recreation Director
Albert Duffield	Utilities Director
Julie Massey	Library Manager
Morgan Williams	Animal Services Manager

being present when the following business was transacted.

INVOCATION – The meeting was opened with prayer by Councilmember Jimmy Ford.

PUBLIC COMMENT - Mayor Mark Hicks opened the public comment period at 5:01 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak; Mayor Hicks closed the Public Hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 19TH, 2024. - APPROVED.**
- 2. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE CALLING AND ORDERING THE MAY 3RD, 2025, GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A COUNCILMEMBER FOR WARD NO. 1 AND A COUNCILMEMBER FOR WARD NO. 3. – APPROVED.**
- 3. APPOINTMENTS TO THE KURTH MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD. – APPROVED.**

Councilmember Robert Shankle moved to approve all items on the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilmember Kim Ogden 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” AND FUTURE LAND USE MAP DESIGNATION TO “CORRIDOR COMMERCIAL” ON PROPERTIES ADDRESSED AS 3507, 3509, 3511, 3513 AND 3515 EDWARDS STREET. – APPROVED.**

City Manager Kevin Gee stated GNWC Holdings LLC, was requesting a zone change from "Residential Small" to a "Commercial" zoning district and a Future Land Use Map designation to “Corridor Commercial” for properties addressed as 3507, 3509, 3511, 3513, and 3515 Edwards Street. City Manager Gee furthered the subject properties, Lots 12-16, Block 3, of the Herty Subdivision (0.34 acres) were undeveloped, and the purpose of the request was to allow for the expansion of Greenway Carriers, a local trucking company. City Manager Gee highlighted the location of the property and surrounding uses. City Manager Gee stated the Comprehensive Plan designation for the properties was currently "Low Density Residential" and Staff found the proposed zone change consistent with area zoning,

current uses, and the proposed “Corridor Commercial” future land use classification. City Manager Gee furthered the Planning & Zoning Commission had unanimously recommended the request for approval.

City Manager Gee concluded Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and consider approval on First Reading of an Ordinance changing the zoning to “Commercial” and the Future Land Use Map designation to “Corridor Commercial” on properties addressed as 3507, 3509, 3511, 3513, and 3515 Edwards Street.

Mayor Hicks opened the Public Hearing at 5:03 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak; Mayor Hicks closed the Public Hearing and requested comments from the City Council.

Councilmember Jimmy Ford moved to approve the Ordinance as presented. Councilmember Brent Watkins seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

5. PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 EDWARD BYRNE JUSTICE GRANT FOR THE LUFKIN POLICE DEPARTMENT AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2024-2025 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 6) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING. – APPROVED.

City Manager Kevin Gee stated the Lufkin Police Department had requested approval of a Resolution authorizing acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant. City Manager Gee furthered the Lufkin Police Department, and the Angelina County Sheriff's Department were awarded joint funding in the amount of \$15,520. City Manager Gee stated the funds would be used for the purchase of tasers for the Department. City Manager Gee furthered the grant required an opportunity for public comment, a Resolution authorizing acceptance of the funding, and an Ordinance authorizing a Budget Amendment appropriating the funding.

City Manager Gee concluded Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing, approve a Resolution authorizing acceptance of the funding and approve the First Reading of an Ordinance authorizing Budget Amendment No. 6 appropriating the funds.

Mayor Hicks opened the Public Hearing at 5:05 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak; Mayor Hicks closed the Public Hearing and requested comments from the City Council.

Councilmember Robert Shankle moved to approve the Resolution and Ordinance as presented. Councilmember Kim Ogden seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

6. RESOLUTION APPROVING A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE ANGELINA COUNTY AND CITIES HEALTH DISTRICT. – APPROVED.

City Manager Kevin Gee stated the Angelina County & Cities Health District (ACCHD) had revised the Cooperative Agreement with its member governments. City Manager Gee furthered revisions to the agreement included an increase in the annual fee from \$1.00 per citizen to \$2.00, which was the first increase since 1989. City Manager Gee stated provisions had also been added to address issues with board member attendance and steps for dismissal of the Director. City Manager Gee furthered the revised agreement was more concise and easier to understand. City Manager Gee stated the Agreement would become effective once executed, and the fee increase would take effect in January 2026. City Manager Gee furthered funding for the increase would be included in the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Annual Budget.

City Manager Gee concluded Staff recommended City Council consider a Resolution approving a cooperative agreement with the Angelina County & Cities Health District.

Councilmember Guessippina Bonner moved to approve the agreement as presented. Councilmember Brent Watkins seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

7. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE HURRICANE CREEK WWTP AERATION BASINS (NO. 1, NO. 2 & NO. 3) EQUIPMENT PROJECT. – APPROVED.

City Manager Kevin Gee stated Staff had received sealed bids on November 26, 2024, for purchasing the equipment for the replacement of aeration systems in Aeration Basins No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3, located at the City of Lufkin Hurricane Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). City Manager Gee furthered Option A was for a circular diffuser and Option B was for an oblong diffuser, both of which

would serve the purpose for what was needed. City Manager Gee stated the low bidder was SSI Aeration, Inc. with a bid for Option A, (round disc diffuser system) in the amount of \$192,105. City Manager Gee noted the bid tabulation of the bids received had been included in the Council's packet for reference. City Manager Gee furthered Staff had evaluated the bid from SSI Aeration, Inc. and found their product and its installation to be appropriate for this project and were recommending to proceed. City Manager Gee stated the award of contract was for the purchase of equipment only due to a six month lead time on delivery. City Manager Gee furthered Staff would bid the contractor installation of the equipment as a separate project and would present it to City Council for approval prior to delivery of the equipment.

City Manager Gee concluded Staff recommended City Council award a contract to SSI Aeration, Inc. in the amount of \$192,105 for the Hurricane Creek WWTP Aeration Basins (No. 1, No. 2 & No. 3) Equipment Project.

Councilmember Guessippina Bonner moved to approve award of contract as presented. Councilmember Adam Lowther seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

8. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE DANIEL MCCALL DRIVE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT (PHASE 2). – APPROVED.

City Manager Kevin Gee stated Staff had received sealed bids on December 5, 2024, for Phase 2 of the Daniel McCall Drive Reconstruction Project. City Manager Gee furthered this was for the reconstruction of the southern portion of Daniel McCall Drive between Toran Lane and Southwood Drive. City manager Gee stated the base bid included patching with level up and overlay while the alternate bid was more of a typical reconstruction of stabilizing the sub-grade, regrading, adding new limestone base and a new overlay. City Manager Gee furthered the Additive Alternate Bid also included the repair of an 8x4 box culvert on the roadway. City Manager Gee stated the low bidder was Lakey, Inc. with a total bid of \$1,053,436.74. City Manager Gee furthered a complete bid tabulation had been included in Council's packet for reference.

City Manager Gee concluded Staff recommended City Council award a contract to Lakey, Inc. for the Alternate Bid and Additive Alternate Bid in the amount of \$1,053,436.74 for Phase 2 of the Daniel McCall Reconstruction.

City Councilmember Jimmy Ford moved to approve the award of contract as presented. City Councilmember Kim Ogden seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

9. FINANCIAL STATUS REPORTS

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

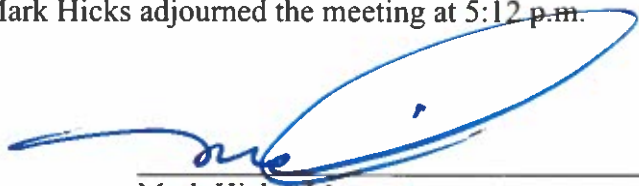
10. KURTH MEMORIAL LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT

City Manager Kevin Gee stated Council had been provided with a copy of the Kurth Memorial Library Annual Report for their review. City Manager Gee offered to answer any questions. There were none.

Mayor Hicks congratulated Councilmember Adam Lowther on the birth of his daughter.

There being no further business, Mayor Mark Hicks adjourned the meeting at 5:12 p.m.




Mark Hicks, Mayor


Kara Andreport, City Secretary