

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON THE 2ND DAY OF JULY 2024.

On the 2nd day of July 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
Robert Shankle
Guessippina Bonner
Jimmy Ford
Adam Lowther
Kevin Gee
Kristi Skillern
Brian W. Bray
Kara Andrepont
Adriana Thomasee
David Thomas
Buddy Cross
Jesse Moody
Ryan Watson
Jessica Pebsworth
Belinda Melancon
Christopher Key
Scott Rayburn
Scott Cameron
Buddy Timme
Tara Hendrix
Albert Duffield
John Smith
Julie Massey
Morgan Williams

Mayor
Mayor Pro Tem
Councilmember, Ward No. 1
Councilmember, Ward No. 5
Councilmember, Ward No. 6
City Manager
City Attorney
Assistant City Manager
City Secretary
Human Resources
Police Chief
Assistant Police Chief
Fire Chief
Assistant Fire Chief
Communications Director
Finance Director
Engineering Services Director
City Planner
Street Department Superintendent
Parks and Recreation Director
Tourism & Marketing Director
Utilities Director
Fleet Services Manager
Interim Library Director
Animal Services Manager

being present; and

Brent Watkins
Kim Ogden

Councilmember, Ward No. 3
Councilmember, Ward No. 4

being absent when the following business was transacted.

INVOCATION – The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Michael Parker.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mayor Mark Hicks opened the meeting for public comment on any posted agenda item at 5:03 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 18TH, 2024 - APPROVED.**
- 2. SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2023-2024 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 19) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING IN VARIOUS FUNDS (MID-YEAR BUDGET AMENDMENT) - APPROVED.**
- 3. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LUFKIN POLICE DEPARTMENT CLASSIFICATION PLAN – APPROVED.**
- 4. ACCEPTANCE OF A CENTERPOINT ENERGY COMMUNITY SAFETY GRANT FOR THE LUFKIN POLICE DEPARTMENT AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2023-2024 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 20) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING – APPROVED.**

5. APPOINTMENT OF KURTH MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS – APPROVED.

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

BUSINESS AGENDA

6. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS BY CHANGING THE ZONING TO “COMMERCIAL” ON PROPERTIES ADDRESSED AS 1500 ATKINSON DRIVE – APPROVED.

City Manager Kevin Gee stated Mark Croft, on behalf of Elm Texas Properties, LLC, had requested a zone change from “Neighborhood Retail” to “Commercial” for 1500 Atkinson Drive. City Manager Gee furthered the subject property was occupied by an automobile repair service which had been approved for a Special Use Permit in 2017 with the condition of no outside work. City Manager Gee stated the purpose of the zone change was to allow for automobile sales at the location. City Manager Gee highlighted the location of the property and surrounding uses. City Manager Gee furthered the Comprehensive Plan designation for the property was “Neighborhood Commercial”. City Manager Gee stated Staff found the proposed zone change consistent with the current existing area uses as well as the current “Neighborhood Commercial” future land use classification. City Manager Gee furthered the request was unanimously recommended for approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

City Manager Gee concluded Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and consider approval on Second Reading of an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Lufkin, Texas by changing the zoning to “Commercial” on properties addressed as 1500 Atkinson Drive.

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 Guessippina Bonner asked if a piece of property in the area had recently been approved for automobile sales as well. Discussion ensued.

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

7. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMITS ON FARM TO MARKET ROAD 1336 (GOBBLERS KNOB ROAD) – APPROVED.

City Manager Kevin Gee stated the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) recently completed a speed zone study on Farm to Market (FM) 1336, commonly known as Gobblers Knob Road. City Manager Gee furthered TxDOT had requested that the speed limit be lowered to forty-five (45) miles per hour (mph) on a portion of FM 1336 from FM 324 (Southwood Drive) to approximately 0.63 miles southwest of FM 324. City Manager Gee stated the speed limit for the remaining portion of FM 1336 would remain fifty-five (55) mph. City Manager Gee furthered Council was provided with the detailed study from TxDOT.

City Manager Gee concluded Staff recommended City Council consider approval on First Reading of an Ordinance establishing speed limits on FM 1336, commonly known as Gobblers Knob Road.

Councilmember Jimmy Ford moved to postpone the Ordinance as presented. Councilmember Adam Lowther seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to postpone was recorded.

8. APPROVAL OF A DESIGN BUILD AGREEMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE LUFKIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AIRPORT HANGAR – APPROVED.

City Manager Kevin Gee stated on April 2, 2024, Council approved a Budget Amendment appropriating \$750,000 for the construction of an executive airport hangar at Angelina County Airport for the Lufkin Economic Development Corporation (LEDC). City Manager Gee furthered LEDC had solicited requests for qualifications from design-build firms for the design and construction of the Airport Hangar Project. City Manager Gee stated the project consisted of a 120' x 80' pre-engineered

metal building with a 110' wide x 22' clear height bi-fold door, site work, and all associated appurtenances. City Manager Gee furthered Staff had received and evaluated three (3) Statements of Qualifications on June 11, 2024. City Manager Gee stated after review and evaluation, Gibraltar Construction was selected as the most qualified based on the criteria of the Request for Qualifications. City Manager Gee furthered the agreement provided that the cost of the project would not exceed the budgeted amount of \$750,000.

City Manager Gee concluded Staff recommended City Council consider approval of a Design Build Agreement with Gibraltar Construction for the construction of the Lufkin Economic Development Corporation Airport Hangar.

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

City Council wished Mayor Mark Hicks a Happy Birthday. Mayor Hicks invited everyone to attend the July 4th celebration on Thursday at Ellen Trout Zoo.

There being no further business, Mayor Mark Hicks adjourned the meeting at 5:09 p.m.



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Mark Hicks, Mayor

ATTEST:

A blue ink signature of Kara Andreponi, City Secretary, written over a horizontal line.

Kara Andreponi, City Secretary