

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 15<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2021**

On the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021 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  
Guessippina Bonner  
Robert Shankle  
Lynn Torres  
Rocky Thigpen  
Trent Burfine  
Bruce Green  
Erika Neill  
Gerald Williamson  
Kara Andrepont  
Rodney Ivy  
David Thomas  
Buddy Cross  
Ryan Watson  
Jessica Pebsworth  
Belinda Melancon  
Brant Lee  
Rick Smith  
Scott Feaster  
Jessica Leyva

Mayor  
Councilmember, Ward No. 1  
Councilmember, Ward No. 2  
Councilmember, Ward No. 3  
Councilmember, Ward No. 5  
Councilmember, Ward No. 6  
City Manager  
City Attorney  
Assistant City Manager – Admin/Public Safety  
City Secretary  
Human Resource Director  
Police Chief  
Assistant Police Chief  
Assistant Fire Chief  
Communications Director  
Finance Director  
Convention Services Director  
Fleet Maintenance Director  
IT Director  
Utility Collections

being present when the following business was transacted.

**INVOCATION** – The meeting was opened with prayer by Judge Paul White.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Mayor 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 portion of the meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 1, 2021–  
APPROVED.**
2. **SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE  
2020-2021 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 17) APPROPRIATING  
THE FUNDING FROM A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,566 FROM TRAUMA SERVICE  
AREA H FOR THE LUFKIN FIRE DEPARTMENT – APPROVED.**
3. **SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE  
2020 – 2021 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET EMENDMENT NO. 18) APPROPRIATING  
THE FUNDING FROM A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,000 FROM THE KOCH  
COMPANIES (GEORGIA PACIFIC) COMMUNITY FUND FOR THE LUFKIN FIRE  
DEPARTMENT – APPROVED.**
4. **SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE  
2020 - 2021 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 19) APPROPRIATING  
THE FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF A LUBE SKID FOR MAINTENANCE OF  
EQUIPMENT - APPROVED.**
5. **SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE  
2020 - 2021 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 20) APPROPRIATING  
THE FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF A BRUSH CHIPPER FOR DEBRIS REMOVAL –  
APPROVED.**
6. **SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE  
2020 - 2021 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 21) APPROPRIATING**

**THE FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF GRADER BLADES FOR STREET CLEAN-UP DURING EMERGENCY EVENTS – APPROVED.**

7. **SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2020-2021 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 22) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A STORAGE BUILDING FOR GENERATOR STORAGE -APPROVED.**
8. **FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2020-2021 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 23) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING FOR THE CLOSURE OF COMPLETED PROJECTS – APPROVED.**
9. **FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2020-2021 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 24) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF TRANSFER SWITCHES AND PORTABLE GENERATORS FOR FUELING STATIONS – APPROVED.**
10. **FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2020-2021 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 25) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF COVERINGS FOR THE EXISTING PERMANENT GENERATORS – APPROVED.**

Councilmember Lynn Torres 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**

11. **CANVASS OF THE 2021 CITY OF LUFKIN MUNICIPAL WARD NO. 4 RUNOFF ELECTION AND RESOLUTION DECLARING RESULTS OF THE SAME – APPROVED.**

City Manager Bruce Green stated State Law required the Mayor and City Council canvass the votes of the June 12, 2021 City of Lufkin Ward No. 4 Runoff Election. City Manager Green furthered Staff recommended City Council perform the required canvassing of votes and approve a Resolution declaring the same. City Secretary Kara Andrepont reported the results for the City of Lufkin Ward No. 4 Runoff Election held on June 12, 2021.

Councilmember Rocky Thigpen moved to certify the election results and approve the Resolution as presented. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

12. **OATH OF OFFICE TO INCOMING COUNCILMEMBER WARD NO. 4 WES SUITER.**

District Judge Paul White issued the Oath of Office to Councilmember Wes Suiter.

13. **FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT OT THE 2020-2021 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 26) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING FOR THE CITY HALL AND POLICE DEPARTMENT ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT – APPROVED.**

City Manager Bruce Green stated both the City Hall and Police Department roofs needed to be replaced as they were at the end of their usable life. City Manager Green furthered Staff had received estimates in the amount of \$105,397 and \$108,873 respectively for a total estimated amount of \$214,270. City Manager Green concluded Staff recommended City Council approve the City Hall and Police Department roof replacement project and approve the First Reading of an Ordinance authorizing Budget Amendment No. 26 appropriating the funding for the same.

Councilmember Robert Shankle moved to approve the City Hall and Police Department roof replacement and the Ordinance as presented. Councilmember Lynn Torres seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

14. **FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2020-2021 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 27) APPROPRIATING THE**

**FUNDING FOR THE REHAB OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL LIVESTOCK AREA – APPROVED.**

City Manager Bruce Green stated the livestock holding area located at Animal Services had become deteriorated with age and created a hazard for animals and provided the potential for escape. City Manager Green furthered the fencing and portions of siding would be replaced by City crews with the materials for the project estimated to cost approximately \$12,000. City Manager Green concluded Staff recommended City Council approve the rehabilitation of the livestock holding area at Animal Services and approve the First Reading of an Ordinance authorizing Budget Amendment No. 27 appropriating the funding for the same.

Councilmember Guessippina Bonner moved to approve the rehabilitation of the livestock holding area at Animal Control and the Ordinance as presented. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

**15. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2020-2021 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 28) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF CORE SWITCHES FOR THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT – APPROVED.**

City Manager Bruce Green stated all computers and servers within the City's network were connected by core switches, which transmitted all information through the network. City Manager Green furthered due to the switches transmitting sensitive criminal justice information such as criminal histories, driver license and warrant information, they were required by state and federal rules to be replaced when they are no longer supported by their manufacturer. City Manager Green stated a total of sixteen (16) switches had been identified that required replacement with an approximate cost of \$85,643. City Manager Green concluded Staff recommended City Council approve the purchase of core switches for the City's computer network and approve the First Reading of an Ordinance authorizing Budget Amendment No. 28 appropriating the funding for the same.

Councilmember Robert Shankle moved to approve the purchase of core switches for the City's computer network and the Ordinance as presented. Councilmember Lynn Torres seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

**16. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2020-2021 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 29) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE SECURITY CAMERA SYSTEM FOR THE CITY HALL AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – APPROVED.**

City Manager Bruce Green stated the current security camera system in City Hall and the Police Department needed to be repaired and upgraded. City Manager Green furthered a number of the cameras were no longer functioning and were significantly aged. City Manager Green stated the estimated cost for the project was \$49,194. City Manager Green concluded Staff recommended City Council approve the replacement of the security camera system for City Hall and the Police Department and approve on First Reading an Ordinance authorizing Budget Amendment No. 29 appropriating the funding for the project.

Councilmember Robert Shankle moved to approve the replacement of the security camera system for City Hall and the Police Department and the Ordinance as presented. Councilmember Wes Suiter seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

**17. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2020-2021 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 30) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING FOR THE RENOVATION OF POLICE DISPATCH – APPROVED.**

City Manager Bruce Green stated City Council knew the role that Dispatch played for the Police Department as well as the role they played during the recent winter storm. City Manager Green furthered they had been in the same location using the same equipment for quite some time and the year had provided an opportunity to restructure and upgrade by providing better accommodations for Police Dispatch. City Manager Green stated the Public Safety Communications Center located in the Lufkin Police Department was last remodeled in 2005 and the 24/7 use had taken a considerable toll on the facility. City Manager Green furthered a complete remodel and upgrades would cost approximately \$310,089. City Manager Green explained that since communications operations could not be interrupted, the remodel would occur in the space which was currently occupied by the

Department's Special Services Unit. City Manager Green noted this would increase the space available to Communications while allowing infrastructure upgrades to be made and Special Services would move into the current Communications room after it was vacant. City Manager Green concluded Staff recommended City Council approve the renovations to the Police Dispatch Center and approve the First Reading of an Ordinance authorizing Budget Amendment No. 30 appropriating the funding.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the renovations to the Police Dispatch Center and the Ordinance as presented. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

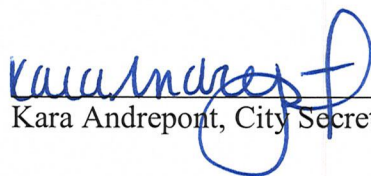
**18. FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT**

City Manager Bruce Green offered to answer any questions. There were none.

There being no further business, Mayor Mark Hicks adjourned the meeting at 5:21 p.m.



  
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Mark Hicks, Mayor

  
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Kara Andrepont, City Secretary