

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2015.**

On the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2015, 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:

Bob F. Brown	Mayor
Lynn Torres	Mayor Pro Tem
Victor Travis	Councilmember, Ward No. 1
Robert Shankle	Councilmember, Ward No. 2
Don Langston	Councilmember, Ward No. 4
Rocky Thigpen	Councilmember, Ward No. 5
Sarah Murray	Councilmember, Ward No. 6
Keith Wright	City Manager
Steve Floyd	Assistant City Manager
Bruce Green	City Attorney
Kara Atwood	City Secretary
Rodney Ivy	Human Resources Director
Gerald Williamson	Police Chief
Ted Lovett	Fire Chief
Belinda Southern	Finance Director
Dorothy Wilson	Planning Director
Steve Poskey	Street Department Director
Mike Akridge	Parks & Recreation Director
Barbara Thompson	Main Street Director
Dale Allred	Inspection Services Director
Sid Munlin	IT Director
Chuck Walker	Public Works Director
Lorraine Simoneau	Library Director
Thad Chambers	Economic Development Director

being present when the following business was transacted.

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Ruben Luna of Emanuel Assembly of God.
2. Mayor Bob Brown welcomed visitors present and recognized students from Angelina College and congratulated Boy Scout William Fain for his attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 were approved on a motion by Councilmember Lynn Torres and seconded by Councilmember Sarah Murray. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

4. **TREE CITY USA CERTIFICATION PRESENTATION**

Mayor Bob Brown introduced Forester Todd Nightingale with the U.S. Forest Service. Mr. Nightingale stated that the City of Lufkin had been a designated as a Tree City USA for twenty-five (25) years. Mr. Nightingale stated this was due to the City's participation in Arbor Day and conservation events. Mr. Nightingale continued that he had presented the flag with the designation to the Mayor and commended the City for their efforts in maintaining the Tree City USA Status.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

5. **SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE SALE, DISCHARGE, AND DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS IN THE CITY OF LUFKIN-APPROVED**

City Manager Keith Wright stated this was the Second Reading of the Ordinance regarding the use of Fireworks in the City of Lufkin. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended approval of the Second Reading of an Ordinance regarding the sale, discharge, and display of fireworks in the City of Lufkin.

The Second Reading of an Ordinance regarding the sale, discharge, and display of fireworks in the City of Lufkin was approved on a motion by Councilmember Don Langston and seconded by Councilmember Rocky Thigpen. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**6. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING 8.10 ACRES OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS 3402 ELLEN TROUT DRIVE - APPROVED**

City Manager Wright stated that during the City Council of January 6<sup>th</sup>, City Council approved a Resolution which authorized Staff to move forward with the annexation process on 8.10 acres of property located on Ellen Trout Drive. City Manager Wright stated that the owner wished to develop the property for use as a private parcel distribution center. City Manager Wright stated that the required Public Hearings were held during the February 17<sup>th</sup> meeting and no one spoke in opposition of the annexation. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council approve the First Reading of an Ordinance annexing 8.10 acres of property known as 3402 Ellen Trout Drive.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:06 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak, Mayor Brown requested comments or questions from City Council.

Councilmember Robert Shankle moved to approve the First Reading of an Ordinance annexing the property as described. Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

**7. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, BY CHANGING THE ZONING FROM TO "LIGHT MANUFACTURING" AND AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP TO "INDUSTRIAL" FOR PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS 3402 ELLEN TROUT DRIVE – APPROVED**

City Manager Wright stated that the applicant, Sam Thomas, and owner Eastex Capital Assets, had requested a zone change to the designation of "Light Manufacturing" on a total of 12.23 acres located at 3402 Ellen Trout Drive. City Manager Wright continued that a portion of this property, 4.13 acres, was currently located inside the City limits and the remainder, 8.10 acres, was under annexation proceedings. City Manager Wright stated that as City Council was aware, property annexed into the City limits was assigned the initial zoning designation of "Agricultural". City Manager Wright stated the property located in the City limits was designated "Residential Large". City Manager Wright stated that the Planning & Zoning Commission unanimously approved the request. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff requested City Council approve the change in zoning and the change in the Future Land Use Map for property located at 3402 Ellen Trout Drive.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:08 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak, Mayor Brown requested comments or questions from City Council.

Councilmember Victor Travis moved to approve the First Reading of an Ordinance changing the zoning to "Light Manufacturing" and the Future Land Use Map designation to "Industrial" for property located at 3402 Ellen Trout Drive.

**8. CERTIFICATION OF UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE CANCELLING THE MAY 9, 2015 GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE OFFICE OF MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER FOR WARD NO. 2 - APPROVED**

City Manager Wright stated that Staff recommended City Council accept the Certification of Unopposed Candidates and approve the First Reading of an Ordinance cancelling the May 9<sup>th</sup> City of Lufkin General Election for the office of Mayor and Councilmember Ward No. 2 and declare that Bob Brown be elected as Mayor and Robert Shankle be elected as Councilmember for Ward No. 2.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to accept the Certification of Unopposed Candidates and the First Reading of the Ordinance as presented. Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

9. **ACCEPTANCE OF A TEXAS LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER STANDARDS AND EDUCATION GRANT AND A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 11 – APPROVED**

City Manager Wright stated that the Lufkin Fire Department was recently awarded a Texas Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education Grant in the amount of \$911.63. City Manager Wright stated this funding would be utilized for funding educational opportunities throughout the year. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council accept the funding and approve a Resolution authorizing Budget Amendment No. 11

Councilmember Robert Shankle moved to approve the acceptance of the funding and the Resolution. Councilmember Don Langston seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

10. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 12 FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDING FOR ROOF REPAIRS AT THE KURTH MEMORIAL LIBRARY - APPROVED**

City Manager Wright stated that a Resolution was attached for City Council approval to provide for funding for repairs to the roof flashing and the humane removal of the bats at the Kurth Memorial Library. City Manager Wright furthered that the bids for the roof repair and removal of the bats were also attached. City Manager Wright highlighted the amounts for each bid and stated that Staff was requesting to allocate funding for the removal of the bats and the roof repair. Councilmember Victor Travis questioned whether the bats would be harmed during removal. City Manager Wright stated that they would not be harmed; they would be removed humanely.

Councilmember Victor Travis moved to approve the Resolution authorizing Budget Amendment No. 12 for the removal of the bats and roof repair at the Kurth Memorial Library. Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

11. **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

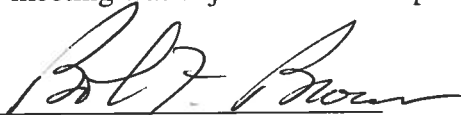
City Manager Wright highlighted the financial reports. City Manager Wright noted revenue and expenditure figures in several funds. City Manager Wright highlighted the Hotel/Motel Tax Revenue budget and noted that it was well above the projections. City Manager Wright stated that he would be glad to answer any questions regarding the financial or project reports.

12. **ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST FROM MAYOR, CITY COUNCILMEMBERS AND STAFF**

City Manager Wright updated City Council on upcoming events and meetings during the next few weeks.

13. **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to address the meeting was adjourned at 5:19 pm.

  
Bob F. Brown, Mayor

  
Kara Atwood, City Secretary

