

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 16th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2018**

On the 16th day of October, 2018 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
Mark Hicks	Mayor Pro Tem
Guessippinna Bonner	Councilmember, Ward No. 1
Robert Shankle	Councilmember, Ward No. 2
Lynn Torres	Councilmember, Ward No. 3
Rocky Thigpen	Councilmember, Ward No. 5
Sarah Murray	Councilmember, Ward No. 6
Keith Wright	City Manager
Bruce Green	Deputy City Manager/City Attorney
Jason Arnold	Assistant to the City Manager
Seth Elmore	Assistant City Attorney
Kara Andrepont	City Secretary
Rodney Ivy	Human Resource Director
Gerald Williamson	Public Safety Director
David Thomas	Police Chief
Ted Lovett	Fire Chief
Belinda Melancon	Finance Director
Dorothy Wilson	Planning Director
Barbara Thompson	Main Street Director
Albert Duffield	Water & Sewer Director
Gordon Henley	Ellen Trout Zoo Director

being present when the following business was transacted.

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by Associate Pastor Jennifer Steele-Lantis with First Christian Church.
2. Mayor Bob F. Brown welcomed visitors present and recognized those in attendance from Angelina College.

3. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD OCTOBER 2, 2018 – APPROVED

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the minutes of the meeting as presented. Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

4. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS REGARDING THE CONVERSION OF SIGNS TO ELECTRONIC FORMAT - APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and approve on Second Reading an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Lufkin regarding the conversion of signs to electronic format.

Mayor Bob Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:03 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak, Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing and moved to comments from the City Council.

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

5. SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2018-2019 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 1) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING FROM THE GEORGIA PACIFIC FOUNDATION FOR THE LUFKIN FIRE DEPARTMENT – APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that this was a grant from the Georgia Pacific Foundation to the City of Lufkin Fire Department in the amount of \$8,000. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council approve on Second Reading an Ordinance authorizing Budget Amendment No. 1 appropriating the funding in the amount of \$8000.

Councilmember Guessippina Bonner moved to accept the grant and approve the Ordinance as presented. Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

6. SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2018-2019 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 2) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING FROM THE DEEP EAST TEXAS REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (DETRAC) - APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that the grant was in the amount of \$14,471 from the Deep East Texas Regional Advisory Council (DETRAC) for the Fire Department. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council approve on Second Reading an Ordinance authorizing Budget Amendment No. 2 appropriating the funding from the Deep East Texas Regional Advisory Council (DETRAC).

Councilmember Rocky Thigpen moved to accept the grant and approve the Ordinance as presented. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

7. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A BOARDING AND LODGING HOUSE ON PROPERTY ADDRESSED AS 501 MANTOOTH AVENUE – APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that the applicant, Judge Bob Inselmann with the Women's Sober House of Lufkin had requested a Special Use Permit for a Boarding and Lodging House at 501 Mantooth Avenue. City Manager Wright pointed out the subject area on the location map and stated the applicant intended to use the property as an Oxford House, described as a community-based approach to addiction treatment by providing an independent, supportive, and sober living environment. City Manager Wright furthered that the property was currently zoned "Neighborhood Retail." City Manager Wright stated that the structure on the property was currently being remodeled as a dwelling that it could accommodate eight (8) occupants. City Manager Wright furthered that this request was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission at their meeting on October 8, 2018. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and approve on First Reading an Ordinance granting a Special Use Permit for property addressed as 501 Mantooth Avenue.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:07 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak, Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing and moved to comments from the City Council.

Councilmember Guessippina Bonner stated that the property was located in Ward One (1) which she represented and that she would vote against the Special Use Permit at this time. Councilmember Bonner furthered that she would do her due diligence and go to that area to see if the residents were knowledgeable of the fact that this type of program was going to be located in their neighborhood.

Councilmember Mark Hicks moved to approve the Ordinance as presented. Councilmember Rocky Thigpen seconded the motion and a vote of six (6) to one (1) to approve was recorded with Councilmember Guessippina Bonner voting in opposition.

8. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR THE LUFKIN POLICE DEPARTMENT AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2018-2019 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 3) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING - APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that the grant would be divided between the City of Lufkin Police Department and the Angelina County Sheriff's Department. City Manager Wright furthered that the grant was from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$11,033. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended that City Council approve a Resolution authorizing acceptance of the U.S. Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant and consider on First Reading an Ordinance authorizing Budget Amendment No. 3 appropriating the funding.

Councilmember Robert Shankle moved to accept the grant and approve the Ordinance as presented. Councilmember Lynn Torres seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

9. ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE LUFKIN ROTARY CLUB FOR THE LUFKIN FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2018-2019 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 4) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING - APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that the Lufkin Fire Department had received a grant in the amount of \$500 from the Lufkin Rotary Club for the purchase of carbon monoxide detectors to be installed in citizen's homes. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended that City Council accept the grant funding and consider on First Reading an Ordinance appropriating the funding in the Lufkin Fire Department Fire Prevention Equipment Budget.

Councilmember Guessippina Bonner moved to accept the grant and approve the Ordinance as presented. Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion. Councilmember Mark Hicks questioned the process for approving grants of a certain amount. City Manager Wright explained that in order to spend the money it has to be appropriated into the budget which required an amendment to the budget. Mayor Bob Brown called for the vote and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

10. ESTABLISH PART-TIME ZOO KEEPER FOR THE ELLEN TROUT ZOO LOUISIANA PINE SNAKE COLLECTION AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2018-2019 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 5) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING - APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that the Ellen Trout Zoo had long been involved with the propagation, conservation and release of, probably the most endangered species of snake in the United States, the Louisiana Pine Snake. City Manager Wright furthered that the snake had been historically found in Angelina County, but none had been found in Texas since 2007, and that individual was in our collection. City Manager Wright stated that four (4) zoos were actively working in the release program. City Manager Wright furthered that because the release site is in a National Forest in Louisiana, the U.S. Forest Service was providing funds, through timber sales, to each of the four (4) zoos in order to hire dedicated keepers for the Louisiana Pine Snakes in their collections. City Manager Wright stated that the funds were deposited in a special account at the Memphis Zoo for distribution. City Manager Wright furthered that the City had received \$27,483 from the Memphis Zoo to hire a part-time (32 hours per week) keeper dedicated to the care of the Louisiana Pine Snake collection. City

Manager Wright stated that it was expected that the position would be continued to be funded from the U.S. Forest Service and/or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service from their species enhancement program. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council approve the establishment of this position and First Reading of an Ordinance appropriating the funding.

Councilmember Mark Hicks moved to approve the establishment of this position and approve the Ordinance as presented. Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

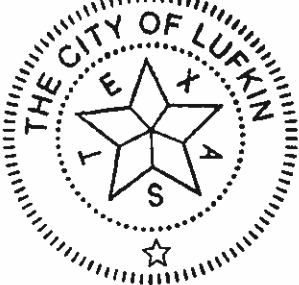
11. PRESENTATION OF CITY OF LUFKIN FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Finance Director Belinda Melancon updated City Council on the City of Lufkin Quarterly Finance Committee Report.

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

City Manager Wright highlighted events and upcoming meetings on the Calendar. Councilmember Lynn Torres noted that Lufkin had lost two (2) citizens today that had close ties to the Lufkin Independent School District. Councilmember Torres stated that Brent Slaton and June McAdams had passed and asked for prayers for the Lufkin High School staff.

13. There being no further business, Mayor Bob Brown adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.



ATTEST:


Kara Andrepont, City Secretary


Bob F. Brown, Mayor