

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 3rd DAY OF FEBRUARY 2015.

On the 3rd day of February 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
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 & Zoning Director
Steve Poskey	Street Superintendent
Barbara Thompson	Main Street Director
Dale Allred	Inspection Services Director
Chuck Walker	Public Works Director
Kent Havard	Solid Waste Director
Thad Chambers	Economic Development Director

being present; and

Don Langston	Councilmember, Ward No. 4
Rocky Thigpen	Councilmember, Ward No. 5

being absent when the following business was transacted.

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by Dr. Brian Wiggins of First Presbyterian Church.
2. Mayor Bob Brown welcomed visitors present.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on January 20th, 2015 were approved on a motion by Councilmember Lynn Torres and seconded by Councilmember Victor Travis. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

4. **OATH OF OFFICE - LUFKIN FIREFIGHTERS**

Mayor Bob Brown administered the Oath of Office to new Lufkin Firefighter Theo Greene and thanked them for their service to the City of Lufkin.

OLD BUSINESS:

5. **PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS CHANGING THE ZONING FROM “RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM” TO “LOCAL BUSINESS” FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 621 WEST FRANK AVENUE (WOODLAND HEIGHTS, BLOCK 1, LOTS 6 AND 7) – APPROVED**

Mayor Brown stated the next item was to conduct a Public Hearing and consider on First Reading an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Lufkin, Texas changing the zoning from “Residential Medium” to “Local Business” for property located at 621 West Frank Avenue (Woodland Heights, Block 1, Lots 6 and 7).

City Manager Keith Wright stated that the owners, Kevin and Donna Dorman had requested a change in zoning from “Residential Medium” to “Local Business” on property located at 621 West Frank Avenue. City Manager Wright furthered that the applicant intended to develop the property into a florist business. City Manager Wright directed City Council attention to the location map being shown. City Manager Wright stated that the Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff recommended the approval of the second reading of the Ordinance granting this zone change request.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:05 p.m. and asked that if anyone was present who wished to speak in regard to this item. There being none, Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing and requested comments or motions from City Council.

Councilmember Victor Travis moved to approve the zone change as requested on property known as 621 W. Frank Street. Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

NEW BUSINESS:

6. **PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM “RESIDENTIAL LARGE” TO “COMMERCIAL” ON PROPERTY KNOWN AS 1122 AND 1124 SOUTH FIRST STREET (ABS 0040 QUINALTY J.L. TRACT 129 AND 130) – APPROVED.**

Mayor Brown stated Item No. 6 regarding a requested zone change on property located at 1122 and 1124 South First Street.

City Manager Wright directed City Council’s attention to the map being projected and highlighted the property and the surrounding zoning. City Manager Wright stated that this was a request by the applicant Richard Spring for a change in zoning from “Residential Large” to “Commercial” on property located at 1122 and 1124 South First Street. City Manager Wright stated this was the former location of Fuller’s Restaurant that was damaged by fire in 2014. City Manager Wright stated the owner intended to rebuild the restaurant and include an events facility and a drive thru window. City Manager Wright stated that the events facility could require the owner to secure a Special Use Permit in the future based on the use. City Manager Wright stated that Staff and the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended Staff approve the First Reading of the Ordinance granting the zone change.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:07 p.m. There was no one present who wished to speak on the item.

Councilmember Victor Travis moved to approve the zone change request as presented for property located at 1122 and 1124 South First Street. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

7. **PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING APPROXIMATELY 3.39 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED ALONG AND INCLUDING A PORTION OF HARPER ROAD INTO THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS – APPROVED.**

Mayor Brown stated that Item No. 7 was to conduct a Public Hearing and consider on First Reading of Ordinance annexing approximately 3.39 acres of property located along and including a portion of Harper Road into the City of Lufkin, Texas.

City Manager Wright stated this was initially considered by City Council in December and a Resolution had been approved which allowed Staff move forward with the annexation request by owner Robert Peltier. City Manager Wright furthered that Mr. Peltier intended to utilize this property as a car dealership. City Manager Wright continued that the property being considered for annexation was contiguous to the existing City limits. City Manager Wright stated that all laws and regulations had been adhered to and that Staff recommended approval.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:09 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak; Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing and requested comments or motions from City Council.

Councilmember Victor Travis moved to approve the First Reading of the annexation of property located along and including a portion of Harper Road. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

8. **FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CALLING AND ORDERING OF A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 9, 2015 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBER FOR WARD NO. 2 AND COUNCILMEMBER FOR WARD NO. 4 - APPROVED**

Mayor Brown stated the next item was the consideration of an Ordinance providing for the calling and ordering of a General Election to be held on May 9, 2015 for the purpose of electing a Mayor, Councilmember for Ward No. 2 and Councilmember for Ward No. 4.

City Manager Wright stated that State law required City Council to order and call a general election to be held in six (6) polling places in the City of Lufkin on May 9th, 2015 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing a Mayor, Councilmember of Ward No. 2 and of Ward No. 4 for three (3) year terms. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended approval of the Ordinance calling and ordering the 2015 general election.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the Ordinance calling for and ordering the May 2015 General Election. Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

9. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK FORCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,851 AND A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 9 - APPROVED**

Mayor Brown stated Item No. 9 was consideration of a Resolution authorizing acceptance of a grant from the Department of Justice Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force in the amount of \$9,851 and approval of a Resolution authorizing Budget Amendment No. 9 appropriating the funding.

City Manager Wright stated that City Council had recently approved the Lufkin Police Department to apply for a grant in the amount of \$9,851 through the Department of Justice Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. City Manager Wright stated the Police Department had recently received notice that this funding had been awarded and would be used to cover costs associated with this type of crime. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended approval of both Resolutions.

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

10. **REAPPOINTMENT OF LOUIS BRONAUGH TO THE DISTRICT'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS – APPROVED.**

Mayor Brown stated that the next item was to consider reappointment of Louis Bronaugh to The District's Board of Directors.

City Manager Wright stated that Mr. Louis Bronaugh has served as the City of Lufkin appointed Board Member on the Board of Directors for The District for many years. City Manager Wright stated that as City Council was aware, this was the entity that provided the trolley service to citizens. City Manager Wright furthered that The District had requested that each board member seek reappointment from the entity they represent in order to be in compliance with the IRS Tax Exempt Regulations. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended approval of the reappointment.

Councilmember Victor Travis moved to approve the appointment of Mr. Bronaugh to the Board of Directors for The District. Councilmember Lynn Torres seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

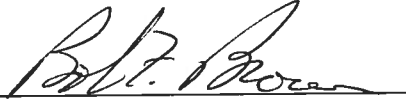
11. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Bob Brown stated there was no reason to enter into Executive Session.

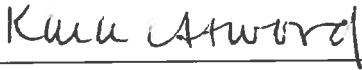
12. **DISCUSSION OF ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST, INCLUDING EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS, CONGRATULATIONS OR CONDOLENCE; INFORMATION REGARDING HOLIDAY SCHEDULES; HONORARY RECOGNITIONS OF CITY OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES OR OTHER CITIZENS; REMINDERS ABOUT UPCOMING EVENTS SPONSORED BY THE CITY OR OTHER ENTITY THAT IS SCHEDULED TO BE ATTENDED BY CITY OFFICIALS OR EMPLOYEES; AND ANNOUNCEMENTS INVOLVING IMMINENT THREATS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE CITY.**

City Manager Wright reviewed upcoming events and meetings on the City Council calendar including the First Friday Luncheon; Lufkin/Angelina County Day and the NAACP Scholarship Banquet. Councilmember Victor Travis encouraged all present to attend the NAACP Scholarship Banquet to be held on February 7th, 2015 at Crown Colony Country Club.

13. There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.



Bob F. Brown, Mayor



Kara Atwood, City Secretary