

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 8<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2015.**

On the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 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  
Mark Hicks  
Victor Travis  
Robert Shankle  
Lynn Torres  
Rocky Thigpen  
Sarah Murray  
Keith Wright  
Steve Floyd  
Bruce Green  
Kara Atwood  
Belinda Southern

Mayor  
Mayor Pro Tem  
Councilmember, Ward No. 1  
Councilmember, Ward No. 2  
Councilmember, Ward No. 3  
Councilmember, Ward No. 5  
Councilmember, Ward No. 6  
City Manager  
Assistant City Manager  
City Attorney  
City Secretary  
Finance Director

being present when the following business was transacted.

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by City Manager Keith Wright.
2. **PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016**

Mayor Bob Brown opened the Public Hearing at 12:01 p.m. Antonio Martinez, Jr. requested clarification on whether the tax rate was being increased. City Manager Keith Wright explained the that the City was not increasing the tax rate from the previous year; but establishing the same rate of 0.5238, which was an increase above the effective tax rate for this year.

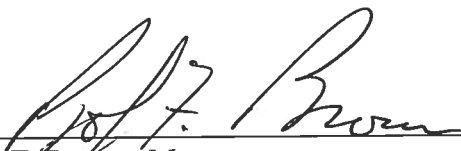
There being no one further who wished to speak; Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing.

3. **FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR THE USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN AND PROVIDING FOR THE DEBT SERVICE FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 AND APPORTIONING EACH LEVY FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE - APPROVED**

City Manager Keith Wright stated that this was the First Reading of the Ordinance establishing the tax rate for fiscal year 2015-2016.

Councilmember Lynn Torres made a motion that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.523800, which was effectively a 1.82 percent increase in the tax rate. Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion and a unanimous record vote was documented.

4. There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 12:06 pm.

  
Bob F. Brown, Mayor

  
Kara Atwood, City Secretary

