

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 2nd DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2014.**

On the 2ND day of September 2014, 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
Paul L. Parker	City Manager
Keith Wright	Deputy City Manager
Bruce Green	City Attorney
Kara Atwood	City Secretary
Belinda Southern	Finance Director
Gerald Williamson	Police Chief
David Thomas	Assistant Police Chief
Ted Lovett	Fire Chief
Duane Freeman	Assistant Fire Chief
Rodney Ivy	Human Resources Director
Steve Floyd	Public Works Director
Steve Poskey	Street Department Director
Belinda Southern	Finance Director
Dorothy Wilson	Planning & Zoning Director
Mike Akridge	Parks & Recreation Director
Dale Allred	Inspection Services Director
Barbara Thompson	Main Street Director
Thad Chambers	Economic Development Director

being present when the following business was transacted.

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Don Schulteis of Lufkin First Church of the Nazarene.
2. Mayor Bob Brown welcomed visitors present.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held August 19, 2014 were approved on a motion by Councilmember Lynn Torres and seconded by Councilmember Sarah Murray. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded to approve the minutes as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

4. **PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS BY GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A VETERINARY HOSPITAL IN A "COMMERCIAL" ZONING DISTRICT AT 2205 AND 2211 NORTH TIMBERLAND DRIVE – 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 by granting a Special Use Permit for a Veterinary Hospital in a "Commercial" zoning district at 2205 and 2211 North Timberland Drive.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that this was request was made by Dr. Lindsay Syler for the development of a veterinary clinic on the property located at 2205 and 2211 North Timberland Drive. City Manager Parker furthered that this was previously a mobile home park and the

area was generally commercial in nature. City Manager Parker concluded that both staff and the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of the ordinance granting the Special Use Permit as requested.

Mayor 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 requested comments or motions from City Council.

Councilmember Victor Travis moved to approve the Ordinance granting a Special Use Permit for property located at 2205 and 2211 North Timberland Drive. Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

5. **PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF AN APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2014 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 – APPROVED**

Mayor Brown stated the next item was to conduct a Public Hearing and consider on First Reading an appropriations Ordinance adopting a Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2014 and ending September 30, 2015.

City Manager Parker stated that City Council had reviewed the proposed budget numerous times. City Manager Parker continued that this budget included a tax rate of 0.5238, which was two cents (.02) higher than the previous year. City Manager Parker stated the primary reason for the increase was the raise provided to the public safety personnel; a four percent (4%) increase to ranked employees and a seven percent (7%) increase for all other personnel (firefighters and patrol officers). City Manager Parker furthered that a 2.5% increase was included for all other employees. City Manager Parker stated there were no increases included in water, sewer or solid waste rates. City Manager Parker stated he would be glad to answer any questions City Council might have regarding the budget.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:06 p.m. and requested that anyone who wished to speak on the item to please step forward. There being no one who wished to speak; Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing and requested comments from City Council.

Councilmember Victor Travis moved to approve the First Reading of the Ordinance adopting the Budget for the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year. Councilmember Lynn Torres seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

6. **PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 – NO ACTION**

Mayor Brown stated the next item was to conduct a Public Hearing on the proposed tax rate for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

City Manager Parker stated that State law specified the order and meeting requirements for approving the tax rate. City Manager Parker furthered that as previously stated; the tax rate was being increased by two cents (.02) to 0.5238. City Manager Parker continued that additionally one cent (.01) was being moved from the interest and sinking portion of the rate to the maintenance and operations portion.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:06 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak; Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing and requested comments from City Council. Councilmember Don Langston stated that the tax rate was higher when he first began to serve on City Council. Councilmember Langston continued that both the Council and Staff had worked hard to always have a conservative budget which has allowed the City to grow without raising taxes. Councilmember Langston stated that as long as the citizens understood the City was doing the best it could with the funding, they would understand a tax increase.

No action was required for this item.

7. **PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,171 TO THE LUFKIN**

POLICE DEPARTMENT; RESOLUTION APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 26 APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING – APPROVED.

Mayor Brown stated that Item No. 7 was to conduct a Public Hearing and consider a Resolution accepting a grant from the Department of Justice in the amount of \$18,171 to the Lufkin Police Department and a Resolution approving Budget Amendment No. 26 appropriating the funding.

City Manager Parker stated that City Council had recently approved the Lufkin Police Department to apply for this grant. City Manager Parker continued that the funding would be used to aid in the investigation and prosecution of cybercrimes; especially against children. City Manager Parker stated that staff recommended City Council conduct the Public Hearing as well as approve the Resolution of acceptance and the Resolution authorizing Budget Amendment No. 26.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:11 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak; Mayor Brown closed the hearing and requested comments from City Council.

Councilmember Victor Travis moved to approve the Resolution for accepting the grant and the Resolution authorizing Budget Amendment No. 26. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

8. INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE NECHES RIVER BASIN WATER RIGHTS - APPROVED

Mayor Brown stated the next item was to consider approval of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the management of the Neches River Basin Water Rights.

City Manager Parker stated that Deputy City Manager Keith Wright had been working with the various entities with interest in the Neches River Basin in regard to the assignment of a water master to this group of entities. City Manager Parker stated that it was not necessary for this assignment to be made due to there being only one request for water from this basin in the last twenty (20) years. City Manager Parker stated the cost of a water master was not justifiable in this area. City Manager Parker furthered that all entities involved had drafted this proposal to manage the water rights but still allowed for an entity to call for water. City Manager Parker concluded that Staff recommended City Council approve the agreement and appoint Deputy City Manager Keith Wright as the City's designee for any issues that arise.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the agreement and the appointment of Deputy City Manager Wright as the City's designee. Councilmember Rocky Thigpen seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

9. NOMINATIONS TO THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RISK POOL BOARD – APPROVED

Mayor Brown stated that Item No. 9 was to consider the approval of nominations to the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board.

City Manager Parker stated that was the board that provides oversight for the City's insurance fund. City Manager Parker continued that nominations for Board positions had to be approved by the City's governing body. City Manager Parker highlighted the places and those running for each and recommended the following nominations: Place 1 – Robert Herrera; Place 2 – John Fullen; Place 3 – George Shackelford and Place 4 – Peter Vargas.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the appointments as recommended. Councilmember Don Langston seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

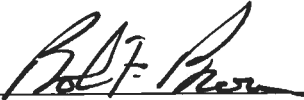
10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Brown stated there was no need to recess into Executive Session.

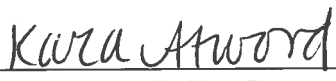
11. DISCUSSION OF ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST, INCLUDING EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS, CONGRATULATIONS OR CONDOLENCE; INFORMATION REGARDING HOLIDAY SCHEDULES; HONORARY RECOGNITIONS OF CITY OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES OR OTHER CITIZENS; REMINDERS ABOUT UPCOMING EVENTS SPONSORED BY THE CITY OR OTHER ENTITY THAT IS SCHEDULED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

City Manager Paul Parker stated that the calendar of upcoming events had been distributed and he would be glad to answer any questions regarding the same.

12. There being no further business for consideration, the meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.



Bob F. Brown, Mayor



Kara Atwood, City Secretary

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