

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 6th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2015.**

On the 6TH day of October 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
Lynn Torres
Rocky Thigpen
Sarah Murray
Keith Wright
Steve Floyd
Bruce Green
Kara Atwood
Rodney Ivy
David Thomas
Duane Freeman
Belinda Southern
Dorothy Wilson
Steve Poskey
Mike Akridge
Dale Allred
Sid Munlin
Chuck Walker

Mayor
Mayor Pro Tem
Councilmember, Ward No. 1
Councilmember, Ward No. 3
Councilmember, Ward No. 5
Councilmember, Ward No. 6
City Manager
Assistant City Manager
City Attorney
City Secretary
Human Resources Director
Assistant Police Chief
Assistant Fire Chief
Finance Director
Planning Director
Street Department Director
Parks & Recreation Director
Inspection Services Director
Information Technology Director
Public Works Director

being present; and

Robert Shankle

Councilmember, Ward No. 2

being absent when the following business was transacted.

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Ford Adkins, Cross Timber Cowboy Church.
2. Mayor Bob Brown welcomed visitors present.
3. **MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD
SEPTEMBER 15, 2015**

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

4. **PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS BY
CHANGING THE ZONING TO "COMMERCIAL" ON PROPERTY LOCATED
AT 600 NORTH JOHN REDDITT DRIVE - APPROVED**

City Manager Wright stated that this request was from Ty Shafer, owner of Shafer Funeral Home. City Manager Wright stated the reason for this request was change the zoning on the front portion of the property to Commercial in order to be able to place the signage closer to the street. City Manager Wright stated that the funeral home was currently under construction and located on Loop 287 near an industrial facility and the Masonic Lodge. City Manager Wright concluded that the request was unanimously approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff recommended approval of the First Reading of the Ordinance.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:03 p.m. There was no one present who wished to comment on this item.

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

5. **PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS BY CHANGING THE ZONING TO “COMMERCIAL” ON SEVEN (7) ADJACENT PROPERTIES LOCATED SOUTH OF EAST DENMAN AVENUE AND ADJACENT AND SOUTH OF IRVING DRIVE - APPROVED**

City Manager Wright stated this was a request by the owners (James Slack, Paula Ashworth, William Bruce and Doyle Bruce, Jr.) to change the zoning on these seven (7) properties to Commercial in order to improve future marketability of the properties. City Manager Wright stated that surrounding properties were already Commercial and were located across from Lufkin Floors Unlimited and near the Pilot Travel Center and Truck Stop. City Manager Wright stated this request was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission and that Staff recommended approval.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:06 p.m. There was no one present to speak on the item.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the First Reading of an Ordinance changing the zoning as presented on seven properties located south of East Denman Avenue and adjacent and south of Irving Drive. Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

6. **PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS BY CHANGING THE ZONING TO “COMMERCIAL” ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3101 SOUTH MEDFORD DRIVE - APPROVED**

City Manager Wright stated that this request was made in order to change the zoning to Commercial on a portion of this property and that currently seventy percent (70%) of the property was zoned Commercial. City Manager Wright stated that this property was located on the Loop near other businesses. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended approval of the change in zoning.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:08 p.m. There was no one present who wished to speak on the item.

Councilmember Mark Hicks moved to approve the zone change as presented. Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

7. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2015-2016 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 1), PROVIDING FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS IN THE GENERAL FUND, THE HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUND, AND THE PINES SPECIAL EVENTS FUND, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE - APPROVED**

City Manager Wright stated that this Budget Amendment simply allocated the funding for several projects that were initially submitted as supplemental requests for the 2015/2016 annual budget. City Manager Wright continued that these projects were selected to be funded directly through the Fund Balance instead of the normal budget. City Manager Wright furthered that the list of projects was included in the packet and the total amount for these projects was \$255,097. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended approval of a Resolution authorizing Budget Amendment No. 1 appropriating funding for these projects.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the Resolution as presented. Councilmember Rocky Thigpen seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

8. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,483 FOR THE LUFKIN POLICE DEPARTMENT AND A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2015-2016 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 2) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING - APPROVED**

City Manager Wright stated that in June 2015, City Council approved the Lufkin Police Department's application for this grant in the amount of \$13,483, which will be distributed evenly amount the Lufkin Police Department and the Angelina County Sheriff's Department. City Manager Wright furthered that this funding would be utilized to purchase tasers and related equipment for use by the Departments. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended approval of both Resolutions related to the grant.

Councilmember Sarah Murray moved to approve the Resolutions as presented. Councilmember Rocky Thigpen seconded the motion. A unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

9. **MODIFICATIONS TO THE EXISTING TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LUFKIN AND PINECREST ENERGY, LLC - APPROVED**

City Manager Wright stated that due to timing issues, Pinecrest Energy had requested a modification to the benchmarks and completion dates in order to accommodate the timing needed to finalize the financing. City Manager Wright concluded that this was also approved by the 4B Economic Development Board and Staff recommended approval. Councilmember Lynn Torres stated that Pinecrest Energy had shown to be a good corporate citizen and there timing for the beginning of the tax abatement spoke highly of the company.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved approve the modifications to the agreement as presented. Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion. A unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

10. **PURCHASE OF SEVEN (7) CHEVY TAHOES (\$301,445.61) FROM CALDWELL COUNTRY FORD-CHEVROLET AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT (\$60,067.56) FROM PCS MOBILE FOR THE LUFKIN POLICE DEPARTMENT - APPROVED**

City Manager Wright stated that as City Council was aware, the Amortization Schedule was reviewed each year and this was the purchase for new Tahoe patrol vehicles for the Lufkin Police Department. City Manager Wright stated this would replace the last Crown Victoria patrol vehicle and these vehicles would be compatible when the new body cameras were installed. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended approval of the purchase of the Tahoes and equipment as presented.

Councilmember Rocky Thigpen moved to approve the purchase of the seven (7) Tahoe patrol vehicles for the Lufkin Police Department. Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

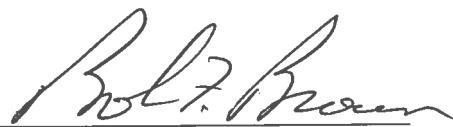
11. **EXECUTIVE SESSION – EVALUATION OF CITY MANAGER**

Mayor Brown convened Executive Session at 5:18 p.m. Mayor Brown reconvened Regular Session at 5:39 p.m. No action was taken in open session.

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

City Manager Wright detailed the various upcoming City sponsored and community events.

13. There being no more business to address the meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.



Bob F. Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kara Atwood, City Secretary

