

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 10th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2019

On the 10th day of September, 2019 the City Council of the City of Lufkin, Texas convened in a Special Called Meeting in the Council Chambers of City Hall with the following members, thereof to wit:

Bob F. Brown	Mayor
Mark Hicks	Mayor Pro Tem
Guessippina 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	City Attorney
Jason Arnold	Assistant to the City Manager
Kara Andrepont	City Secretary
Rodney Ivy	Human Resource Director
Gerald Williamson	Public Safety Director
David Thomas	Police Chief
Duane Freeman	Interim Fire Chief
Belinda Melancon	Finance Director
Dorothy Wilson	Asst. Director Planning & Zoning
Kevin Gee	Engineering Services Director
Michael Flinn	Parks and Recreation Director
Albert Duffield	Water & Sewer Director
Kent Havard	Solid Waste Director
Bob Samford	Economic Development Director

being present when the following business was transacted.

INVOCATION - The meeting was opened with prayer by City Manager Keith Wright.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mayor Brown opened the meeting for Public Comments on any posted Agenda item at 12:01 p.m. There being none; Mayor Brown closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AUGUST 20, 2019 – APPROVED

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

2. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING TO “COMMERCIAL” AND THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION TO “NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL” ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 516 MONTROSE STREET – APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that the owner, Calvary Baptist Church had requested a zone change to “Commercial” to increase opportunities for improvement and possible sale. City Manager Wright furthered that Calvary Baptist Church had relocated to a facility on Ted Trout Drive in Lufkin. City Manager Wright furthered that the request had been unanimously approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission during their regular meeting held August 12, 2019.

City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and consider on Second Reading an Ordinance changing the zoning to “Commercial”

and the Future Land Use designation to “Neighborhood Commercial” on property located at 516 Montrose Street.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 12:02 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak; Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing.

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

3. SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 26 APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING FROM THE SALE OF CITY PROPERTY LOCATED AT 210 EAST LUFKIN AVENUE - APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that Staff recommended City Council approve on Second Reading an Ordinance authorizing Budget Amendment No. 26 appropriating the proceeds of the sale of City property located at 210 East Lufkin Avenue toward the purchase of the new Parks and Recreation Center.

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

4. PRESENTATION OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN 2019-2020 DRAFT BUDGET, PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2019 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 - APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that Staff was pleased to present to City Council the 2019-2020 Annual Fiscal Budget for the City of Lufkin. City Manager Wright furthered that the proposed budget included the current tax rate of \$0.531135 per \$100 valuation. City Manager Wright furthered that a list of significant proposed changes in the 2019-2020 annual budget had been included in the Council Packet.

City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and approve on Second Reading an Ordinance adopting a budget for the 2019–2020 Fiscal Year.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 12:04 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak; Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing.

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

5. SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE ADJUSTING RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, IRRIGATION, INDUSTRIAL AND WHOLESALE WATER RATES IN THE CITY OF LUFKIN – APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that City Council had approved a contract with Freese & Nichols, Inc. in November 2018 for the completion of a Water and Wastewater Rate Study for the City of Lufkin. City Manager Wright stated that based on the analysis, an increase to the City’s water and sewer rates of two percent (2%) each year for the next three (3) years was recommended. City Manager Wright furthered that the study had initially recommended a one (1) time increase of six percent (6%); however discussions with City Council had determined that the two percent (2%) increase over the next three (3) years would make it easier on citizens.

City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council approve on Second Reading an Ordinance adjusting water rates in the City of Lufkin.

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

6. SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE ADJUSTING SEWER RATES IN THE CITY OF LUFKIN – APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that this item was the same as the previous item and would be a two percent (2%) increase in sewer rates.

City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council approve on Second Reading an Ordinance adjusting sewer rates in the City of Lufkin.

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

7. SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE RAISING RATES FOR SOLID WASTE COMPACTED AND NON-COMPACTED (ROLL-OFF) REFUSE SERVICE – APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that this would be an approximate ten percent (10%) increase in roll-off refuse rates for containers most often used during construction projects and not something the typical City of Lufkin customer would see.

City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council approve on Second Reading an Ordinance raising rates for Solid Waste roll-off refuse service.

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

8. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR THE USE AND SUPPORT OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN AND PROVIDING FOR THE DEBT SERVICE FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 – 20 AND APPORTIONING EACH LEVY FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE – APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that each year as a part of the budget process, the Tax Assessor Collector calculated the Effective Tax Rate in accordance with the Texas Tax Code Chapter 26.04(1). City Manager Wright furthered that this enabled the public to evaluate the relationship between taxes for the prior year and for the current year, based on a tax rate that would produce the same amount of taxes if applied to the same properties taxed in both years. City Manager Wright stated that the current year's tax rate was \$0.531135 and the effective tax rate calculated for Fiscal Year 2020 was \$0.511697. City Manager Wright furthered that the current tax rate being proposed would raise more property taxes than last year's original budget by \$495,216 (5.10%), and of that amount \$168,047 was tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year. City Manager Wright stated that the \$0.531135 was part of the current tax rate and was included in the 2019-2020 Annual Budget and Staff recommended City Council adopt the current tax rate as proposed.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 12:10 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak; Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing.

Councilmember Lynn Torres made a motion that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.531135 per \$100, which is effectively a 5.10 percent increase in the tax rate and moved to approve the Ordinance as presented. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

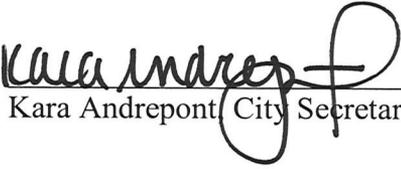
There being no further business, Mayor Bob Brown adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.





Bob F. Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kara Andrepont, City Secretary