

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 17TH DAY OF APRIL, 2018.

On the 17th day of April, 2018 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:

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| 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 |
| Keith Wright | City Manager |
| Bruce Green | Deputy City Manager/City Attorney |
| Jason Arnold | Assistant to the City Manager |
| Kara Atwood | City Secretary |
| Gerald Williamson | Public Safety Director |
| David Thomas | Police Chief |
| Ted Lovett | Fire Chief |
| Belinda Southern | Finance Director |
| Dorothy Wilson | Planning Director |
| Mike Akridge | Parks & Recreation Director |
| Albert Duffield | Water & Sewer Director |
| Aaron Ramsey | Animal Control Director |
| Bob Samford | Economic Development Director |

being present when the following business was transacted.

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by Reverend M.E. Lyons, Goodwill Missionary Baptist Church.
2. Mayor Bob F. Brown welcomed visitors present and recognized those in attendance from Leadership Lufkin as well as students from Angelina College.
3. **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD APRIL 3, 2018 – APPROVED**

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

4. **RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS SUSPENDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE 2018 ANNUAL GRIP RATE INCREASE FILING BY CENTERPOINT ENERGY - APPROVED**

City Manager Wright explained that under Section 104.301 of the Gas Utility Regulatory Act (GURA), a gas utility was allowed to request increases in its rates to recover a return on investments it makes between rate cases. City Manager Wright furthered that this section of GURA was commonly referred to as the “GRIP” statute, that is, the “Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program”.

City Manager Wright stated that on or about March 29, 2018, CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., Beaumont/East Texas Division (“CenterPoint”) filed for an increase in gas utility rates under the Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program (“GRIP”). City Manager Wright continued that CenterPoint’s application if approved by the Commission, would result in an increase in the monthly customer charges for residential customers by an additional \$0.72, which represented an increase of about 3.2% over its current customer charge. City Manager Wright furthered that in total, since 2014, CenterPoint has increased its customer charge for residential customers by over 42%. City Manager Wright then highlighted all increases that were proposed for both residential and commercial customers. City Manager Wright stated that although the City’s ability to review and effectuate a

change in CenterPoint's requested increase was limited, the City should exercise due diligence with regard to rate increases of monopoly utilities who operate within its boundaries, including increases requested under the GRIP statute to ensure compliance with the requirements of that law.

City Manager Wright continued that in order for the City to exercise its due diligence, it was necessary to suspend CenterPoint's proposed effective date of May 28, 2018 for forty-five (45) days, so that the City could evaluate whether the data and calculations in CenterPoint's rate application were correctly done.

City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended that City Council approve a resolution suspending CenterPoint's proposed effective date for forty-five (45) days. Assuming a proposed effective date of May 28, 2018, CenterPoint's proposed effective date would be suspended until July 12, 2018.

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

5. ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION TO THE KURTH MEMORIAL SHELTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,477 AND A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2017-2018 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 15) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING – APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated this was not the first donation made to the Animal Control facility by Ms. Molly James and expressed appreciation for her continued work and support of the Shelter. City Manager Wright continued that Ms. James recently donated \$10,477 from the recent fundraiser held at the Lufkin Convention Center to be used for the Shelter's veterinarian service fund. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council accept the donation and approve the Resolution authorizing the Budget Amendment. Mayor Brown recognized Ms. James and those in attendance with her. Ms. James thanked the City Council and Staff for their support of the Animal Shelter.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to accept the donation and approve the Resolution as presented. Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

6. CITY OF LUFKIN FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Finance Director Belinda Melancon highlighted the report regarding the City's financial position and offered to answer any questions. There were none and no action was required.

7. CITY MANAGER REPORT


City Manager Wright highlighted revenues and expenditures from the General, Water and Sewer and Solid Waste Fund and offered to answer any questions regarding the reports. There were none.

8. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST FROM MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS AND STAFF

City Manager Wright highlighted upcoming events and meetings on the City Council calendar. Councilmember Rocky Thigpen noted that Major Dale Shell, an honored veteran, had recently passed away and stated he would be missed. Councilmember Lynn Torres congratulated Chief Gerald Williamson and Chief David Thomas on their new assignments with the City of Lufkin.

9. There being no further business to address, the meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.





Bob F. Brown, Mayor



Kara Andrepont, City Secretary