

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 2014.

On the 1ST day of April, 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
Rufus Duncan	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
Rodney Ivy	Human Resources Director
Belinda Southern	Finance Director
Gerald Williamson	Police Chief
Ted Lovett	Fire Chief
Steve Floyd	Public Works Director
Steve Poskey	Street Department Director
Chuck Walker	Public Utilities Director
Dale Allred	Inspection Services Director
Barbara Thompson	Main Street Director

being present when the following business was transacted.

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by Dr. Rhenel Johnson of Abundant Life Methodist Church.
2. Mayor Bob Brown welcomed visitors present.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held April 1, 2014, were approved on a motion by Councilmember Sarah Murray and seconded by Councilmember Lynn Torres. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded to approve the minutes as presented.

4. **PRESENTATION OF TREE CITY USA CERTIFICATION TO THE CITY OF LUFKIN BY TODD NIGHTINGALE, DISTRICT FORESTER, TEXAS FOREST SERVICE – APPROVED**

Mayor Bob Brown stated the next item was a presentation of the Tree City USA Certification to the City of Lufkin by Todd Nightingale, District Forester, Texas Forest Service.

Todd Nightingale, District Forester, Texas Forest Service stated he was pleased to be able to recognize the City of Lufkin for maintaining the Tree City USA Certification for the twenty-fourth (24th) year. Forester Nightingale recognized all those who assist with this program. Forester Nightingale then presented the Tree City USA Flag to Mayor Bob Brown. Mayor Brown also recognized Amanda Anderson with Angelina Beautiful Clean.

Mayor Brown stated that prior to the City Council meeting, the City presented a proclamation to Tommy Scherry with Centerpoint Energy declaring April “Safe Digging Month” in the State of Texas and City of Lufkin.

5. **ISSUANCE OF A PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN THE CITY OF LUFKIN.**

Mayor Bob Brown stated that Item No. 5 was the issuance of a proclamation declaring April as Fair Housing Month in the City of Lufkin.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that numerous cities around the State were declaring April as Fair Housing Month. City Manager Parker stated this was done to raise awareness in the State and City regarding Fair Housing issues. City Manager Parker concluded that Staff recommended that the Mayor issue the proclamation declaring April Fair Housing Month in the City of Lufkin.

Mayor Brown then issued the proclamation declaring the same.

NEW BUSINESS:

6. **2014 LUFKIN POLICE DEPARTMENT FORFEITED FUNDS BUDGET - APPROVED**

Mayor Bob Brown stated the next item was to consider approval of the 2014 Lufkin Police Department Forfeited Funds Budget.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that this budget was submitted each year by the Police Department and required City Council approval. City Manager Parker furthered that the budget this year included ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to pay off seized vehicles; sixty-seven thousand dollars (\$67,000) for equipment and software; ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for training and twenty-three thousand one hundred dollars (\$23,100) for the purchase of an unmarked vehicle. City Manager Parker requested that Police Chief Gerald Williamson expound on this item. Chief Williamson then explained the proposed budget in detail. Councilmember Don Langston commended Chief Williamson on the proposed budget and use of funding.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the 2014 Lufkin Police Department Forfeited Funds Budget as presented. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

7. **AWARD OF BID TO TIMBERLINE CONSTRUCTORS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$237,525) FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A GENERATOR AT WATER PLANT NO. 2 IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE IKE ROUND 2.2 GRANT AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 15 APPROPRIATING FUNDING FOR THIS PROJECT - APPROVED**

Mayor Bob Brown stated the next item was to consider an award of bid to Timberline Constructors, Inc. in the amount of two hundred thirty-seven thousand five hundred twenty-five dollars (\$237,525) for the purchase and installation of a generator at Water Plant No. 2 in conjunction with the Ike Round 2.2 Grant and approval of Resolution authorizing Budget Amendment No. 15 appropriating funding for this project.

City Manager Paul Parker stated the City had received funding from the Ike Round 2.2 Grant in the amount of one million two hundred thirty-six thousand two hundred thirty-nine dollars (\$1,236,239). City Manager Parker stated this grant required no match and would be used for two major projects; the installation of a generator at Water Plant No. 2 and drainage improvements on Denman Avenue. City Manager Parker continued that the drainage portion of the project should be under construction this summer. City Manager Parker stated that the generator to be installed was a six hundred kilowatt (600 kW) that would provide electricity to the plant in case of a power failure or emergency event. City Manager Parker continued that this was a continued improvement to the City's water system. City Manager Parker furthered that the bid included an alternate, the combination of electrical panels, which resulted in a deduction of the total bid price. City Manager Parker continued that the apparent low bid was in the amount of two hundred thirty-seven thousand five hundred twenty-five dollars (\$237,525) from Timberline Constructors, Inc. City Manager Parker concluded that Staff recommended City Council award the bid as stated for the installation of the generator and approve Budget Amendment No. 15. Councilmember Victor Travis questioned what energy source the generator would use. City Manager Parker stated the generator would be powered by natural gas.

Councilmember Victor Travis moved to approve the award of bid for the purchase and installation of the generator as stated. Councilmember Don Langston seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

8. **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Paul Parker highlighted the revenue reports and stated that Sales Tax was still below projections and explained the reasons for the decrease which included a general decline in retail sales and several rebates. City Manager Parker stated that the retail sales trend was still in decline; however, Staff was hopeful it would increase in the future. City Manager Parker continued that the remainder of the revenue funds were on target and expenditures were in line. City Manager Parker stated that Fire Station No. 3 and the new Municipal Court building were both nearing completion. City Manager Parker concluded that he would be glad to answer any questions in regard to the reports. City Manager Parker stated that the Finance Committee had their quarterly meeting prior to the Council meeting and the City's finances and investments were in good order.

9. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Bob Brown stated that an Executive Session would be needed. Mayor Brown commended Judge Bob Inselman and Inspection Services Director Dale Allred for their help with the recent Mission Possible.

Mayor Brown recessed the Regular Session at 5:25 p.m. Regular Session was reconvened at 6:25 p.m.

10. **APPOINTMENT OF A BOARD MEMBER TO THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION – APPROVED**

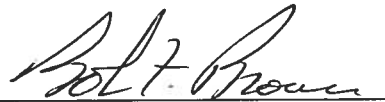
Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to appoint Jeff Portwood to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Councilmember Don Langston seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

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 highlighted upcoming events and meetings including the Lufkin Convention & Visitors Bureau Board Meeting, Good Friday Holiday, Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Firemen's Pension Board Meeting, Angelina Benefit Rodeo and Chamber Events.

Mayor Bob Brown stated that City Manager Paul Parker had officially submitted his resignation as City Manager for the City of Lufkin effective December 12, 2014.

12. There being no further business for consideration, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.



Bob F. Brown, Mayor


Kara Atwood, City Secretary

SEAL