

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 5TH DAY OF JULY, 2005**

On the 5th day of July 2005, 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:

Louis Bronaugh	Mayor
Rose Faine Boyd	Mayor pro tem
R. L. Kuykendall	Councilmember, Ward No. 1
Lynn Torres	Councilmember, Ward No. 3
Don Langston	Councilmember, Ward No. 4
Jack Gorden, Jr.	Councilmember, Ward No. 5
Dennis Robertson	Councilmember, Ward No. 6
Paul L. Parker	City Manager
Renee Thompson	City Secretary
Robert Flournoy	City Attorney
Keith Wright	City Engineer
Kenneth Williams	Public Works Director
David Koonce	Human Resource Director
Larry Brazil	Police Chief
Scott Marcotte	Asst. Police Chief
Dorothy Wilson	Director of Planning
Doug Wood	Finance Director
Beauford Chapman	Inspection Services Director
Jim Wehmeier	Economic Development Director
Barbara Thompson	Main Street Director
Duane Freeman	Fire Marshal
Mary Jo Gorden	Lufkin Landscape Task Force
Genie Flournoy	Lufkin Landscape Task Force
Rufus Duncan, Jr.	Lufkin Landscape Task Force
Devereux Chapman	Lufkin Landscape Task Force
Dawn Dupuis	Lufkin Landscape Task Force
Mark Dunn	Lufkin Landscape Task Force

being present, when the following business was transacted:

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Simon Purvis, Word of Life Church.
2. Mayor Louis Bronaugh welcomed visitors present.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 21, 2005 were approved on a motion by Councilmember Lynn Torres, and seconded by Councilmember Rose Faine Boyd. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

OLD BUSINESS:

4. **SECOND READING OF THE REQUEST OF CEDRIC AND LOLA BROOKS ON BEHALF OF BILLIE JANE BOON TO CHANGE THE ZONING FROM "HEAVY MANUFACTURING" TO A "SMALL SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING" DISTRICT - APPROVED - ON 2.28 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED ON SPENCE STREET AND DESCRIBED AS TRACTS 8, 9, & 10 OF THE A. BARELA SURVEY. THE REQUEST WILL ALSO ENCOMPASS AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY CHANGING THE DESIGNATION OF THE PROPERTIES FROM "COMMERCIAL" TO "LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL"**

Mayor Louis Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was the Second Reading of the request of Cedric and Lola Brooks on behalf of Billie Jane Boon to change the Zoning from "Heavy Manufacturing" to a "Small Single-Family Dwelling" District on 2.28 acres of land located on Spence Street and described as Tracts 8, 9, & 10 of the A. Barela Survey. The request will also encompass amending the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan by changing the designation of the properties from "Commercial" to "Low Density Residential". City Manager Paul Parker stated that this Zone Change had been previously reviewed by Council and added that there were no comments unless there were any questions from the Council.

Councilmember Rose Faine Boyd moved to approve on Second Reading the request of Cedric and Lola Brooks on behalf of Billie Jane Boon to change the Zoning from "Heavy Manufacturing" to a

"Small Single-Family Dwelling" District on 2.28 acres of land located on Spence Street and described as Tracts 8, 9, & 10 of the A. Barela Survey. The request will also encompass amending the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan by changing the designation of the properties from "Commercial" to "Low Density Residential". Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

NEW BUSINESS:

5. PRESENTATION BY THE LUFKIN LANDSCAPE TASK FORCE REGARDING IMPROVEMENTS PROPOSED FOR CHAMBERS PARK

Mayor Louis Bronaugh stated that the next item was a presentation by the Lufkin Landscape Task Force regarding improvements proposed for Chambers Park. City Manager Paul Parker stated that there were several representatives from the Lufkin Landscape Task Force present in the meeting and added that this group had worked well with the City of Lufkin doing beautification projects in the past. City Manager Parker added that this organization's objective is to assist the City at Chambers Park and wanted to make a presentation to the City Council regarding their concepts for Chambers Park. City Manager Parker explained that the group was seeking an endorsement from Council concerning this project and added that Rufus Duncan, Jr. was present to speak to the Council.

Rufus Duncan, Jr. introduced the representatives from the Lufkin Landscape Task Force that were in the audience. They were as follows: Mr. Duncan, Mary Jo Gordon, Genie Flournoy, Devereux Chapman, Mark Dunn and Dawn Dupuis. Mr. Duncan stated that the Lufkin Landscape Task Force is a non-profit organization of Lufkin citizens that was formed three to four years ago under the auspice of the City. Mr. Duncan explained that Chambers Park is the third project for the organization. Mr. Duncan added that the first two projects were the Spirit of America Park and Gaslight Boulevard and these projects have been completed and dedicated to the City of Lufkin. Mr. Duncan stated that the Landscape Task Force only tries to improve City property. Mr. Duncan explained that the group identifies areas of town that need improvement, plans the improvement, brings the project to Council for approval, raises the money for the improvements, completes the improvements and then dedicates the projects back to the City of Lufkin to be maintained.

Mr. Duncan stated that the Chambers Park Project is estimated to cost approximately \$197,000 and the Landscape Task Force plans to raise approximately \$103,000 of the funds needed. Mr. Duncan added that the group had already raised almost one third of this money. Mr. Duncan stated that there are other groups that are going to contribute funds to the project. Mr. Duncan added that the Landscape Task Force is requesting that the City of Lufkin provide approximately \$57,000 toward the project with some of it being in kind and labor.

Mr. Duncan stated that plans for the Chambers Park Project include: stabilizing the erosion in the creek, renovating the bridge over the creek, adding rock columns with ornamental iron fencing along Pershing, redoing all of the signs, putting in rock columns at the covered areas, adding a playground near the "spray play" area in the park that will be covered, restore the concrete deck in front of the Chambers Community Center, improve the parking in the area, and a mural for the Girl Scout House depicting the Girl Scouts and Col. Chambers.

Mr. Duncan stated that the Lufkin Landscape Task Force was requesting that City Council approve the plans for the Chambers Park Project. Mayor Louis Bronaugh commented that one of the best ideas for the project is the widening of the bridge that would allow crossing the creek without having to get out onto the street.

Councilmember Don Langston asked what the plans were for the bridge in the park. City Engineer Keith Wright stated that the City is proposing to lay a footing on each side of the bridge, install an arch over the creek, and build a headwall to be able to mortar in rock face. Mr. Wright explained that the bridge would have a sidewalk on each side with a guardrail. City Manager Paul Parker added that the bridge project is included in the Preliminary Budget for 2005/2006.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the recommendation of the Lufkin Landscape Task Force for the Chambers Park Project. Councilmember Jack Gorden seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

Councilmember Dennis Robertson commented that the Lufkin Landscape Task Force was to be commended for their effort and dedication to the design and plans to establish Chambers Park as a premier park for Lufkin.

6. ENGINEERING CONTRACT FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF ASBESTOS CEMENT WATER LINES - APPROVED - IN THE BURKE AREA

Mayor Louis Bronaugh stated that the next item was to consider awarding the Engineering Contract for the replacement of asbestos cement water lines in the Burke area. City Manager Paul Parker stated the City had recently received bids for the water line project in the Burke area and added that the low bidder was Oscar Crawford Construction in the amount of \$962,609. City Manager Parker added that the original estimate was \$937,668 which was slightly lower than the bid amount. City Manager

Parker explained that the City is well below budget overall for AC replacement projects. City Manager Parker added that Oscar Crawford Construction failed to submit three forms required by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) to supplement the contract documents. City Manager Parker stated that none of the forms were related to price, time, or changes to work. City Manager Parker added that the City has since received those forms and has received approval from the City Attorney. City Manager Parker stated that Staff recommends that Council award the contract to Oscar Crawford Construction in the amount of \$962,609.

Councilmember Dennis Robertson asked if the City had previous good experience in using Oscar Crawford Construction. City Manager Parker stated that Oscar Crawford Construction had done several projects for the City and the City had good success with them.

Councilmember Don Langston moved to award the Engineering Contract for the replacement of asbestos cement water lines in the Burke area. Councilmember Jack Gorden seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

7. BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN AERIAL LADDER TRUCK FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Louis Bronaugh stated that the next item was to consider the bid for the purchase of an aerial ladder truck for the Fire Department. City Manager Paul Parker stated that Council had previously approved the grant application for the purchase of an aerial ladder truck for the Fire Department and added that the City had received the grant in the amount of \$640,000 with the City match being \$64,000. City Manager Parker explained that this would allow the City to go through HGAC to purchase the aerial truck and to make the initial payment to Martin Apparatus in the amount of \$288,000.

Councilmember Dennis Robertson asked where the fire truck would be housed. City Manager Parker explained that this truck would not fit into any of the stations that the City currently has. Councilmember Robertson asked if it would be housed at the proposed new fire station. City Manager Parker stated that if the City has the funds to build the station on Old Union that it would be built with high bays to accommodate the new truck.

Councilmember Don Langston moved to authorize the purchase and initial payment for an aerial ladder truck for the Fire Department. Councilmember Rose Faine Boyd seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

8. BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 21 – APPROVED - TO THE 2004/2005 OPERATING BUDGET.

Mayor Louis Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was approval of Budget Amendment No. 21 to the 2004/2005 Operating Budget. City Manager Paul Parker stated that as the Fiscal Year 2006 Budget was prepared, the departments determined a spending plan for the remainder of the year that would allow continuing with present levels of service. City Manager Parker added that the process includes amending the budget to remove any unnecessary funds from each department's operating budget. City Manager Parker explained that the primary causes of the decreases are due to unfilled positions, reduction in supplies and maintenance requirements, and with a few rare occasions where funds budgeted was not sufficient, an increase in funds. City Manager Parker added that this would be a reduction of the budget and would help balance the budget at the end of the fiscal year. City Manager Parker stated that Staff recommended approval of Budget Amendment No. 21 to the 2004/2005 Operating Budget.

Councilmember Rose Faine Boyd moved to approve adopting a Resolution authorizing an amendment to the 2004/2005 Operating Budget (Budget Amendment No. 21), providing for the supplemental appropriation of funds in the General Fund; and providing an effective date. Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2005/2006 ANNUAL BUDGET – APPROVED - FOR AUGUST 2 AND AUGUST 16, 2005

Mayor Louis Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was to set public hearings on the proposed Fiscal Year 2005/2006 Annual Budget for August 2, and August 16, 2005. City Manager Paul Parker stated this would be the tentative dates for the Budget Review and explained that Legislature had passed two pieces of legislation this last term concerning public hearings. City Manager Parker stated that Senate Bill 18 was passed and that most cities are trying to clarify the requirements concerning "Public Hearing Notices". City Manager Parker added that these dates may have to change slightly or City Council may have to have "Special Called Meetings" to meet the requirements of Senate Bill 18. City Manager Parker explained that the Bill is designed to make sure there is truth in taxation. City Manager Parker stated that August 2, and August 16, 2005 are the tentative dates set and added that the dates must be approved through a voice vote from the City Council.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve setting the public hearings on the proposed Fiscal Year 2005/2006 Annual Budget for August 2, and August 16, 2005. Councilmember Rose Faine Boyd seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

10. CITY OF LUFKIN BUDGET WORKSHOP- INCLUDING PRESENTATION OF THE DRAFT FISCAL YEAR 2005/2006 CITY OF LUFKIN ANNUAL BUDGET

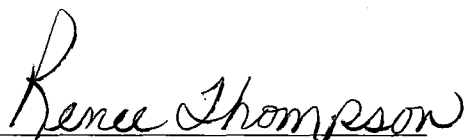
Mayor Louis Bronaugh stated that the next item would be the Budget Workshop, including presentation of the Draft Fiscal Year 2005/2006 City of Lufkin Annual Budget. City Manager Paul Parker stated that Council had previously held a Budget Workshop and went through the budget in detail. City Manager Parker added that this item was on the agenda to answer any questions that Council had since the last Workshop. City Manager Parker stated that the only change that had occurred since that workshop was the deficit had decreased by a few thousand dollars. City Manager Parker added that in the Hotel/Motel Fund that Staff is recommending that \$5000 that was donated to the Angelina Art Alliance be moved to the Texas Forestry Museum. City Manager Parker explained that this budget would reflect no funding to the Angelina Art Alliance and would increase the funding of the Texas Forestry Museum by \$5000.

City Manager Parker stated that the City does not have the assessed values from the Appraisal District and that would be the largest unknown to effect this budget. City Manager Parker added that this would be the first year for the "Senior Freeze" and was not sure how this would affect the numbers this year. Councilmember Don Langston asked when the City expected to hear from the Appraisal District. City Manager Parker stated that Finance Director Doug Wood had been in contact with them and expects to have a preliminary working number in the next few days. City Manager Parker explained that the Appraisal District had recently had some software changes and computer problems and are getting close to getting the numbers. City Manager Parker added that he would be happy to answer any questions that Council might have on the proposed budget.

Councilmember Dennis Robertson asked if there would be money available from this year's budget to possibly finance the new fire station on Old Union Road. City Manager Parker stated that if projections are correct, the City would have approximately 1.8 million dollars of fund balance above the City's Reserve Policy. City Manager Parker explained that if that amount holds true, and there are no surprises on the appraisal, the City would be able to use a portion of that money to build a new fire station. City Manager Parker added that Staff would wait to see the final numbers for this year before recommending that action. Councilmember Robertson stated that he would like for Council to strongly consider building the fire station. City Manager Parker stated that the estimates for building the station were around \$800,000 but he felt it would be closer to \$1,000,000. City Manager Parker added that even with this expenditure the City would still have a very healthy Fund Balance. City Manager Parker stated that he had authorized the Fire Chief to solicit requests for architectural proposals. City Manager Parker added that once the architectural team is in place, the City would get a better understanding of the funds that would be needed.

11. Councilmember Lynn Torres expressed excitement that the Mayor and City Secretary were invited to attend the Launch of the STS-114. Mayor Louis Bronaugh stated that there would be a Key-8 Meeting on July 12th. City Manager Paul Parker stated that he had invited Centerpoint to the next Council meeting to give a complete report to Council concerning a proposed rate increase. City Manager Parker added that cities have some rate jurisdiction in these cases and stated that Staff is visiting with other cities in our Region to see what they are considering doing. City Manager Parker reiterated that on the next agenda there would be representatives from Centerpoint present to explain their requests. Councilmember Jack Gorden asked where the City is on the Electrical Contract it has with TXU. City Manager Parker stated that the City has approximately a year left on the contract. Mayor Louis Bronaugh stated that the renaming of the VA Clinic in Lufkin would be at 11:00 a.m. instead of 12:00 noon as listed on the Council's calendar and encouraged Council member to try to attend.

12. There being no further business for consideration, the meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.


Renee Thompson – City Secretary


Louis A. Bronaugh – Mayor