

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2018**

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October , 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:

Bob F. Brown	Mayor
Mark Hicks	Mayor Pro Tem
Guessippinna 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	Deputy City Manager/City Attorney
Jason Arnold	Assistant to the City Manager
Seth Elmore	Assistant City Attorney
Kara Andrepont	City Secretary
Gerald Williamson	Public Safety Director
Ted Lovett	Fire Chief
Belinda Melancon	Finance Director
Dorothy Wilson	Planning Director
Kevin Gee	Engineering Services Director
Barbara Thompson	Main Street Director
Albert Duffield	Water & Sewer Director
Kent Havard	Solid Waste Director

being present when the following business was transacted.

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Kendrick Morris with Harvest Family Worship.
2. Mayor Bob F. Brown welcomed visitors present and recognized those in attendance from Angelina College.
3. **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 18, 2018 – APPROVED**

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

4. **PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS BY CHANGING THE ZONING DESIGNATION TO “COMMERCIAL” ON PROPERTY ADDRESSED AS 300 NORTH BYNUM STREET - APPROVED**

City Manager Wright stated the applicant, Michael G. Parker, and the owner, Whitney & Associates had requested a zone change to “Commercial” for property addressed as 300 N. Bynum Street. City Manager Wright highlighted the location of the property and neighboring properties as shown on the corresponding maps. City Manager Wright furthered that the proposed zone change to “Commercial” would allow for more development in this predominately medical area of Lufkin. City Manager Wright stated that the request was unanimously approved at the September 10<sup>th</sup> Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. 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” for property located at 300 North Bynum Street.

Mayor Bob Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:03 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak, Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing and moved to comments from the City Council.

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

**5. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS BY CHANGING THE ZONING DESIGNATION TO “RESIDENTIAL SMALL SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING” ON PROPERTY ADDRESSED AS 509 AND 511 GROVE AVENUE – APPROVED**

City Manager Wright stated that the owner, CCLAD, Inc., had requested a zone change to “Residential Small Single Family Dwelling” on property located at 509 and 511 Grove Avenue. City Manager Wright furthered that the property was currently zoned “Light Manufacturing”. City Manager Wright stated that the purpose of the zone change was to construct small single family dwellings on each lot. City Manager Wright furthered that the request was unanimously approved at the September 10<sup>th</sup> Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and consider on Second Reading an Ordinance changing the zoning to “Residential Small Single Family Dwelling” on property located at 509 and 511 Grove Avenue.

Mayor Bob Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:05 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak, Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing and moved to comments from the City Council.

Councilmember Mark Hicks recused himself from discussion and voting on this item due to his involvement with the project.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the Ordinance as presented. Councilmember Guessippina Bonner 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 REGARDING THE CONVERSION OF SIGNS TO ELECTRONIC FORMAT - APPROVED**

City Manager Wright stated that this Ordinance would amend the Zoning Ordinance to allow for the conversion of signage in the City of Lufkin to electronic format. City Manager Wright furthered that there was currently a policy in place that allowed for the conversions, but the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) had asked that the City formally adopt a policy. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and consider on First Reading an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Lufkin regarding the conversion of signs to electronic format.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:07 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak, Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing and moved to comments from the City Council.

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

**7. GRANT FROM THE GEORGIA PACIFIC FOUNDATION FOR THE LUFKIN FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2018-2019 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 1) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING – APPROVED**

City Manager Wright stated that this was a grant from the Georgia Pacific Foundation to the City of Lufkin Fire Department in the amount of \$8,000. City Manager Wright

furthered that these funds would be allocated to the fire operations budget. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council accept the grant in the amount of \$8,000 from the Georgia Pacific Foundation and approve the First Reading of an Ordinance authorizing Budget Amendment No. 1 appropriating the funding.

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

**8. GRANT FROM THE DEEP EAST TEXAS REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (DETRAC) TO THE LUFKIN FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2018-2019 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 2) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING - APPROVED**

City Manager Wright stated that a grant in the amount of \$14,471 from the Deep East Texas Regional Advisory Council (DETRAC) would be used by the Fire Department for EMS equipment purchases. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council accept the grant from the Deep East Texas Regional Advisory Council (DETRAC) and approve the First Reading of an Ordinance authorizing Budget Amendment No. 2 appropriating the funding.

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

**9. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LUFKIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND STERLING LUMBER COMPANY, LLC. – APPROVED**

City Manager Wright stated that during the Special Called Meeting of the 4B Economic Development Board held on September 27, 2018, a unanimous vote was recorded to approve an economic development agreement with Sterling Lumber Company, LLC. City Manager Wright furthered that Sterling Lumber Company was a family-run company based in Chicago that provides and manufactured TerraLam®, an innovative cross-laminated mat for site access and ground protection around construction projects. City Manager Wright stated that this agreement would approve a \$250,000 incentive grant in exchange for a \$30 million dollar capital investment by December 31, 2022 and creation of one hundred fifty (150) full time positions by the fourth quarter of 2022. City Manager Wright furthered that Sterling Lumber Company had also received a grant from the State of Texas in the amount of \$825,000 from the Texas Enterprise Fund. City Manager Wright recognized Betty Russo with the Governor's Office and Nancy Windham with the Texas Forest Country Partnership who had both worked on this project as well. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council approve an Economic Development Agreement between the Lufkin Economic Development Corporation and Sterling Lumber Company, LLC.

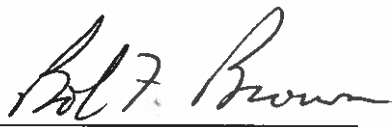
Councilmember Robert Shankle moved to approve the Agreement as presented. Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

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

City Manager Wright highlighted events and upcoming meetings on the Calendar.

11. There being no further business, Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 5:14 p.m.



  
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Bob F. Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Kara Andrepoint, City Secretary