

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 2ND DAY OF MAY, 2017.

On the 2nd day of May, 2017 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
Guessippina Bonner	Councilmember, Ward No. 1
Robert Shankle	Councilmember, Ward No. 2
Lynn Torres	Councilmember, Ward No. 3
Sarah Murray	Councilmember, Ward No. 6
Keith Wright	City Manager
Steve Floyd	Assistant City Manager
Bruce Green	City Attorney
Kara Atwood	City Secretary
Gerald Williamson	Police Chief
Ted Lovett	Fire Chief
Belinda Southern	Finance Director
Steve Poskey	Street Department Director
Mike Akridge	Parks & Recreation Director
Brant Lee	Convention Center Director
Jason Arnold	Water & Sewer Director
Dale Allred	Inspection Services Director
Chuck Walker	Solid Waste Director
Kent Havard	Solid Waste Director
Nancy Windham	Economic Development Director

being present and;

Rocky Thigpen	Councilmember, Ward No. 5
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being absent when the following business was transacted.

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by City Manager Keith Wright.
2. Mayor Bob F. Brown welcomed the visitors present.
3. **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD APRIL 18TH 2017 - 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.

NEW BUSINESS

4. **FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2716 REGULATING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE AND PRIVATE AMBULANCE SERVICE IN THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS - APPROVED**

City Manager Wright stated that Ordinance No. 2716 which regulated the emergency medical service was drafted in 1989. City Manager Wright furthered that Ordinance No. 2716 was not up to date with all of the current medical practices and as a result Fire Chief Ted Lovett requested a review of the Ordinance. City Manager Wright stated that the Ordinance was reviewed by Staff and the City Attorney. City Manager Wright overviewed the minor changes to the Ordinance. City Manager Wright stated that the

amendment would update the Ordinance to reflect the current Fire Department practices and better regulate the issuance of Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council consider approval on First Reading of an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2716 regulating emergency medical service and private ambulance service in the City of Lufkin.

Councilmember Bonner questioned costs regarding public and private transport. City Manager Wright stated that ambulance costs were relative to the insurance carrier and the ambulance service provider. City Manager Wright furthered that the Second reading of the Ordinance would detail specific costs, as Fire Chief Lovett planned to present a recommendation for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

Councilmember Bonner requested clarification regarding City emergency services versus the use of private emergency services. City Manager Wright stated that the City of Lufkin services would be the primary emergency services dispatched and in the event that City services were engaged; a private medical emergency service would be dispatched. City Attorney Bruce Green stated that a plan was in place to facilitate how the City emergency medical services and the private emergency medical services would communicate, operate and transport. City Attorney Green outlined examples.

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

5. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A CANNABIS ERADICATION/SUPPRESSION GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000 FROM THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION AND A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 18 APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING - APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that on July 19, 2016 City Council approved a Resolution authorizing the Lufkin Police Department to apply for a Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program Grant through the Drug Enforcement Administration and fortunately the Police Department was awarded the grant. City Manager Wright furthered that the funds would be used for the purchase of equipment and overtime costs. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council approve a Resolution accepting the Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program Grant in the amount of \$15,000 and a Resolution authorizing Budget Amendment No. 18, appropriating the funding.

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

6. SUBMISSION OF A TAX RESALE BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF A TRUST PROPERTY NEAR KURTH LAKE (LOT NO. 20, 21, 22, 23 AND 24, BLOCK 1; C.H. HARRELL SUBDIVISION, ANGELINA COUNTY - APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that when property taxes on property were unpaid the property was auctioned. City Manager Wright furthered that the property in question was put up for auction and there was not a bid placed on the property. City Manager Wright detailed the subject property on a map. City Manager Wright stated that Linebarger Goggan Blair and Sampson, LLP brought it to the attention of Staff that the property was adjacent to City owned property and was land locked. City Manager Wright furthered that acceptance of the bid would provide an opportunity for the City. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff requested City Council authorize the submission of a bid in the amount of \$1,465 to the tax attorney Linebarger Goggan Blair and Sampson, LLP for the purchase to the lots.

Councilmember Shankle moved to approve the submission of the bid as presented. Councilmember Murray seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

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

City Manager Wright detailed various upcoming City sponsored and community events.

8. There being no more business to address the meeting was adjourned at 5:11 p.m.




Bob F. Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kara Atwood, City Secretary