

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 7th DAY OF JANUARY, 2020

On the 7th day of January, 2020 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
Mark Hicks
Guessippina Bonner
Robert Shankle
Lynn Torres
Rocky Thigpen
Sarah Murray
Keith Wright
Bruce Green
Jason Arnold
Kara Andrepont
Gerald Williamson
David Thomas
Jesse Moody
Belinda Melancon
Kevin Gee
Calvin Toups
Michael Flinn
Sid Munlin

Mayor
Mayor Pro Tem
Councilmember, Ward No. 1
Councilmember, Ward No. 2
Councilmember, Ward No. 3
Councilmember, Ward No. 5
Councilmember, Ward No. 6
City Manager
City Attorney
Assistant to the City Manager
City Secretary
Public Safety Director
Police Chief
Fire Chief
Finance Director
Engineering Services Director
Building Official
Parks and Recreation Director
IT Director

being present when the following business was transacted.

INVOCATION - The meeting was opened with prayer by City Manager, Keith Wright.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mayor Brown opened the meeting for Public Comment on any posted agenda item at 5:01 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak, Mayor Brown closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD DECEMBER 17, 2019 – APPROVED

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

2. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS BY CHANGING THE ZONING TO “COMMERCIAL” AND THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION TO “CORRIDOR COMMERCIAL” FOR PROPERTIES ADDRESSED AS 1707 WALLACE STREET AND 202 – 211 SYBIL DRIVE - APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that the applicant, Falcon Properties had requested a zone change to “Commercial” for ten (10) lots on Wallace Street and Sybil Drive. City Manager Wright furthered that the Planning and Zoning Commission had approved the request during their meeting on November 25, 2019. City Manager Wright stated that the item had “died” for lack of motion during the City Council meeting held on December 3, 2019. City Manager Wright furthered that City Council had expressed concerns with the residential uses that could be utilized should the zone change to “Commercial” be granted. City Manager Wright furthered that after research it had been requested that should City Council wish to move forward with the request that the Ordinance be amended by a motion that would regulate the residential use of the property by requiring the owner to conform to the residential building requirements of the zoning of the adjacent residential property. City Manager Wright stated that the only Residential that could be constructed within the rezoned Commercial area would be “Residential Large” because that is

what was adjacent to the property. City Manager Wright furthered that the Ordinance was passed on First Reading during the December 17, 2019 City Council meeting with the amended motion regarding the development of the lots for residential use.

City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and consider on Second Reading and Ordinance changing the zoning to “Commercial” with a Future Land Use designation of “Corridor Commercial.”

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:03 p.m. Michael Parker spoke and had a question concerning the additional conditions and requirements if the property were zoned “Commercial.” City Manager Wright explained the requirements. There being no one else who wished to speak, Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing and moved to comments from the Council.

Councilmember Rocky Thigpen asked if the zoning was changed to “Commercial” could there be a requirement that fencing be placed between the commercial and residential properties? A discussion concerning the amending of the Ordinance to reflect these concerns as well as the future use of the properties ensued.

Councilmember Rocky Thigpen moved to approve the Ordinance as presented along with a stipulation that a site bearing fence be constructed between the Commercial and Residential lots. Councilmember Lynn Torres seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

3. SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LUFKIN, TEXAS AMENDING THE ORDINANCE ADOPTING A CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR THE LUFKIN POLICE DEPARTMENT- APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that Item No. 3 would be similar to Item No. 6 on the agenda for the Fire Department. City Manager Wright furthered that the proposed Ordinance was necessary under the Civil Service Chapter 143 of the Texas Local Government Code, which required the City Council to approve a Fire and Police Civil Service employee classification plan and authorize the number of Civil Service employees for each position. City Manager Wright summarized that the Lufkin Police Department would reduce one lieutenant position and hire two additional patrol officers as part of a Traffic Safety Division and the other Lieutenant position would be replaced with a Sergeant position and the supervisory duties would be adjusted. City Manager Wright furthered that one officer would be promoted to Corporal and one Corporal to Sergeant. City Manager Wright stated that these changes would allow for the opportunity of promotion, for the safety of citizens career development for supervisors and more efficient operation of the department with minimal increase to the budget. City Manager Wright furthered that there would be a minimal increase to the operating budget of \$12,000 to \$15,000 with these changes.

City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council approve on Second Reading an Ordinance adopting a Classification Plan for the Lufkin Police Department.

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

4. SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2019-2020 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 9) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING FROM THE DEEP EAST TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (DETCOG) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A GENERATOR FOR THE LUFKIN POLICE DEPARTMENT – APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that this was a grant through the Deep East Texas Council of Governments in the amount of \$40,000 for the replacement of a generator at City Hall. City Manager Wright furthered that the cost was a little more than \$40,000 and the additional money would be taken from an existing line item in the contingency fund.

City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended that City Council accept the funding in the amount of \$40,000 and approve on Second Reading an Ordinance authorizing Budget Amendment No. 9 appropriating the funding.

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. **SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2019-2020 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 10) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING FROM DONATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,500 TO LUFKIN PARKS AND RECREATION FOR THE CHRISTMAS IN THE PINES EVENT – APPROVED**

City Manager Wright stated that this was the Second Reading of an Ordinance for the donation in the amount of \$4,500 to the Lufkin Parks and Recreation Department.

City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council accept the donations and approve on Second Reading an Ordinance appropriating the funding.

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

6. **FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LUFKIN, TEXAS AMENDING THE ORDINANCE ADOPTING A CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR THE LUFKIN FIRE DEPARTMENT – APPROVED**

City Manager Wright stated that Item No. 6 was similar to Item No. 3 but concerned the classification plan for the Fire Department. City Manager Wright furthered that the Fire Chief, Jesse Moody, had recommended changing the Assistant Fire Marshal position, which was a Captain position, to a firefighter position. City Manager Wright explained that the duties of the Assistant Fire Marshal would be divided among several other trained personnel. City Manager Wright stated that the change would also add four (4) firefighter positions that were approved during the budget process that would start in January and this would be a total increase of five (5) additional firefighters.

City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council approve the First Reading of an Ordinance adopting a Classification Plan for the Lufkin Fire Department.

Councilmember Guessippina Bonner moved to approve the First Reading of the Ordinance as presented. Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

7. **ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,424 FROM THE DEEP EAST TEXAS REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (DETRAC) FOR THE LUFKIN FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2019 – 2020 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 11) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING– APPROVED**

City Manager Wright stated that as participants in the Deep East Texas Regional Advisory Council (DETRAC), the Lufkin Fire Department received distributions of State funding for use on local Fire/EMS activities. City Manager Wright furthered that the Lufkin Fire Department had recently received grant funding in the amount of \$11,424 which would be utilized to purchase EMS supplies.

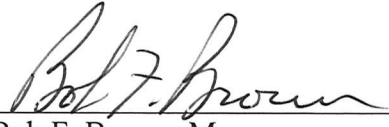
City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council accept the funding in the amount of \$11,424 from the Deep East Texas Regional Advisory Council (DETRAC) and approve the First Reading of an Ordinance authorizing Budget Amendment No. 11 appropriating the funding.

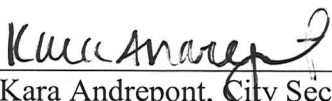
Councilmember Robert Shankle moved to accept the funding and approve the Ordinance as presented. Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

Mayor Bob Brown recognized the birthdays of Mrs. Leroy Shankle and Assistant City Manager, Jason Arnold.

There being no further business, Mayor Bob Brown adjourned the meeting at 5:22 p.m.




Bob F. Brown, Mayor


Kara Andrepont, City Secretary