

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2021**

On the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021 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  
Robert Shankle  
Lynn Torres  
Rocky Thigpen  
Trent Burfine  
Bruce Green  
Erika Neill  
Jason Arnold  
Gerald Williamson  
Kara Andrepont  
Rodney Ivy  
David Thomas  
Buddy Cross  
Jesse Moody  
Jessica Pebsworth  
Belinda Melancon  
Kevin Gee  
Scott Rayburn  
Calvin Toups  
Rudy Flores  
Brant Lee  
Albert Duffield  
Jarod Murphy  
Rick Smith  
Scott Feaster  
Kent Havard  
Taylor Commiato

Mayor  
Mayor Pro Tem  
Councilmember, Ward No. 2  
Councilmember, Ward No. 3  
Councilmember, Ward No. 5  
Councilmember, Ward No. 6  
City Manager  
City Attorney  
Assistant City Manager – Public Works  
Assistant City Manager – Admin/Public Safety  
City Secretary  
Human Resource Director  
Police Chief  
Assistant Police Chief  
Fire Chief  
Communications Director  
Finance Director  
Engineering Services Director  
Planning Director  
Building Official  
Parks and Recreation Director  
Convention Services Director  
Water & Sewer Director  
Assistant Director Water & Sewer  
Fleet Maintenance Director  
IT Director  
Solid Waste Director  
Lufkin Convention & Visitors Bureau Director

being present: and

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Councilmember, Ward No. 1

being absent when the following business was transacted.

**INVOCATION** – The meeting was opened with prayer by Judge Paul White.

**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.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD APRIL 20, 2021 – APPROVED.**
2. **SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2020-2021 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 10) APPROPRIATING THE GRANT FUNDING (\$3,300) FROM THE DEEP EAST TEXAS REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (DETRAC) FOR THE LUFKIN FIRE DEPARTMENT – APPROVED.**
3. **SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2020 – 2021 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET EMENDMENT NO. 11) APPROPRIATING DONATIONS (\$1,700) TO THE CITY OF LUFKIN PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT – APPROVED.**

4. **TAX RESALE AUCTION BID FOR PROPERTY KNOWN AS 117 REECE LANE - APPROVED.**
5. **TAX RESALE AUCTION BID FOR PROPERTY KNOWN AS 604 WILLIAMS STREET – APPROVED.**

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve all items on the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

#### **BUSINESS AGENDA**

6. **CANVAS OF THE 2021 CITY OF LUFKIN MUNICIPAL ELECTION AND RESOLUTION DECLARING RESULTS OF THE SAME – APPROVED.**

City Manager Bruce Green stated State Law required the Mayor and City Council canvass the votes of the May 1, 2021 City of Lufkin General Election. City Manager Green furthered Staff recommended City Council perform the required canvassing of the votes of the election and approve a Resolution declaring the results. City Secretary Kara Andrepont reported the vote totals for the City of Lufkin Election held on May 1, 2021.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to certify the election results and approve the Resolution as presented. Councilmember Rocky Thigpen seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

7. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ORDER A RUNOFF ELECTION FOR THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS ON JUNE 12, 2021 – APPROVED.**

City Manager Bruce Green stated the City of Lufkin General Election was conducted on May 1, 2021 for the purpose of electing a Mayor and Councilmember for Ward No. 4. City Manager Green furthered according to State Law, one candidate must receive more than 50% of the total vote to be declared the winner; otherwise, a run-off election must be held between the two candidates receiving the most votes. City Manager Green stated the Resolution reflects the results determined in the May 1, 2021 City of Lufkin General Election. City Manager Green furthered Staff recommended City Council consider approval of a Resolution ordering a Run-Off Election to be held on June 12, 2021.

Councilmember Rocky Thigpen moved to approve the Resolution as presented. Councilmember Lynn Torres seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

8. **OATH OF OFFICE TO COUNCILMEMBER WARD NO. 2 ROBERT SHANKLE AND MAYOR MARK HICKS.**

District Judge Paul White issued the Oath of Office to Councilmember Robert Shankle. District Judge Bob Inselmann issued the Oath of Office to Mayor Mark Hicks.

9. **PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS BY CHANGING THE ZONING TO “RESIDENTIAL LARGE” ON PROPERTY ADDRESSED AS 3905, 3911, 4005 AND 4015 CHAMPIONS DRIVE – APPROVED.**

City Manager Bruce Green stated the applicant, Joe C. Denman III (Trey), on behalf of the VCD/JCD Investments LLC had requested a zone change from “Agricultural District” to “Residential Large” for 3905, 3911, 4005 and 4015 Champions Drive. City Manager Green highlighted the location of the properties on the corresponding maps and provided information on the current zoning of neighboring properties. City Manager Green furthered the purpose of the zone change was for future single-family residential development. City Manager Green stated the application stated that the lots were an integral part or extension of residential development in Crown Colony and that deed restrictions would be developed after the lots were rezoned to maintain harmony with the neighborhood. City Manager Green furthered the request was approved by a unanimous vote of the Planning and Zoning Commission during the meeting of April 26, 2021. City Manager Green concluded Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and consider approval of the First Reading of an Ordinance changing the zoning to “Residential Large” on property addressed as 3905, 3911, 4005 and 4015 Champions Drive.

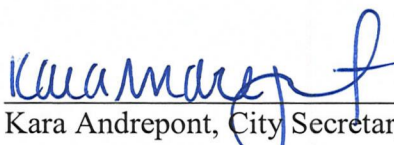
Mayor Hicks opened the Public Hearing at 5:14 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak, Mayor Hicks closed the Public Hearing and moved to comments from the City Council. Councilmember Rocky Thigpen asked what the restrictions were regarding the size of homes across the street from these properties. Trey Denman came forward to clarify and stated the restrictions across the street were Residential Large.

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

There being no further business, Mayor Mark Hicks adjourned the meeting at 5:16 p.m.



  
Mark Hicks, Mayor

  
Kara Andrepont, City Secretary