

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 6th DAY OF AUGUST, 2019

On the 6th day of August, 2019 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
Rocky Thigpen	Councilmember, Ward No. 5
Keith Wright	City Manager
Bruce Green	City Attorney
Jason Arnold	Assistant to the City Manager
Kara Andrepont	City Secretary
Rodney Ivy	Human Resource Director
Gerald Williamson	Public Safety Director
Duane Freeman	Interim Fire Chief
Belinda Melancon	Finance Director
Dorothy Wilson	Asst. Director Planning & Zoning
Kevin Gee	Engineering Services Director
Calvin Touns	Building Official
Michael Flinn	Parks and Recreation Director
Albert Duffield	Water & Sewer Director
Bob Samford	Economic Development Director

being present; and

Sarah Murray	Councilmember, Ward No. 6
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being absent when the following business was transacted.

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Andro Branch, Our Father’s House of Faith Apostolic Church.
2. Mayor Bob F. Brown welcomed visitors present and recognized those in attendance from Angelina College and The Boy Scouts of America.
3. **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD JULY 16, 2019 – APPROVED**

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the minutes of the meetings as presented. Councilmember Guessippina 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 TO “COMMERCIAL” WITH A FUTURE LAND USE MAP CHANGE TO “FLEX OFFICE/WAREHOUSE” ON PROPERTY ADDRESSED AS 2604 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DRIVE– APPROVED**

City Manager Wright stated that the owner, Angelina County Citizens Chamber of Commerce Inc., and applicant, Joe Douglas had requested a zone change to “Commercial” to use the subject property at 2604 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive for a proposed 4,500 square foot office. City Manager Wright furthered that the office space would house the Angelina County Citizens Chamber of Commerce, Inc. City Manager Wright highlighted the location of the subject property on the corresponding maps. City Manager Wright stated that the

request was unanimously approved during the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting of July 8th, 2019.

City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council conduct a public hearing and approve on Second Reading an Ordinance changing the zoning to “Commercial” and the Future Land Use map designation to “Flex Office/Warehouse” on property addressed as 2604 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:04 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak, Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing and moved to comments from the 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.

5. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, BY CHANGING THE ZONING TO “COMMERCIAL” ON PROPERTY ADDRESSED AS 2407 AND 2411 EAST DENMAN AVENUE - APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that the owner, Robert Slack, had requested a zone change to “Commercial” on a portion of property located at 2407 and 2411 East Denman Avenue. City Manager Wright furthered that the request had been made in order to clarify the zoning on the parcels as they were currently “split zoned”, with a portion being zoned “Commercial” and the remainder being zoned “Residential Large Single Family Dwelling.” City Manager Wright highlighted the location of the subject property on the corresponding maps.

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” on property addressed as 2407 and 2411 East Denman Avenue.

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

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the Ordinance as presented. Councilmember Mark Hicks seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

6. 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 “LIGHT MANUFACTURING” WITH A FUTURE LAND USE MAP CHANGE TO “COMMERCIAL” AND “INDUSTRIAL” ON PROPERTY ADDRESSED AS 1624 SAYERS STREET – APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that the applicant, Dr. Patricia McKenzie of Impact Lufkin, had requested a zone change to “Commercial” and “Light Manufacturing.” City Manager Wright highlighted the location of the property on the corresponding maps. City Manager Wright furthered that a Future Land Use change to Commercial and Industrial was also included in order to develop the subject property at 1624 Sayers Street. City Manager Wright stated that the request was unanimously approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission during the Regular meeting of July 8th, 2019.

City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and approve on Second Reading an Ordinance changing the zoning to “Commercial” and “Light Manufacturing” and a Future Land Use Map change to “Commercial” and “Industrial” on property addressed as 1624 Sayers Street.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:07 p.m. Dr. Patricia McKenzie, Vice President of Impact Lufkin, came forward and offered to answer any questions concerning the proposed request. Councilmember Lynn Torres asked if the property, when it was zoned, would have its own address due to the fact that the property is actually on Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive and not Sayers Street. City Manager Wright stated that it would depend on how the property was developed.

Councilmember Robert Shankle recused himself from discussion and voting. Councilmember Mark Hicks moved to approve the Ordinance as presented. Councilmember Rocky Thigpen seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

7. ESTABLISHING AUGUST 20TH, SEPTEMBER 10TH, AND SEPTEMBER 17TH AS CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES TO CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARINGS, ESTABLISH A TAX RATE AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2019 – 2020 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF LUFKIN – APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that in accordance with State Law, the City Council must establish dates to publicize Public Hearings for the purpose of establishing a tax rate and consider approval of the 2019 – 2020 Fiscal Year Budget for the City of Lufkin.

City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council establish August 20th as a Regular City Council meeting, September 10th as a Special Called City Council meeting, and September 17th as a Regular City Council meeting as dates for the purpose of conducting said Public Hearings, tax rate considerations and adoption of the 2019 – 2020 City of Lufkin Annual Budget.

Councilmember Robert Shankle moved to approve the establishment of the dates regarding the adoption of the tax rate and the 2019 – 2020 Fiscal Year budget process. Councilmember Guessippina Bonner seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

8. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, CANCELLING THE SEPTEMBER 3, 2019 REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING - APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that due to the City Council meeting of September 3rd, 2019, falling on the day after the Labor Day City Holiday, Staff requested City Council approve a Resolution cancelling the Regular City Council meeting of September 3rd, 2019.

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

9. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, DECLARING EXPECTATION TO REIMBURSE EXPENDITURES WITH PROCEEDS OF FUTURE DEBT – APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that Calvary Baptist Church had relocated to a new church facility and placed the existing church and family life center for sale. City Manager Wright furthered that the family life center building was an 18,220 square foot facility that housed a full size gym, classrooms, activity rooms, kitchen, and office spaces. City Manager Wright explained that the professional office space and meeting rooms would allow the director and athletic/recreation staff to facilitate their programs appropriately. City Manager Wright stated that an increase in the amount and quality of multi-purpose rooms would provide space for additional programming and special events. City Manager Wright furthered that the facility was also equipped with a full-size basketball gym that would serve several purposes, including a home for the youth basketball program. City Manager Wright stated that the parking area was substantially larger and would provide ample parking and be safer for employees and customers. City Manager Wright furthered that the acquisition of the building would allow the City to check off the one outstanding recommendation for the 2005 Parks Master Plan by providing a recreation center for the community to enjoy. City Manager Wright stated that the purchase price of the building along with minor renovations and cleaning would bring the total cost to \$920,000. City Manager Wright furthered that the funding for this project would be covered through the upcoming 2020 Capital Improvements Fund. City Manager Wright explained that the Resolution would allow for the funding to be reimbursed once debt was issued for the 2020 Capital Improvement Program.

City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council approve a Resolution declaring expectation to reimburse expenditures with proceeds of future debt for the purpose

of purchasing the former Calvary Baptist Church family life center to house the City Parks and Recreation Department.

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

10. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2018 – 2019 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 23) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING FOR THE SAME – APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that the item was related to the previous item and the Resolution would authorize the City Manager to execute documents necessary to complete the purchase of the property as detailed in Item No. 9. City Manager Wright furthered that Budget Amendment No. 23 would appropriate the funding for both the purchase of the facility and needed renovations and would require two (2) readings before the City could close on the property.

City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council approve a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the documents for the purchase of the Calvary Baptist Family Life Center and First Reading of an Ordinance authorizing Budget Amendment No. 23 appropriating the funding.

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

11. GRANT FROM THE E.L. KURTH, JR. CHARITABLE FOUNDATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000 FOR THE LUFKIN POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SOUTHBASE TRAINING FACILITY AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2018 – 2019 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 24) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING – APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that the Police Department had been working towards the improvements for several years and the City greatly appreciated the E.L. Kurth, Jr. Foundation for providing the funding. City Manager Wright furthered that the E.L. Kurth, Jr. Foundation had awarded a grant to the Lufkin Police Department in the amount of \$50,000 to construct a metal cover at the Police Department's Southbase Training Facility. City Manager Wright stated that the construction of the cover would provide protection from weather and reduce the noise emitted from the range, expanding the facility's use and capability. City Manager Wright furthered that the Lufkin Police Department would oversee the construction project and the City of Lufkin would provide labor and machinery when applicable. City Manager Wright stated that upon completion of the project the Lufkin Police Department would be responsible for utilities, maintenance and security of the structure.

City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council accept the grant in the amount of \$50,000 from the E.L. Kurth, Jr. Charitable Foundation for the construction of a metal cover at the Lufkin Police Department Southbase Training Facility and approve on First Reading an Ordinance authorizing Budget Amendment No. 25 appropriating the funding.

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

12. APPROVAL OF THE U.S. HIGHWAY 59/LOOP 287 UTILITY RELOCATION PROJECT AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2018 – 2019 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET

AMENDMENT NO. 25 APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING FOR THE SAME – APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that a few years ago the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) had improved some areas of the Loop near U.S. Highway 59 North and near Moffett Road. City Manager Wright furthered that the proposed project would be a continuation of those improvements. City Manager Wright stated that TxDOT had planned an expansion of U.S. Highway 59/Loop 287 from State Highway 103 to Moffett Road. City Manager Wright stated that due to the footprint of the Highway increasing, City of Lufkin water and sewer lines must be relocated in the area. City Manager Wright furthered that the majority of the utilities were located in private easements, which would make the cost eligible for reimbursement through TxDOT. City Manager Wright stated that the estimated cost for the project was \$1,546,000 with an estimated reimbursement amount of \$1,106,000. City Manager Wright furthered that the net cost of the project was approximately \$440,000 and that a cost estimate had been included in the Council packet. City Manager Wright stated that funding for the project was available in Fund 358.

City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council approve the U.S. Highway 59/Loop 287 Utility Relocation project and First Reading of an Ordinance authorizing Budget Amendment No. 25 appropriating the funding.

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

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

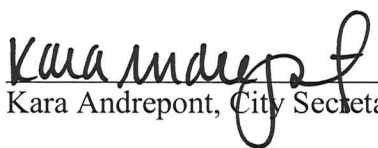
City Manager Wright highlighted events and upcoming meetings on the Calendar. Mayor Brown noted that the Town Hall Meeting held Monday, July 29th, by Councilmember Robert Shankle was well attended and asked Angelina County Judge Don Lymbery to give information for the benefit being held at Whataburger for injured Angelina County Sheriff's Deputy Stacy Seymore.

14. There being no further business for consideration, the meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.



ATTEST:


Bob F. Brown, Mayor


Kara Andrepont, City Secretary