

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 2<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2015.**

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2015, 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
Lynn Torres	Mayor Pro Tem
Victor Travis	Councilmember, Ward No. 1
Robert Shankle	Councilmember, Ward No. 2
Mark Hicks	Councilmember, Ward No. 4
Rocky Thigpen	Councilmember, Ward No. 5
Sarah Murray	Councilmember, Ward No. 6
Keith Wright	City Manager
Steve Floyd	Assistant City Manager
Bruce Green	City Attorney
Kara Atwood	City Secretary
Rodney Ivy	Human Resources Director
Gerald Williamson	Police Chief
Ted Lovett	Fire Chief
Duane Freeman	Assistant Fire Chief
Dorothy Wilson	Planning Director
Barbara Thompson	Main Street Director
Brant Lee	Convention Center Director
Jason Arnold	Water & Sewer Director
Sid Munlin	IT Director
Chuck Walker	Public Works Director
Kent Havard	Solid Waste Director
Thad Chambers	Economic Development Director

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Cesar Rodriguez of Clawson Assembly of God.
2. Mayor Bob Brown welcomed visitors present.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD MAY 19, 2015**

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on May 19, 2015 were approved on a motion by Councilmember Lynn Torres and seconded by Councilmember Sarah Murray. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

4. **PRESENTATION OF TINO VILLASANA LUFKIN FIRE DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIPS**

Mayor Bob Brown presented the Tino Villasana Lufkin Fire Department Scholarships to Brandon Clemens, Bailey Freeman, Chad McMurray, and Colton Stone.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

5. **PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS BY CHANGING THE ZONING TO A "COMMERCIAL" ZONING DISTRICT FOR LAND DESCRIBED AS 1705, 1715, 1801, AND 1801 ½ SOUTH FIRST STREET-APPROVED**

City Manager Keith Wright stated that the purpose of this zone change request was to permit the utilization of the full extent of the subject property for development. City Manager Wright detailed that a KIA dealership was located at this site. City Manager Wright explained that the property was divided down the middle with roughly one half designated as "Commercial" and the other half designated "Residential Large Single-Family Dwelling." City Manager Wright stated that the applicant was attempting to create one unified zone of "Commercial" within the property lines. City Manager Wright concluded that the request for the change in zoning to "Commercial" was unanimously approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission. City

Manager Wright furthered that Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and approve on Second Reading an Ordinance changing the zoning to “Commercial” on the property as described.

Mayor Bob Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:05 pm. There were no comments from the public.

The Second Reading of an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Lufkin, Texas by changing the zoning to a “Commercial” zoning district for land described as 1705, 1715, 1801, and 1801 ½ South First Street was approved on a motion by Councilmember Robert Shankle and seconded by Councilmember Lynn Torres. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

6. **PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 3540, REMOVING THE SPECIAL USE PERMIT FROM PROPERTY KNOWN AS 1801 SOUTH FIRST STREET-APPROVED**

City Manager Keith Wright stated that this agenda item was the same location as the KIA dealership. City Manager Wright stated that the applicant was requesting the removal of a Special Use Permit for a Restaurant with a Private Club. City Manager Wright furthered that the request was unanimously approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission; therefore Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and approve the Second Reading of an Ordinance removing the Special Use Permit from property known as 1801 South First Street.

Mayor Bob Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:07 pm. There were no comments from the public.

The Second Reading of an Ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 3540, removing the Special Use Permit from property known as 1801 South First Street was approved on a motion by Councilmember Victor Travis and seconded by Councilmember Rocky Thigpen. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

7. **FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ORDINANCE ADOPTING A CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR THE LUFKIN POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS-APPROVED**

City Manager Keith Wright stated this proposed Ordinance was necessary due to Local Government Code, because the number and classification of authorized Civil Service positions can only be changed by City Ordinance. City Manager Wright elaborated that this change to the classification plan converted one (1) position (Sergeant, Public Information Officer) to a non-sworn Public Relations Specialist position. City Manager Wright furthered that this position would assist the Police Department in continuing to improve communication with the community and this position would be filled by an individual who is educated and experienced with providing effective communication through the use of social media as well as interaction with conventional media outlets. City Manager Wright stated that this change would also be economical, and the savings should provide funding to increase the number of sworn police officers in the future. City Manager Wright concluded that therefore Staff recommended City Council approve the First Reading of an Ordinance amending the Ordinance adopting a Classification Plan for the Lufkin Police Department of the City of Lufkin, Texas.

An Ordinance amending the Ordinance adopting a Classification Plan for the Lufkin Police Department of the City of Lufkin, Texas was approved on a motion by Councilmember Robert Shankle and seconded by Councilmember Sarah Murray. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

8. **CONVEYANCE OF CITY OF LUFKIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS LOT 10, CRAZY HORSE SUBDIVISION (9.0373) ACRES-APPROVED**

City Manager Keith Wright stated that during the November 20, 2012 Council Meeting, City Council approved Staff to sell specific City owned properties, alleys, and abandoned and not in use right-of-ways deemed surplus to the general public. City Manager Wright continued that the

property in question was one of the approved properties. City Manager Wright stated that the minimum allowed bid for the 9.0373 acres described as Lot 10, of the Crazy Horse Subdivision was seventy five thousand and sixty five dollars (\$75,065), with the apparent highest bidder being Rufus Duncan Jr. at one hundred forty one thousand and five hundred dollars (\$141,500). City Manager Wright concluded that Staff requested City Council to award a bid to the apparent high bidder, Rufus Duncan Jr., for the conveyance of 9.0373 acres of property described as Lot 10, Crazy Horse Subdivision.

The conveyance of the City of Lufkin property described as Lot 10, Crazy Horse Subdivision (9.0373 acres) was approved on a motion by Councilmember Robert Shankle and seconded by Councilmember Sarah Murray. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

9. **RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR THE NAMING OF CITY OF LUFKIN PARKS, FACILITIES, STRUCTURES, ROADS, AND/OR RESOURCES-APPROVED**

City Manager Keith Wright stated that attached for City Council consideration was a proposed Resolution and Policy that sets forth parameters to regulate the naming of City of Lufkin, parks, facilities, structures, roads, and/or resources. City Manager Wright explained that two policies were up for consideration; the original policy that was presented on May 19, 2015 and the second revised policy that stipulated naming of places in memory of rather than in honor and removed the naming of parts. City Manager Wright stated that Staff requested Council consider approval of the Policy and any modifications or provide further direction as to how you would like for Staff to proceed.

Councilmember Robert Shankle expressed his support for the original policy, because naming a structure or facility in memory of someone meant that they could not be there to witness the recognition. Councilmember Sarah Murray recounted times in the past that City Council had named facilities after someone who was alive to witness the dedication. Councilmember Murray expressed her support of the original policy, because the people who would have something named after them could be there for the event. Councilmember Victor Travis commented that he was in support of the original policy. Councilmember Lynn Torres stated her opposition to the original policy, because it allowed the naming of facilities and structures after individuals who are not deceased, and have therefore not stood the test of time, and the original policy allowed the naming of parts of things, which Councilmember Torres asserted was problematic.

Councilmember Mark Hicks made a motion to approve the Resolution of the original policy for the naming of the City of Lufkin parks, facilities, structures, roads, and/or resources. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion.

Mayor Bob Brown questioned if City Council could have recourse in the future to strike down a name, if the name became tarnished. Councilmember Mark Hicks responded that this was a good idea and made an amendment to his earlier motion to allow City Council to remove a name should the person be convicted of a felony.

The item was approved on a 6-1 vote with Councilmember Lynn Torres dissenting.

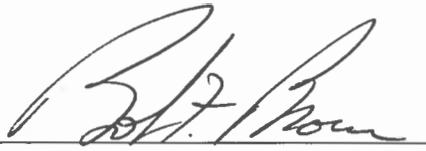
10. **ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST FROM MAYOR, CITY COUNCILMEMBERS, AND STAFF**

City Manager Keith Wright highlighted various upcoming City events including the City Employee Picnic slated for June 6, 2015.

Councilmember Rocky Thigpen commended Councilmember Robert Shankle, Chief Gerald Williamson, and Lt. Jerry Smith for their efforts in the Clergy and Police Alliance (CAPA) program. Councilmember Thigpen expressed how the CAPA program had been a positive influence for the community.

Mayor Bob Brown thanked Councilmember Shankle for bringing the CAPA program idea to Lufkin.

11. There being no further business to address the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.



Bob F. Brown, Mayor



Kara Atwood, City Secretary

