

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 18th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2014.**

On the 18th day of February, 2014, 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
Victor Travis	Councilmember, Ward No. 1
Robert Shankle	Councilmember, Ward No. 2
Don Langston	Councilmember, Ward No. 4
Rufus Duncan	Councilmember, Ward No. 5
Sarah Murray	Councilmember, Ward No. 6
Paul L. Parker	City Manager
Keith Wright	Deputy City Manager
Bruce Green	City Attorney
Kara Atwood	City Secretary
Rodney Ivy	Human Resources Director
Dorothy Wilson	Planning & Zoning Director
Scott Marcotte	Police Chief
Gerald Williamson	Assistant Police Chief
Ted Lovett	Fire Chief
Belinda Southern	Finance Director
Steve Floyd	Public Works Director
Steve Poskey	Street Department Director
Chuck Walker	Public Utilities Director
Mike Akridge	Parks & Recreation Director
Dale Allred	Inspection Services Director
Barbara Thompson	Main Street Director

being present; and

Lynn Torres	Mayor Pro-Tem
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being absent when the following business was transacted.

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by Deputy City Manager Keith Wright.
2. Mayor Bob Brown welcomed visitors present.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held February 4, 2014, were approved on a motion by Councilmember Sarah Murray and seconded by Councilmember Robert Shankle. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded to approve the minutes as presented.

4. **SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CALLING AND ORDERING OF A GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS TO BE HELD AT TWO POLLING PLACES IN LUFKIN, TEXAS ON MAY 10, 2014 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:00 A.M. AND 7:00 P.M. FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A COUNCILMEMBER FOR WARD NO. 5 AND COUNCILMEMBER FOR WARD NO. 6; FOR THREE (3) YEARS TERMS; AND PROVIDING FOR THE NECESSARY NOTICES AND FIXING THE DATE – APPROVED.**

Mayor Bob Brown stated the next item was to consider on Second Reading an Ordinance providing for the calling and ordering of a General Election for the City of Lufkin, Texas to be held at two polling places in Lufkin, Texas on May 10, 2014 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing a Councilmember for Ward No. 5 and Councilmember for Ward No. 6; for three (3) years terms; and providing for the necessary notices and fixing the date.

Councilmember Victor Travis moved to approve the Ordinance calling for the May 10th, 2014 General Election for the City of Lufkin. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

5. **PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FROM A “DUPLEX DWELLING DISTRICT” TO A “COMMERCIAL” ZONING CLASSIFICATION AND FUTURE LAND USE MAP CLASSIFICATION TO “RETAIL” ON TWO (2) PARCELS OF LAND LOCATED AT 108 AND 114 VAN STREET – APPROVED.**

Mayor Bob Brown stated the next item was to conduct a Public Hearing and consider on First Reading an Ordinance changing the zoning classification from a “Duplex Dwelling District” to a “Commercial” zoning classification and Future Land Use Map classification to “Retail” on two (2) parcels of land located at 108 and 114 Van Street.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that the owner, Mike Lovelace had requested the change to increase the marketing opportunities for the property. City Manager Parker continued that the majority of the surrounding properties were commercial in nature and the location was not suitable for residential use due to its proximity to traffic and busy streets. City Manager Parker stated that currently the property was vacant. City Manager Parker concluded that both Staff and the Planning & Zoning Commission both recommended approval of the request.

Mayor Bob Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:05 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak; Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing and asked for comments or questions from City Council.

Councilmember Victor Travis moved to approve the First Reading of the Ordinance changing the zoning classification and future land use classification on property known as 108 and 114 Van Street. Councilmember Don Langston seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

6. **PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A CRAFT DISTILLERY IN A “CENTRAL BUSINESS” ZONING DISTRICT FOR PROPERTY KNOWN AS 107 EAST LUFKIN AVENUE – APPROVED.**

Mayor Bob Brown stated the next item was to conduct a Public Hearing and consider on First Reading an Ordinance granting a Special Use Permit for a Craft Distillery in a “Central Business” zoning district for property known as 107 East Lufkin Avenue.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that Mr. Bruce Love had applied for a Special Use Permit for a Craft Distillery at property located at 107 East Lufkin Avenue. City Manager Parker stated this would be the first business of this type in downtown. City Manager Parker explained the State Law regarding this type of business and stated that the product would not be able to be sold on premise. City Manager Parker furthered there was no opposition received for this request and Staff and the Planning & Zoning Commission both recommended approval.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:07 p.m. and asked anyone who wished to speak to please step forward. Mr. Bruce Love, the applicant, stated he would be glad to answer any questions that City Council might have regarding the request. Councilmember Victor Travis questioned what type of spirits would be produced. Mr. Love stated that they planned to produce rum and/or vodka. Mr. Love also addressed the issue of sampling and furthered that this would be a manufacturing facility and hopefully would provide a draw to the downtown area. Councilmember Travis asked how the product would be distributed. Mr. Love stated the sale of the product would have to follow the State Laws. Councilmember Don Langston confirmed the location of the facility. Mayor Brown then closed the Public Hearing.

Councilmember Victor Travis moved to approve the Ordinance granting a Special Use Permit for a Craft Distillery for property located at 107 East Lufkin Avenue.

Councilmember Don Langston seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

7. **CITY OF LUFKIN PARKS USAGE AGREEMENTS – APPROVED.**

Mayor Bob Brown stated the next item was to consider approval of the City of Lufkin Parks Usage Agreements.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that there were three (3) Parks Usage agreements with different entities that were up for renewal. City Manager Parker then explained the changes in the agreements that included the requirement of background checks and annual evaluation. City Manager Parker continued that Parks & Recreation Director Mike Akridge was present to answer any questions regarding these agreements. City Manager Parker concluded that Staff recommended approval of the agreements as presented. Councilmember Victor Travis questioned whether these were the only two (2) soccer associations with agreements. Director Akridge stated there were five (5) that applied; however, these were the only two (2) that were recommended by the Parks & Recreation Board; one being an adult soccer league and the other a youth soccer league. Councilmember Sarah Murray asked whether the other entities would be able to re-apply. Director Akridge stated there would only be these two agreements with soccer leagues, and any others needed to join with one of the leagues that were granted a Park Usage Agreement. Councilmember Sarah Murray questioned if there would be an agreement with a football league. Director Akridge stated that the football league submitted their documents and would be considered for renewal by the Parks Board at a later meeting. Mayor Brown asked if there were any questions or comments. Councilmember Don Langston commended the Parks Board for their efforts with the recommendations. A representative of the United Soccer League approached the podium to speak. Mayor Brown stated that this agenda item did not allow for public comment.

Councilmember Don Langston moved to approve the agreements with the three (3) entities as presented. Councilmember Victor Travis seconded the motion. The motion to approve passed on a five (5) to one (1) vote, with Councilmember Sarah Murray voting against the approval.

8. **ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT TO THE LUFKIN FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM THE DEEP EAST TEXAS REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (DETRAC) AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 9 APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING – APPROVED.**

Mayor Bob Brown stated the next item was to consider acceptance of a grant to the Lufkin Fire Department from the Deep East Texas Regional Advisory Council (DETRAC) and approval of a Resolution authorizing Budget Amendment No. 9 appropriating the funding.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that the Lufkin Fire Department had recently received grant funding in the amount of nine thousand nine hundred seven dollars (\$9,907) for local Fire and EMS activities. City Manager Parker concluded that this funding would be used to purchase additional fire and rescue equipment and Staff recommended approval.

Councilmember Robert Shankle moved to approve acceptance of the grant and Budget Amendment No. 9. Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

9. **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Paul Parker stated that the City had experienced numerous months of decline in sales tax revenue. City Manager Parker stated that this revenue, along with ambulance fees and fines were all below budget. City Manager Parker stated this created a shortfall in the General Fund and therefore a two (2) month hiring freeze and reduced spending had been implemented to combat the shortfall. City Manager Parker stated that the Street overlay program would also be minimized if necessary. City Manager Parker continued that Staff would continue to monitor revenue and hopefully the trend would reverse. City Manager Parker stated that the other funds and expenditures were on target. City Manager Parker stated he would be glad to answer any questions regarding the financials or ongoing projects.

10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Bob Brown recognized Police Chief Scott Marcotte and congratulated him on his upcoming retirement.

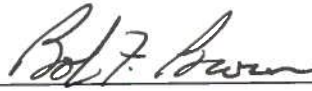
Mayor Brown then convened Executive Session at 5:25 p.m. and adjourned the same at 6:10 p.m.

Mayor Bob Brown reconvened the Regular Session.

11. **DISCUSSION OF ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST, INCLUDING EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS, CONGRATULATIONS OR CONDOLENCE; INFORMATION REGARDING HOLIDAY SCHEDULES; HONORARY RECOGNITIONS OF CITY OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES OR OTHER CITIZENS; REMINDERS ABOUT UPCOMING EVENTS SPONSORED BY THE CITY OR OTHER ENTITY THAT IS SCHEDULED TO BE ATTENDED BY CITY OFFICIALS OR EMPLOYEES; AND ANNOUNCEMENTS INVOLVING IMMINENT THREATS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE CITY.**

City Manager Paul Parker highlighted upcoming events and board meetings on the calendar including the Lufkin Convention & Visitors Bureau Board Retreat, the dedication of the handicapped fishing pier at Cassels-Boykin Park and the retirement reception for Police Chief Scott Marcotte.

12. There being no further business for consideration, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



Bob F. Brown, Mayor



Kara Atwood, City Secretary

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