

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 15TH DAY OF MARCH, 2022.

On the 15th day of March, 2022 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:

Mark Hicks	Mayor
Robert Shankle	Mayor Pro Tem
Guessippina Bonner	Councilmember, Ward No. 1
Lynn Torres	Councilmember, Ward No. 3
Wes Suiter	Councilmember, Ward No. 4
Rocky Thigpen	Councilmember, Ward No. 5
Trent Burfine	Councilmember, Ward No. 6
Kevin Gee	Interim City Manager
Gerald Williamson	Assistant City Manager
Kara Andrepont	City Secretary
Buddy Cross	Assistant Police Chief
Ryan Watson	Assistant Fire Chief
Jessica Pebsworth	Communications Director
Belinda Melancon	Finance Director
Eddie Aguilar	Engineering Services Director
Scott Rayburn	Planning Director
Calvin Toups	Building Official
Albert Duffield	Utilities Director

being present; and

Erika Neill City Attorney

being absent when the following business was transacted.

INVOCATION – The meeting was opened with prayer by Assistant City Manager, Gerald Williamson.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mayor Mark Hicks 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 Hicks closed the public comment period.

Mayor Mark Hicks recognized those in attendance from Ms. Wilson’s class at Angelina College as well as members of Leadership Lufkin.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 1ST, 2022–APPROVED.**
2. **SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2021-2022 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 13) APPROPRIATING FUNDING FOR THE LUFKIN FORWARD PROJECT – APPROVED.**

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

BUSINESS AGENDA

3. **PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING FROM “NEIGHBORHOOD RETAIL” TO “COMMERCIAL” ON PROPERTY ADDRESSED AS 2106 N. TIMBERLAND DRIVE - APPROVED.**

Interim City Manager Kevin Gee stated the owner had requested a zone change from “Neighborhood Retail” to a “Commercial” zoning classification for 2106 N Timberland Dr. Interim City Manager Gee furthered the purpose of the zone change was to expand the potential uses that are allowed for the property as “Commercial” zoning was less restrictive than “Neighborhood Retail”. Interim City Manager Gee highlighted the location of the property on corresponding maps and provided information

on current zoning of neighboring properties. Interim City Manager Gee furthered the request was unanimously approved during the February 14th Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting. City Manager Gee concluded Staff recommended City Council consider on Second Reading an Ordinance changing the zoning from “Neighborhood Retail” to “Commercial” on property addressed as 2106 North Timberland Drive.

Mayor Mark Hicks opened the Public Hearing at 5:03 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak; Mayor Hicks closed the Public Hearing and moved to comments from the Council.

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

4. CONTRACT AWARD FOR THE LUFKIN LAND PARK RESTROOMS PROJECT–APPROVED.

Interim City Manager Gee stated Lufkin Land Park was located at the intersection of Dale Street and Higgins Avenue and contained existing park equipment but no public restroom facilities. Interim City Manager Gee furthered the work consisted of installing public restroom facilities and parking spaces at the location. Interim City Manager Gee stated the project was publicly advertised for bids with the bid opening being held February 22nd. Interim City Manager Gee furthered the base bid schedule consisted of furnishing and installing one (1) building with two (2) restrooms. Interim City Manager Gee stated in lieu of a two-restroom facility, there was an alternate base bid schedule which consisted of furnishing and installing one (1) building with one (1) restroom. Interim City Manager Gee furthered there was also an additive alternate bid schedule which included installing a new parking lot (up to three vehicles) and a new sidewalk from the parking area to the restroom facilities. Interim City Manager Gee stated Staff recommended that the City Street Department install the parking lot, driveway culvert, and sidewalk. Interim City Manager Gee furthered the City received only one (1) sealed bid on February 22, 2022 for the Project from MNM Construction, LLC, which included a base Bid Amount of \$84,950, an alternate base bid amount of \$69,890, and a total additive alternate bid amount of \$25,850.

Interim City Manager Gee concluded Staff recommended City Council award a contract to MNM Construction, LLC for the alternate base bid amount of \$69,890.

Councilmember Guessippina Bonner asked if the \$25,000 for the parking would be done at a later time. Interim City Manager Gee explained the parking and sidewalk would be done by City crews.

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

5. APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2020 CRANE CARRIER LNT CAB AND CHASSIS FOR THE SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT – APPROVED.

Interim City Manager Gee stated on July 27, 2021, Council approved, in accordance to the FY 2020-2021 Amortization Funding process, the purchase of two (2) 2022 Peterbilt 548 Cab and Chassis in the amount of \$224,231.76 from Rush Truck Center of Lufkin. Interim City Manager Gee furthered due to supply chain management issues and product availability, Rush Truck Center of Lufkin had been unable to provide a reasonable delivery date for the purchased items. Interim City Manager Gee stated their best projection to date was, mid-calendar year of 2023. Interim City Manager Gee explained with the delivery uncertainties and rising maintenance and repair cost to the current assets, the City began a new search for alternative procurement sources. Interim City Manager Gee stated Rush Truck Center of Lufkin, on March 2, 2022 agreed to cancel one of the two original vehicle requisitions, in order to allow the City of Lufkin to pursue other options. Interim City Manager Gee explained the bid of \$159,400 received from Bond Equipment of Dallas was more than the quotes received for the original bid in July of 2021 but was still less than if a new one were to be purchased.

Interim City Manager Gee concluded Staff recommended City Council approve the purchase of one (1) 2020 Crane Carrier LNT Cab and Chassis in the amount of \$159,400 from Bond Equipment of Dallas.

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

6. FINANCIAL STATUS

Interim City Manager Gee gave information concerning the current financial status of the City and offered to answer any questions. There were none.

Mayor Mark Hicks wished Councilmember Trent Burfine a Happy Birthday.

There being no further business, Mayor Mark Hicks adjourned the meeting at 5:09 p.m.



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Mark Hicks, Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kara Andrepont', is written over a horizontal line.
Kara Andrepont, City Secretary