

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 1ST DAY OF MARCH, 2022.

On the 1st 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
Rocky Thigpen	Councilmember, Ward No. 5
Trent Burfine	Councilmember, Ward No. 6
Kevin Gee	Interim City Manager
Erika Neill	City Attorney
Gerald Williamson	Assistant City Manager
Adriana Thomasee	Human Resources
David Thomas	Police Chief
Buddy Cross	Assistant Police Chief
Jesse Moody	Fire Chief
Ryan Watson	Assistant Fire Chief
Jessica Pebsworth	Communications Director
Belinda Melancon	Finance Director
Eddie Aguilar	Engineering Services Director
Scott Rayburn	Planning Director
Rudy Flores	Parks and Recreation Director
Albert Duffield	Utilities Director
Scott Feaster	IT Director
Jessica Leyva	Utility Collections

being present; and

Lynn Torres	Councilmember, Ward No. 3
Wes Suiter	Councilmember, Ward No. 4
Kara Andrepont	City Secretary

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 5:02 p.m. Dr. Patricia McKenzie spoke in favor of Item No. 7 regarding the proposed agreement between the Boys and Girls Club and the City of Lufkin for management of the Jones Park Pool. Dr. McKenzie also stated she had concerns regarding the selection of a pool supervisor. There being no one else 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 FEBRUARY 15TH, 2022–APPROVED.**
- 2. SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2021-2022 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 11) APPROPRIATING FUNDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT COTTON SQUARE, DOWNTOWN LUFKIN (COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE THRASH BUILDING) – APPROVED.**
- 3. SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2021-2022 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 12) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING FOR A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000 FOR THE CITY OF LUFKIN ANIMAL SERVICES VETTING FUND AND – APPROVED.**

4. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2021-2022 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 13) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING FOR THE LUFKIN FORWARD PROJECT – APPROVED.

Councilmember Trent Burfine 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

5. SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ABANDONMENT, VACATION, CLOSURE AND SALE OF A NON-IMPROVED ALLEY NEAR EAST KERR AVENUE WITHIN THE ALDERMAN ADDITION – APPROVED.

Mayor Mark Hicks stated he was the individual/entity interested in purchasing the property and would be recusing himself from any discussion or vote on the item. Interim City Manager Kevin Gee stated Engineering Services received a request for the purchase of a portion of a non-improved surplus alley. Interim City Manager Gee furthered the approximate 12-foot by 140-foot alley fronted East Kerr Avenue near the intersection with First Street. Interim City Manager Gee stated the property had been determined appropriate for sale and all steps required by Chapter 272 of the Local Government Code had been followed. Interim City Manager Gee furthered the price for the property would be \$1880.00 which included the appraised value, the appraisal cost and the filing fee. Interim City Manager Gee stated upon payment, the City would issue a non-warranty deed for the property to MCCMA LTD. Interim City Manager Gee concluded Staff recommended City Council consider on Second Reading an Ordinance providing for the abandonment, vacation, closure and sale of a non-improved alley near East Kerr Avenue within the Alderman Addition.

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

6. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST 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 was requesting 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 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 First 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 5:07 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak; Mayor Hicks 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.

7. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANGER TO ENTER INTO AN OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT WITH THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF DEEP EAST TEXAS FOR JONES PARK POOL – APPROVED.

Interim City Manager Gee stated Staff had been discussing a proposed agreement with the Boys and Girls Club of Deep East Texas for management of the Jones Park Pool during the summer of 2022. Interim City Manager Gee furthered the drafted agreement was in Council’s packet for review. Interim City Manager Gee stated the pool would be open Monday through Friday beginning May 31st through August 6th and pool hours would be 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. with the pool being closed in observance of the Memorial Day and Independence Day holidays. The total cost for the Boys & Girls Club to provide these services will be \$19,500 per year. Funding for the agreement is within the City’s current budget for Jones Pool and will not require a Budget Amendment.

Interim City Manager Gee stated Staff recommended City Council approve a Resolution authorizing the Interim City Manager to enter into an operational agreement with the Boys and Girls Club of Deep East Texas for the Jones Park Pool.

Councilmember Robert Shankle spoke in favor of the proposed agreement with the Boys and Girls Club of Deep East Texas. Councilmember Trent Burfine asked the City Attorney for clarification regarding indemnity and the City's liability. Discussion ensued.

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

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Mark Hicks recessed the Regular Session at 5:12 p.m.

Mayor Mark Hicks reconvened the Regular Session at 5:34 p.m.

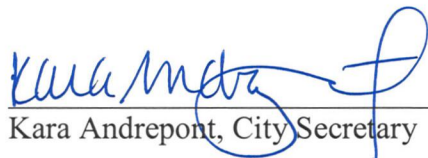
There being no further business, Mayor Mark Hicks adjourned the meeting at 5:34 p.m.





Mark Hicks, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kara Andrepont, City Secretary