

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 21ST DAY OF JUNE, 2022.

On the 21st day of June, 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
Brent Watkins	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
Erika Neill	City Attorney
Gerald Williamson	Assistant City Manager
Kara Andrepont	City Secretary
Adriana Thomasee	Human Resources
Buddy Cross	Assistant Police Chief
Jesse Moody	Fire Chief
Ryan Watson	Assistant Fire Chief
Jessica Pebsworth	Communications Director
Belinda Melancon	Finance Director
Scott Rayburn	Planning Director
Albert Duffield	Utilities Director
Jarod Murphy	Assistant Director Water & Sewer

being present 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.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 7TH, 2022–APPROVED.**

Councilmember Guessippina Bonner 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

2. **PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS BY CHANGING THE ZONING FROM “RESIDENTIAL LARGE”, “LOCAL BUSINESS”, AND “APARTMENT” TO A SINGULAR “LOCAL BUSINESS” ZONING DISTRICT AND APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR 2030 SOUTH JOHN REDDITT DRIVE - APPROVED.**

Interim City Manager Kevin Gee stated the applicant was requesting a zone change from “Residential Large”, “Local Business”, and “Apartment” to a singular “Local Business” zoning classification. Interim City Manager Gee furthered there was also a request included for approval of a Special Use Permit for a self-service storage facility. 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 stated the special use permit for a self-storage facility within a “Local Business” zoning classification required a conceptual site plan which was attached. Interim City Manager Gee furthered all development would be required to meet all City Ordinances, technical standards including parking, landscaping and detention requirements. Interim City Manager Gee stated the request was unanimously recommended for approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission during the May 23, 2022 meeting. Interim City Manager Gee concluded Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and consider approval of the Second Reading of an Ordinance

changing the zoning to “Local Business” and granting a Special Use Permit for a self-service storage facility at 2030 South John Reddit 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.

3. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS BY CHANGING THE ZONING FROM “RESIDENTIAL LARGE” TO A “COMMERCIAL” ZONING DISTRICT FOR PROPERTY ADDRESSED AS 1619 SOUTH HENDERSON STREET – APPROVED.

Interim City Manager Kevin Gee stated the applicant was requesting a zone change from “Residential Large” to a “Commercial” zoning classification for 1619 Henderson Street. Interim City Manager Gee furthered the property was currently non-developed and was being used as a parking lot for the Skate Ranch. Interim City Manager Gee explained the property was approved in 1994 for a commercial parking lot by Special Use Permit (Ordinance No. 3077). Interim City Manager Gee stated the purpose of the zone change was for future commercial development and the applicant intended to place a seasonal snow cone trailer on the site. 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 concluded Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and consider approval of the Second Reading of an Ordinance changing the zoning to “Commercial” on property located at 1619 Henderson Street.

Mayor Mark Hicks opened the Public Hearing at 5:05 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 asked for clarification regarding whether there would be a limit as to the allowed zoning for property neighboring 1619 South Henderson Street. Planning and Zoning Director Scott Rayburn addressed the question and discussion ensued.

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

4. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TRAFFIC ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN PERTAINING TO THE ADDITION OF SCHOOL ZONES FOR LUFKIN MIDDLE SCHOOL AND PINEWOODS COMMUNITY ACADEMY – APPROVED.

Interim City Manager Kevin Gee stated Staff had been contacted by both Pineywoods Community Academy and Lufkin ISD regarding the placement and modification of school zones due to new facilities being constructed at both campuses. Interim City Manager Gee highlighted the placement of the proposed school zones and stated detailed maps and information had been included in the Council packet for review. Interim City Manager Gee concluded Staff recommended City Council consider approval of the First Reading of an Ordinance amending the Traffic Ordinance of the City of Lufkin pertaining to the addition of school zones for Lufkin Middle School and Pineywoods Community Academy.

Councilmember Trent Burfine requested that Pineywoods Community Academy be included in the school zone rotation for the City of Lufkin Police Department. Councilmember Burfine also asked if the school zone for the Pineywoods Community Academy be extended to cover the area from the intersections at Denman Avenue to Pershing Avenue. Interim City Manager Gee addressed the requests and discussion ensued. Councilmember Brent Watkins asked what the factor would be to convert the school zone at Pineywoods Community Academy from a two-way to a one-way during the school hours. Interim City Manager Gee addressed the requests and discussion ensued.

Councilmember Trent Burfine moved to approve the Ordinance as presented. Councilmember Guessippina Bonner seconded the motion and unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

5. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF DIBOLL FOR THE PROVISION OF 911 COMMUNICATION SERVICES – APPROVED.

Interim City Manager Kevin Gee stated the City of Diboll had approached the Lufkin Police Department regarding the feasibility of providing dispatch services for the Diboll Police Department only; not Fire, EMS or public works calls. Interim City Manager Gee furthered after discussion with Staff it had been determined the agreement would be beneficial to both entities. Interim City Manager Gee stated it would provide funding to increase communications personnel to a three-person minimum, which would offer adequate coverage for both cities. Interim City Manager Gee furthered the current two-person minimum leaves one dispatcher to handle all calls when someone steps away for a break or a meal. Interim City Manager Gee stated per the agreement the City of Diboll would pay the City of Lufkin \$120,000 annually for the service. Interim City Manager Gee furthered the Police Department intended to hire three (3) dispatchers to cover the additional call volume; one (1) person added to three (3) of the four (4) shifts with a fourth dispatcher added when a supervisory position within the Department was vacated in 2023. Interim City Manager Gee stated the agreement was recently approved by the City of Diboll. Interim City Manager Gee concluded Staff recommended City Council approve a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the City of Diboll for the provision of 911 communication services for the Diboll Police Department.

Councilmember Trent Burfine asked if there would be one (1) dispatcher on duty dedicated specifically to Diboll or if it would be a pool that would handle all calls. Lufkin Police Department Communications Supervisor, Ashley Jowell addressed the question and discussion ensued.

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

6. APPOINTMENTS TO CITY OF LUFKIN BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

City Council moved to appoint members to City of Lufkin Boards and Committees as follows:

Councilmember Robert Shankle moved to approve the appointments of Councilmember Rocky Thigpen to the Construction Committee; Councilmember Wes Suiter and Councilmember Trent Burfine to the Finance Committee; Councilmember Brent Watkins to the Health Insurance Committee; Councilmember Wes Suiter to the Recognition & Honorarium Committee; Councilmember Guessippina Bonner as the City of Lufkin Representative to the Angelina County Appraisal District Board of Directors; Councilmember Guessippina Bonner, Councilmember Robert Shankle, Councilmember Wes Suiter and Councilmember Trent Burfine as the City's Representatives on the DETCOG Board. Councilmember Trent Burfine seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

Councilmember Robert Shankle moved to approve the reappointment of Paul Jackson to the Civil Service Commission; the reappointment of Danny Hayes and Ryan Moore to the Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals; the appointment of Fidel Macias to the Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals; the reappointment of Councilmember Rocky Thigpen, Councilmember Robert Shankle and Stephen Greak to the 4B/Economic Development Board; the reappointment of Chris Caraway, Daren Hamaker and Amanda Crocker to the Hotel Tax Funding (HOT) Board; the appointment of Becky Cota to the Hotel Tax Funding (HOT) Board; the appointment of Sydney Benemon, Autumn Conner and Councilmember Trent Burfine to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board; the reappointment of Kevin Cota to the Planning and Zoning Commission; the appointment of Jack Ellis and Brent Shankle to the Planning and Zoning Commission; the reappointment of Howard Anderson, Janet Clarke and Janet Slack to the Tree Board; the appointment of Zach Ovelgonne, Councilmember Robert Shankle, Councilmember Wes Suiter and Councilmember Brent Watkins to the Tree Board; and the reappointment of Andrew Moore (alternate), Brent Brookshire (alternate), Constance Shepherd, Michael Parker, Dorothy Chimney, and Jeff Buchanan to the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeals. Councilmember Trent Burfine seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

7. FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT

Interim City Manager Kevin Gee updated City Council on the financial status of the City. Interim City Manager Gee offered to answer any questions. There were none.

Mayor Mark Hicks read a Proclamation recognizing June 19th as "Juneteenth National Freedom Day." Councilmember Rocky Thigpen thanked and recognized City of Lufkin Staff for taking care of the citizens and going above and beyond. Councilmember Guessippina Bonner thanked Ashley Jowell for her assistance in finding a missing family member.

There being no further business, Mayor Mark Hicks adjourned the meeting at 5:29 p.m.



ATTEST:

A blue ink signature of Mark Hicks, consisting of a long horizontal stroke followed by a large, stylized loop.

Mark Hicks, Mayor

A blue ink signature of Kara Andrepont, featuring a stylized 'K' and 'A' followed by a long horizontal stroke.

Kara Andrepont, City Secretary