

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 2nd DAY OF AUGUST, 2022.

On the 2nd day of August, 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
Kristi Skillern	City Attorney
Gerald Williamson	Assistant City Manager
Kara Andrepont	City Secretary
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
Calvin Toups	Building Official
Albert Duffield	Utilities Director
Scott Feaster	IT Director
Gorden Henley	Ellen Trout Zoo Director
Bob Samford	Economic Development Director

being present when the following business was transacted.

INVOCATION – The meeting was opened with prayer by Ray Vann.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mayor Mark Hicks opened the meeting for public comment on any posted agenda item at 5:01 p.m. Rema Kittley asked to speak regarding the proposed Animal Services Ordinance; however, it was not a posted agenda item, therefore not eligible for public comment. There being no one else who wished to speak; Mayor Hicks closed the public comment period.

CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVED

1. **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 19th, 2022.**
2. **SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2021-2022 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 18) APPROPRIATING THE CENTERPOINT ENERGY COMMUNITY SAFETY GRANT FUNDING TO THE LUFKIN POLICE DEPARTMENT.**
3. **SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2021-2022 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 19) APPROPRIATING THE DETRAC GRANT FUNDING TO THE LUFKIN FIRE DEPARTMENT.**
4. **ESTABLISHING SEPTEMBER 6TH AND SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2022, AS CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES TO CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARINGS, ESTABLISH A TAX RATE AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF LUFKIN.**

Councilmember Guessippina Bonner 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

5. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, BY CHANGING THE ZONING TO “LOCAL BUSINESS” ON PROPERTY ADDRESSED AS 718 WEST FRANK AVENUE – APPROVED.

City Manager Kevin Gee stated that the owner, Savvy, The Agency, LLC had requested a zone change to Local Business for property located at 718 West Frank to be utilized as an advertising agency. City Manager Gee highlighted the location of the property and surrounding uses. City Manager Gee furthered that this request was unanimously approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission. City Manager Gee concluded Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and consider First Reading of an Ordinance changing the zoning to “Local Business” on property located at 718 West Frank Avenue.

Mayor Mark Hicks opened the Public Hearing at 5:04 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak; Mayor Hicks closed the Public Hearing and moved to comments from the Council.

Councilmember Trent Burfine asked for clarification regarding the address of record for the property owner of 701 Mantooth. Discussion ensued.

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

6. PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LUFKIN POLICE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR A U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FISCAL YEAR 2022 EDWARD BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT- APPROVED.

City Manager Kevin Gee stated the Lufkin Police Department was requesting to apply for funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, specifically the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). City Manager Gee furthered the Lufkin Police Department and the Angelina County Sheriff’s Department were jointly eligible for Fiscal Year 2022 JAG funding in the amount of \$15,696. City Manager Gee stated the allocated funds were to be distributed between the City and the Angelina County Sheriff’s Department to be used for law enforcement related needs such as equipment, technology and training. City Manager Gee concluded Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and approve a Resolution authorizing the Lufkin Police Department to apply for a U.S. Department of Justice Fiscal Year 2022 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$15,696.

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 City Council.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Texas Government Code, Section 551.074, personnel matters, regarding the appointment of City Manager.

Mayor Mark Hicks recessed the Regular Session at 5:08 p.m.

Mayor Mark Hicks reconvened the Regular Session at 5:22 p.m.

7. APPOINTMENT OF CITY MANAGER– APPROVED.

Mayor Hicks requested that City Council approve the selection of Kevin Gee as City Manager.

Councilmember Robert Shankle moved to approve the appointment of Kevin Gee as City Manager. Councilmember Rocky Thigpen seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

Mayor Hicks recognized Councilmember Thigpen’s recent birthday.

There being no further business, Mayor Mark Hicks adjourned the meeting at 5:23 p.m.



Mark Hicks, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kara Andrepont, City Secretary