

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON THE 3RD DAY OF JUNE 2025.**

On the 3rd day of June 2025, 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
Angela Hobbs-Spencer	Councilmember, Ward No. 1
Brent Watkins	Councilmember, Ward No. 3
Jimmy Ford	Councilmember, Ward No. 5
Adam Lowther	Councilmember, Ward No. 6
Kevin Gee	City Manager
Kristi Skillern	City Attorney
Kara Andrepont	City Secretary
Jesse Moody	Fire Chief
Ryan Watson	Assistant Fire Chief
Belinda Melancon	Finance Director
Christopher Key	Engineering Services Director
Scott Rayburn	City Planner
Scott Cameron	Street Department Superintendent
Tara Hendrix	Tourism & Marketing Director
Albert Duffield	Utilities Director
Julie Massey	Library Manager
Ryan Gulker	Ellen Trout Zoo Director
Morgan Williams	Animal Services Director

being present; and

Kim Ogden	Councilmember, Ward No. 4
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being absent when the following business was transacted.

INVOCATION – The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Mike Parker.

PUBLIC COMMENT - Mayor Mark Hicks opened the public comment period at 5:01 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak; Mayor Hicks closed the Public Hearing.

PRESENTATIONS – Fire Chief Jesse Moody presented the recipients in attendance with the Tino Villasana Lufkin Fire Department Scholarships for 2025 and recognized those unable to attend:

- William Gates, III (son of retired Captain Bill Gates)
- Landon Greer (son of Captain Bret Due)
- Leah Valdes (daughter of firefighter Luis Valdes)
- Danica Watson (daughter of Assistant Fire Chief Ryan Watson)
- Natalie Murray (daughter of Lieutenant Justin Murray)
- Kaylin Parrish (daughter of Lieutenant Michael Parrish)
- Camden Sowell (son of Battalion Chief Jared Sowell)
- Riley Whitley (daughter of Captain Kelly Whitley)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 20TH, 2025 - APPROVED.**
2. **SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2024-2025 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 13) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING FOR THE LUFKIN POLICE DEPARTMENT’S 9-1-1 VOICE RECORDER SYSTEM – APPROVED.**

3. SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2024-2025 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 14) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING IN VARIOUS FUNDS (MID-YEAR BUDGET AMENDMENT) – APPROVED.
4. SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2024-2025 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 15) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR THE LUFKIN POLICE DEPARTMENT – APPROVED.

Councilmember Brent Watkins moved to approve all items as presented. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

BUSINESS AGENDA

5. FISCAL YEAR 2025 STREET OVERLAY PROGRAM – APPROVED.

City Manager Kevin Gee stated Council had received a map and summary table of streets with rankings and costs for the Fiscal Year 2024 - 2025 Street Overlay Program. City Manager Gee furthered Staff had worked with Council to identify the streets needing repair. City Manager Gee stated the budget included \$1.2 million dollars allocated for the Street Overlay Program for the year.


City Manager Gee concluded Staff recommended City Council consider approval of the Fiscal Year 2024 - 2025 Street Overlay Program.

Councilmember Jimmy Ford moved to approve the Ordinance as presented. Councilmember Angela Hobbs-Spencer seconded the Ordinance and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

Mayor Hicks congratulated the graduates and recipients of the Tino Villasana Lufkin Fire Department Scholarships.

There being no further business, Mayor Mark Hicks adjourned the meeting at 5:06 p.m.




Mark Hicks, Mayor


Kara Andrepoint, City Secretary