

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON THE 4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025.**

On the 4th day of February 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
Guessippina Bonner	Councilmember, Ward No. 1
Brent Watkins	Councilmember, Ward No. 3
Kim Ogden	Councilmember, Ward No. 4
Jimmy Ford	Councilmember, Ward No. 5
Adam Lowther	Councilmember, Ward No. 6
Kevin Gee	City Manager
Kristi Skillern	City Attorney
Brian W. Bray	Assistant City Manager
Kara Andrepont	City Secretary
David Thomas	Police Chief
Buddy Cross	Assistant Police Chief
Jesse Moody	Fire Chief
Christopher Key	Engineering Services Director
Scott Rayburn	City Planner
Scott Cameron	Street Department Superintendent
Albert Duffield	Utilities Director
John Smith	Municipal Services Manager
Julie Massey	Library Manager

being present when the following business was transacted.

INVOCATION – The meeting was opened with prayer by Councilmember Jimmy Ford.

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.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 22ND, 2025 - APPROVED.**
- 2. SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2024-2025 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 9) APPROPRIATING FUNDING FOR AN EMERGENCY MANHOLE REPAIR AT LOOP 287 AND HIGHWAY US 69 SOUTH – APPROVED.**

Councilmember Robert Shankle moved to approve all items on the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilmember Jimmy Ford 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 TO “LOCAL BUSINESS” ON PROPERTY ADDRESSED AS 822 MOORE STREET – APPROVED.**

City Manager Kevin Gee stated KTTK Properties, LLC, had requested a zone change for 822 Moore Avenue from "Residential Medium" to "Local Business". City Manager Gee furthered the property was currently undeveloped and the purpose of the zone change was to allow for a parking lot to serve a proposed medical clinic within an existing building located at 821 W. Frank Avenue. City Manager Gee highlighted the location of the property and surrounding uses. City Manager Gee stated the Comprehensive Plan designation for the property was currently "Institutional" and Staff found the proposed zone change consistent with current area uses as well as the current "Institutional" future land use classification. City Manager Gee furthered the Planning & Zoning Commission had unanimously recommended the request for approval.

City Manager Gee concluded Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and consider approval on Second Reading of an Ordinance changing the zoning to “Local Business” on property addressed as 822 Moore Avenue.

Mayor 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 requested comments from the City Council.

Councilmember Jimmy Ford moved to approve the Ordinance as presented. Councilmember Kim Ogden seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

4. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING TO “DUPLEX” AND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP DESIGNATION TO “MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL” FOR PROPERTIES ADDRESSED AS 1615, 1701, 1705 AND 1709 CIMARRON STREET– APPROVED.

City Manager Kevin Gee stated the applicant, Michael G. Parker, on behalf of Nathan Cole Blakely, had requested a zone change from "Residential Large" and "Commercial" to a "Duplex" zoning district. City Manager Gee highlighted the location of the property and surrounding uses. City Manager Gee furthered the Comprehensive Plan designation for the property was currently "Commercial" and Staff found the proposed zone change consistent with the current area uses as well as the proposed "Medium Density Residential" future land use classification. City Manager Gee stated the Planning and Zoning Commission had unanimously recommended the request for approval.

City Manager Gee concluded Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and consider approval on Second Reading of an Ordinance changing the zoning to “Duplex” and the Future Land Use map designation to “Medium Density Residential” on properties addressed as 1615, 1701, 1705, and 1709 Cimarron Street.

Mayor Hicks opened the Public Hearing at 5:06 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak; Mayor Hicks closed the Public Hearing and requested comments from the City Council.

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

5. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING TO “RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM” ON PROPERTY ADDRESSED AS 520 WALTERS STREET – APPROVED.

City Manager Kevin Gee stated the applicant, Michael G. Parker, on behalf of Ronnie Frankens, had requested a zone change for 520 Walters Street from "Residential Large" to "Residential Medium" on property described as part of the Walters Street Subdivision, Block 1, Lot 1. City Manager Gee furthered the property was 2.96 acres and undeveloped with the purpose of the zone change to allow for the construction of two single-family site built residential homes. City Manager Gee highlighted the location of the property and surrounding uses. City Manager Gee stated the Comprehensive Plan designation for the property was "Medium Density Residential" and Staff found the proposed zone change consistent with the current area uses as well as the current "Medium Density" future land use classification. City Manager Gee furthered the Planning and Zoning Commission had unanimously recommended the request for approval.

City Manager Gee concluded Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and consider approval on Second Reading of an Ordinance changing the zoning to “Residential Medium” on property addressed as 520 Walters Street.

Mayor 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 requested comments from the City Council.

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

6. PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LUFKIN POLICE DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 EDWARD BYRNE CRIMINAL JUSTICE GRANT – APPROVED.

City Manager Kevin Gee stated the Lufkin Police Department wished to submit an application for the Fiscal Year 2026, Office of the Governor Edward Byrne Criminal Justice Grant in the amount of \$45,000. City Manager Gee furthered the intent of the money was for law enforcement needs, specifically a forensic computer workstation, software, equipment and related training. City Manager Gee explained there was not a match required but the item did require a public comment period.

City Manager Gee concluded Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and approve a Resolution authorizing an application by the Lufkin Police Department for the Fiscal Year 2026 Office of the Governor Edward Byrne Criminal Justice Grant in the amount of \$45,000.

Mayor Hicks opened the Public Hearing at 5:09 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak; Mayor Hicks closed the Public Hearing and requested comments from the City Council.

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

Mayor Mark Hicks wished Councilmember Jimmy Ford a Happy Birthday.

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




Mark Hicks, Mayor


Kara Andrepont, City Secretary