

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 15th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2015.

On the 15th day of September 2015, 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:

Bob F. Brown
Mark Hicks
Victor Travis
Robert Shankle
Lynn Torres
Rocky Thigpen
Sarah Murray
Steve Floyd
Bruce Green
Kara Atwood
Rodney Ivy
Gerald Williamson
Ted Lovett
Belinda Southern
Dorothy Wilson
Steve Poskey
Mike Akridge
Barbara Thompson
Dale Allred
Sid Munlin
Chuck Walker
Kent Havard
Thad Chambers
Tara Watkins

Mayor
Mayor Pro Tem
Councilmember, Ward No. 1
Councilmember, Ward No. 2
Councilmember, Ward No. 3
Councilmember, Ward No. 5
Councilmember, Ward No. 6
Assistant City Manager
City Attorney
City Secretary
Human Resources Director
Police Chief
Fire Chief
Finance Director
Planning Director
Street Department Director
Parks & Recreation Director
Main Street Director
Inspection Services Director
Information Technology Director
Public Works Director
Solid Waste Director
Economic Development Director
LCVB Director

being present; and

Keith Wright

City Manager

being absent when the following business was transacted.

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by Reverend Edward Thomas.
2. Mayor Bob Brown welcomed visitors present.
3. **MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 1, 2015 AND THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2015**

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the minutes of the meetings as presented. Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

4. **PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, BY CHANGING THE ZONING TO "DUPLEX" FOR PROPERTY KNOWN AS 604 GOBBLERS KNOB ROAD – APPROVED**

Assistant City Manager Steve Floyd stated this was the Second Reading of the Ordinance for a request by the owner for a change in zoning from Residential Large to Duplex. Assistant City Manager Floyd explained the location of the property and its proposed use. Assistant City Manager Floyd concluded that both Staff and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of this request.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:03 p.m. There was no one present who wished to speak on the item.

Councilmember Sarah Murray questioned how this development would affect traffic on Gobblers Knob. Planning Director Dorothy Wilson stated that since the owner had not disclosed how many duplexes would be built; she did not know the affect it would have on traffic; however, once plans were submitted she would be glad to provide that information. Councilmember Rocky Thigpen commented he had received phone calls expressing concern over the development and he had assured the callers that this would be a higher end development and should not affect property values. Councilmember Mark Hicks asked how many duplexes could be constructed on the property. Director Wilson stated she was unsure, but the owner's intention was to build upscale duplexes on large lots, with garages, garden areas, etc. Further discussion ensued regarding the number and lot size of the development.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the Ordinance changing the zoning to "Duplex" on property known as 604 Gobblers Knob Road. Councilmember Rocky Thigpen seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

5. **SECOND READING OF AN APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2015 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 - APPROVED**

Assistant City Manager Floyd state that Staff was pleased to present the budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2015, which maintained the current tax rate of 0.5238. Assistant City Manager Floyd continued that there was no increase in solid waste rates, but the budget included a planned six percent (6%) increase in water and sewer rates for all customers that had been delayed for several years. Assistant City Manager Floyd concluded that Staff recommended approval of the Ordinance adopting the 2015-2016 Budget.

Councilmember Victor Travis moved to approve the Ordinance adopting the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Budget. Councilmember Lynn Torres seconded the motion. A unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

6. **SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 52.15 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS; MAKING A CHANGE IN THE RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, IRRIGATION, INDUSTRIAL AND WHOLESALE WATER RATES; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE - APPROVED**

Assistant City Manager Floyd stated that as previously discussed the 2015-2016 Budget included a six percent (6%) increase in water and sewer rates. Assistant City Manager Floyd concluded that this Ordinance simply adopted the rates and Staff recommended approval.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the Ordinance establishing water rates for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year. Councilmember Rocky Thigpen seconded the motion. A unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

7. **SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 51.111 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS; MAKING CERTAIN CHANGES IN THE SEWER RATES; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE - APPROVED**

Assistant City Manager Floyd stated that Staff recommended City Council approve the Ordinance establishing sewer rates for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the Ordinance establishing sewer rates for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year. Councilmember Thigpen seconded the motion. A unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

8. **SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR THE USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF**

LUFKIN AND PROVIDING FOR THE DEBT SERVICE FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 AND APPORTIONING EACH LEVY FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE - APPROVED

Assistant City Manager Floyd stated that the current tax rate was 0.5238 per \$100 of valuation and that this rate was divided into two portions; with 0.3638 designated for maintenance and operations and 0.1600 designated for interest and sinking. Assistant City Manager Floyd stated that unless citizen's valuations have increased, they will not pay any additional taxes. Assistant City Manager Floyd continued that since the proposed rate was above the effective tax rate of 0.514413, specific language must be used in the motion and record vote must be taken. Assistant City Manager Floyd concluded that Staff recommended City Council approve the Second Reading of the Ordinance levying the tax rate for 2015-2016.

Councilmember Lynn Torres made a motion that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.523800, which was effectively a 1.82 percent increase in the tax rate. Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion and a unanimous record vote was documented.

9. MEET AND CONFER AGREEMENT WITH THE LUFKIN POLICE ASSOCIATION – APPROVED

Assistant City Manager Floyd stated that a Meet and Confer meeting was held with the Lufkin Police Association on August 31st regarding the proposed agreement. Assistant City Manager Floyd continued that the agreement had been approved by a secret ballot vote of the Lufkin Police Association. Assistant City Manager Floyd highlighted the major points of the agreement and concluded that Staff recommended City Council approve the agreement as presented.

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

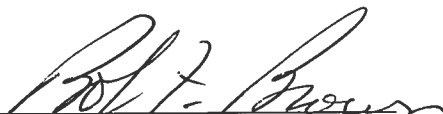
10. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Assistant City Manager Floyd reviewed the Financial Status Report and stated he would be glad to answer any questions City Council might have regarding the reports.

11. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST FROM MAYOR, CITY COUNCILMEMBERS, AND STAFF

Assistant City Manager Floyd detailed the various upcoming City sponsored and community events.

12. There being no more business to address the meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m.


Bob F. Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kara Atwood, City Secretary

