

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 19th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2019

On the 19th day of November, 2019 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	Mayor
Mark Hicks	Mayor Pro Tem
Guessippina Bonner	Councilmember, Ward No. 1
Lynn Torres	Councilmember, Ward No. 3
Rocky Thigpen	Councilmember, Ward No. 5
Sarah Murray	Councilmember, Ward No. 6
Keith Wright	City Manager
Bruce Green	City Attorney
Jason Arnold	Assistant to the City Manager
Kara Andrepont	City Secretary
Rodney Ivy	Human Resource Director
David Thomas	Police Chief
Jesse Moody	Fire Chief
Belinda Melancon	Finance Director
Dorothy Wilson	Asst. Director Planning & Zoning
Kevin Gee	Engineering Services Director
Michael Flinn	Parks and Recreation Director
Albert Duffield	Water and Sewer Director
Scott Hamel	Fleet Maintenance Director
Chuck Walker	Street Department Director
Lorraine Simoneau	Library Director

being present; and

Robert Shankle	Councilmember, Ward No. 2
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being absent when the following business was transacted.

INVOCATION - The meeting was opened with prayer by City Manager Keith Wright.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mayor Brown opened the meeting for Public Comment on any posted agenda item at 5:02 p.m. There being none; Mayor Brown closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 5, 2019 – APPROVED

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

2. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS CHANGING THE ZONING TO “HEAVY MANUFACTURING” FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2803 AND 3107 ELLEN TROUT DRIVE/LOOP 287 - APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that the owner, Michael Brown, had requested a zone change to “Heavy Manufacturing” for two (2) parcels equaling 8.71 acres with frontage on Ellen Trout Drive/Loop 287. City Manager Wright highlighted the location of the proposed change on the corresponding maps. City Manager Wright furthered that the owner had stated that the zone change request would be for the sale of rock material, but that approval of the zone change would allow for any use listed on the attached sheet of “Heavy Manufacturing” uses.

City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and consider on Second Reading an Ordinance changing the zoning to “Heavy Manufacturing” for property located at 2803 and 3107 Ellen Trout Drive/Loop 287.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:05 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak, Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing and moved to comments from the Council.

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

3. SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2019-2020 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 2) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING FROM A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,815 FROM THE LUFKIN ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS FOR THE LUFKIN FIRE DEPARTMENT- APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that Staff recommended City Council approve on Second Reading an Ordinance authorizing Budget Amendment No. 2 appropriating the funding for the donation from the Lufkin Association of Realtors for the Lufkin Fire Department.

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

4. SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2019-2020 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 3) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING FROM A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,684.46 FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM THROUGH DETCOG FOR THE LUFKIN POLICE DEPARTMENT- APPROVED

City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council approve on Second Reading an Ordinance authorizing Budget Amendment No. 3 appropriating the funding from the grant.

Councilmember Guessippina Bonner moved to accept the grant and approve the Ordinance as presented. Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

5. SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2019-2020 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 4) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING FROM A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,167 FROM THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR THE LUFKIN POLICE DEPARTMENT- APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that the Lufkin Police Department and the Angelina County Sheriff's Department had been jointly awarded funding from the Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$10,167. City Manager Wright furthered that the funds would be distributed evenly between the Lufkin Police Department and the Angelina County Sheriff's Department to be used for law enforcement related needs such as equipment, technology and training.

City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council approve the Second Reading of an Ordinance authorizing Budget Amendment No. 4 appropriating the funding.

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

6. SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2019-2020 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 5) APPROPRIATING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,860.72 TO THE LUFKIN POLICE DEPARTMENT – APPROVED

City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council approve on Second Reading an Ordinance authorizing Budget Amendment No. 5 appropriating the funding.

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

7. PURCHASE OF VEHICLES FOR VARIOUS CITY OF LUFKIN DEPARTMENTS–APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that this item included the purchase of nine (9) pickups for various departments (\$243,641.52); Med Unit for the Lufkin Fire Department (\$210,607.80); mini excavator for the Water and Sewer Utilities Department (\$38,950); tractor and boom mower for the Street Department (\$107,157.33); vibratory roller for the Street Department (\$99,627) and a transit van for the Kurth Memorial Library (\$29,191.75). City Manager Wright furthered that the total purchase amount for the above items would be \$729,175.40 and individual bid information was included in the Council's packet for review. City Manager Wright stated that the pickup trucks, chassis for the Med Unit, tractor with boom mower, vibratory roller and transit van would all be supplied from local vendors which included Al Meyer Ford, Doggett Machinery and Jarvis Farm Equipment. City Manager Wright furthered that all existing units would be sold through the auction process once new vehicles and equipment were received.

City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council approve the purchase of vehicles and equipment totaling \$729,175.40 for various City of Lufkin Departments.

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

8. APPOINTMENTS TO THE KURTH MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD – APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that nominations for appointment to the Kurth Memorial Library Board must originate with the Library Board. City Manager Wright furthered that the board had recommended to replace John Wood with Susanne Lively. City Manager Wright furthered that Mrs. Lively was a Lufkin native and had served as the librarian at St. Cyprians for many years.

City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council approve the appointment of Susanne Lively to the Kurth Memorial Library Board.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the Kurth Memorial Library Board appointment as presented. Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

9. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS – APPROVED


City Manager Wright stated that a packet including each proposed project and the debt summary had been distributed for City Council review. City Manager Wright furthered that Kevin Gee, Engineering Services Director and Belinda Melancon, Finance Director would present the information. City Manager Wright stated this was simply a presentation and the item would not be voted on tonight and that the majority of projects were recommended by the recent Comprehensive Plan. City Manager Wright continued that this would be a seven (7) year program that would encompass years 2020, 2022 and 2024. Director Gee reviewed all the projects and their respective costs. Discussion ensued regarding the projects. Finance Director Melancon highlighted the City's current debt summary and the planned bond issuances in 2020, 2022 and 2024. Director Melancon highlighted each issuance and the corresponding debt service payments for each and stated that these issuances would allow the City to stay within our debt rate of 0.14. Additional discussion ensued regarding the payments, projected shortfall and accumulated debt.

10. FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT

City Manager Wright reviewed the Financial Status Report and General Fund Revenues. City Manager Wright offered to answer any questions. There were none.

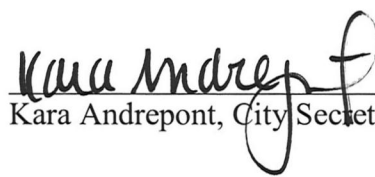
There being no further business, Mayor Bob Brown adjourned the meeting at 5:53 p.m.





Bob F. Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kara Andrepont, City Secretary