

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 3rd DAY OF OCTOBER, 2017.**

On the 3rd day of October, 2017 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
Robert Shankle	Councilmember, Ward No. 2
Lynn Torres	Councilmember, Ward No. 3
Rocky Thigpen	Councilmember, Ward No. 5
Sarah Murray	Councilmember, Ward No. 6
Keith Wright	City Manager
Steve Floyd	Assistant City Manager
Bruce Green	City Attorney
Kara Atwood	City Secretary
David Thomas	Assistant Police Chief
Ted Lovett	Fire Chief
Dorothy Wilson	Planning & Zoning Director
Steve Poskey	Street Department Director
Mike Akridge	Parks & Recreation Director
Barbara Thompson	Main Street Director
Brant Lee	Civic Center Director
Jason Arnold	Water & Sewer Director
Dale Allred	Inspection Services Director
Sid Munlin	IT Director
Chuck Walker	Public Works Director
Kent Havard	Solid Waste Director
Tara Watkins	LCVB Director

being present when the following business was transacted.

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by City Manager Keith Wright.
2. Mayor Bob F. Brown welcomed Leadership Lufkin, attendees and visitors present.
3. **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD
SEPTEMBER 19, 2017 – APPROVED**

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

OLD BUSINESS

4. **SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3,
“BUILDING REGULATIONS”, DIVISION 4, “ELECTRICAL CODE”, OF THE
CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS - APPROVED**

City Manager Wright stated that as City Council was aware that No. 4 and 5 were two proposed Ordinances regarding amendments to the Electrical Code and Building Permit and Inspection Fee Schedule Ordinances. City Manager Wright stated the first Ordinance would adopt the 2017 National Electrical Code, which was adopted by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation with an effective date of September 15, 2017. City Manager Wright stated this adoption would bring the City in compliance with the State Code. City Manager Wright stated that major changes would include

state testing and licensing of electricians as well as prohibiting municipalities from charging for electrical permits. City Manager Wright stated that the State would still require the City to regulate and inspect all electrical work done within the City even though no permit or inspection fees could be charged.

City Manager Wright furthered Staff recommended City Council approve the second reading of an Ordinance amending the Electrical Code of the City of Lufkin to comply with newly adopted State legislation.

Councilmember Shankle moved to approve the second and final reading as presented. Councilmember Bonner seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

5. SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING "FEE SCHEDULE", ARTICLE 5.000, "BUILDING AND INSPECTION FEES", SECTIONS 5.001 (INSPECTION FEES) AND 5.002 (BUILDING PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS - APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that as stated above, this proposed Ordinance would offset the loss of revenue from the adoption of the 2017 National Electrical Code which would prohibit municipalities from charging fees for electrical permitting and inspections within the City of Lufkin.

City Manager Wright stated Staff recommended City Council approve on second reading an Ordinance amending the City of Lufkin Building Permit Fee Schedule.

Councilmember Bonner moved to approve the second and final reading as presented. Councilmember Murray seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

NEW BUSINESS

6. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS DIRECTING PLANNING STAFF TO PROCEED WITH ANNEXATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF A SERVICE PLAN FOR PROPERTY LOCATED NEAR EAST LUFKIN AVENUE - APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that the Planning and Zoning Department, at the request of a property owner, had requested an evaluation of land east of the City limits in the area of Lufkin High School. City Manager Wright stated that the owner had requested annexation in order to receive City Services.

Councilmember Bonner stated that she would like the other property owners to have the opportunity for their properties to be annexed. City Manager Wright stated that the other property owners were not asking to be annexed at this time. Councilmember Bonner stated that property owners should be asked. City Manager Wright stated property owners would be notified.

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

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Evaluation of City Manager in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 551.074 which provides for the discussion of personnel matters and discussion of pending litigation in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 551.071 which provides for the discussion of personal matters.

Mayor Brown convened Executive Session at 5:16 p.m. Mayor Brown reconvened Regular Session at 5:35 p.m.

8. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST FROM MAYOR, CITY COUNCILMEMBER AND STAFF

City Manager Wright highlighted events and upcoming meeting on the Calendar. Councilmember Bonner gave condolences to the King family.

9. There being no further business, Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 5:36 p.m.




Bob F. Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kara Atwood, City Secretary