

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 16TH DAY OF MAY, 2017.**

On the 16th day of May, 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
Mark Hicks
Guessippina Bonner
Robert Shankle
Lynn Torres
Rocky Thigpen
Sarah Murray
Keith Wright
Steve Floyd
Bruce Green
Kara Atwood
Rodney Ivey
Gerald Williamson
David Thomas
Ted Lovett
Belinda Southern
Steve Poskey
Mike Akridge
Barbara Thompson
Jason Arnold
Dale Allred
Chuck Walker
Kent Havard

Mayor
Mayor Pro Tem
Councilmember, Ward No. 1
Councilmember, Ward No. 2
Councilmember, Ward No. 3
Councilmember, Ward No. 5
Councilmember, Ward No. 6
City Manager
Assistant City Manager
City Attorney
City Secretary
Human Resource Director
Police Chief
Assistant Police Chief
Fire Chief
Finance Director
Street Department Director
Parks & Recreation Director
Main Street Director
Water & Sewer Director
Inspection Services Director
Solid Waste Director
Solid Waste Director

being present when the following business was transacted.

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Joshua Poage of Clawson Assembly of God.
2. Mayor Bob F. Brown announced Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, welcomed visitors present and recognized attending members of the Gypsy Motorcycle Club Lufkin Chapter.

**3. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD MAY 2ND
2017 - 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.

**4. ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO COUNCILMEMBER WARD NO. 5 AND
COUNCILMEMBER WARD NO. 6**

District Court Judge Paul White administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember Sarah Murray of Ward No. 6 and Councilmember Rocky Thigpen of Ward No. 5.

**5. PRESENTATION OF TINO VILLASANA LUFKIN FIRE DEPARTMENT
SCHOLARSHIPS**

Mayor Bob F. Brown presented the Tino Villasana Lufkin Fire Department Scholarship Fund to candidates M. Dillon Grace, Jr. and Blaine A. Turner.

OLD BUSINESS

6. SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2716 REGULATING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE AND PRIVATE AMBULANCE SERVICE IN THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS - APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that Ordinance No. 2716, which regulated emergency medical service and private ambulance service, was drafted in 1989 and had been updated to better regulate both emergency and non-emergency ambulance service. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council consider approval of the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2716 regulating emergency medical service and private ambulance service in the City of Lufkin.

Councilmember Mark Hicks inquired how often private ambulance services were deployed. Fire Chief Lovett stated that one-hundred (100) to two-hundred and fifty (250) times per year. Fire Chief Lovett furthered that around nine-hundred (900) private ambulance transfers were made outside City limits yearly.

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

7. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS CANCELLING THE JULY 4, 2017 REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING – APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that the City Council meeting day under discussion fell on the City holiday of July 4th in celebration of Independence Day. City Manager Wright furthered that Staff requested that City Council approve a Resolution cancelling the Regular City Council meeting of July 4, 2017.

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

8. RESOLUTION TO CERTIFY LOCAL FUNDING AND SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE PROGRAM FOR FUNDING COMPETITION IN THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 2017 PROGRAM CALL FOR PROJECTS - APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that the item being considered was a competition for a grant and City Council was requested to pass a Resolution authorizing the City to apply for the grant. City Manager Wright furthered that the Texas Department of Transportation had requested submission of several projects to be considered for approval through the 2017 TxDOT Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Grant program. City Manager Wright stated that the program provided funding for the construction of sidewalks to aid in providing access and safety to pedestrians that was originally targeted as a "Safe Routes to School Program". City Manager Wright furthered that Staff proposed to make sidewalk improvements along East Denman Avenue from Chestnut Street to Lexington Village Apartments and along South First Street near Angelina College. City Manager Wright highlighted the area on a map. City Manager Wright stated that the proposed project also included the construction of a pedestrian bridge across South First Street (Highway 59 South) near Angelina College. City Manager Wright stated that based on the anticipated cost estimate the project could be completed on budget with the 20% match funding approval. City Manager Wright stated that the amount of grant funding applied for totaled around 1.6 million dollars and would require the 20% match from the City. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council approve a Resolution certifying local funding and support for the submission of projects for the TxDOT Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Grant program.

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

9. DESIGNATION OF FUNDING TO THE LANE OF HOPE, INC. ORGANIZATION FOR THE ANNUAL JUNETEENTH EVENT – APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that the City of Lufkin historically sponsored the Juneteenth celebration at Brandon Park. City Manager Wright furthered that the City had provided the funding for the celebration through the Friendship Social Club; however, the organization would no longer be coordinating the event. City Manager Wright stated that the Lane of Hope, Inc. organization would coordinate the event and had requested to receive the funding for the annual celebration. City Manager Wright stated that the organization was registered as a 501 (c) (3) non-profit corporation. City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council consider the designation of funding to the Lane of Hope, Inc. organization for the annual Juneteenth event.

Mayor Brown requested that Councilmember Shankle provide a history of the Friendship Social Club and the Lane of Hope organization. Councilmember Shankle provided a history of the Friendship Social Club and the Lane of Hope organization. Councilmember Shankle furthered that a meeting was held May 4, 2017 where it was determined that a collaboration of organizations would participate in the sponsorship of the Juneteenth celebration, with The Lane of Hope, Inc. spearheading the collaboration.

Mayor Brown thanked Councilmember Shankle for the history of the sponsoring changes for the purpose of being inclusive rather than exclusive to those organizations choosing to participate.

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

10. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Wright highlighted ad valorem taxes, revenues, expenditures, and Water and Wastewater funds. City Manager Wright offered to answer questions. There were none

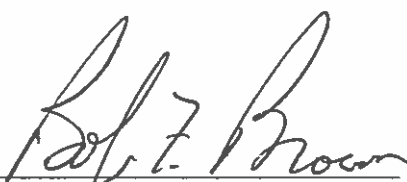
11. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST FROM MAYOR, CITY COUNCILMEMBERS AND STAFF

City Manager Wright detailed various upcoming City sponsored and community events.

12. There being no more business to address the meeting was adjourned at 5:21 p.m.



ATTEST:


Bob F. Brown, Mayor


Kara Atwood, City Secretary