

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 7TH DAY OF APRIL, 2020**

On the 7th day of April, 2020 the City Council of the City of Lufkin, Texas convened in a Regular Meeting via teleconference with the following members, thereof to wit:

Bob F. Brown	Mayor
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
Bruce Green	Deputy City Manager/City Attorney
Jason Arnold	Assistant City Manager
Kara Andrepont	City Secretary
Belinda Melancon	Finance Director
Kevin Gee	Engineering Services Director

being present: and

Mark Hicks	Mayor Pro Tem
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being absent when the following business was transacted.

INVOCATION - The meeting was opened with prayer by Mayor Bob F. Brown.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mayor Brown opened the meeting for Public Comment on any posted agenda item at 5:01 p.m. There being no one that wished to speak, Mayor Brown closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting at 5:04 p.m.

1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD MARCH 17, 2020 AND THE EMERGENCY CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD MARCH 26, 2020– APPROVED.

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.

2. SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY OF LUFKIN ORDINANCE NO. 4689 REGULATING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE AND PRIVATE AMBULANCE SERVICE IN THE CITY OF LUFKIN – APPROVED.

City Manager Wright stated that Staff recommended City Council approve on Second Reading an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 4689 regulating emergency medical service and private ambulance service in the City of Lufkin.

Councilmember Robert Shankle moved to approve the Ordinance as presented. Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion. Mayor Brown then did a roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

• Guessippina Bonner	Councilmember, Ward No. 1	Yes
• Robert Shankle	Councilmember, Ward No. 2	Yes
• Lynn Torres	Councilmember, Ward No. 3	Yes
• Rocky Thigpen	Councilmember, Ward No. 5	Yes
• Sarah Murray	Councilmember, Ward No. 6	Yes

3. SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2019-2020 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 15) PROVIDING FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS IN THE GENERAL FUND, WATER & WASTEWATER FUND AND THE SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING FUND IN RESPONSE TO THE WIDESPREAD PANDEMIC COVID-19 – APPROVED.

City Manager Wright stated that Staff recommended City Council approve on Second Reading an Ordinance authorizing an amendment to the 2019-2020 operating budget (Budget Amendment No. 15) providing for the supplemental appropriation of funds in the General Fund, Water and Wastewater Fund and the Solid Waste & Recycling Fund in response to the widespread pandemic COVID-19.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the Ordinance as presented. Councilmember Rocky Thigpen seconded the motion. Mayor Brown then did a roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

• Guessippina Bonner	Councilmember, Ward No. 1	Yes
• Robert Shankle	Councilmember, Ward No. 2	Yes
• Lynn Torres	Councilmember, Ward No. 3	Yes
• Rocky Thigpen	Councilmember, Ward No. 5	Yes
• Sarah Murray	Councilmember, Ward No. 6	Yes

4. **PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS BY CHANGING THE ZONING TO “LOCAL BUSINESS” ON PROPERTY ADDRESSED AS 624 WEST FRANK AVENUE – APPROVED.**

City Manager Wright stated that the applicant, Albert (Bud) Nolan Weathers Jr., had requested a zone change from “Residential Medium” to “Local Business” for 624 W Frank Avenue. City Manager Wright furthered that the property was currently occupied by a residential home. City Manager Wright stated that the purpose of the zone change was to sell the property for a new donut shop. City Manager Wright highlighted the location of the property on the corresponding maps and provided information on the current zoning of neighboring properties. City Manager Wright stated that the request was unanimously approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission during the March 23, 2020 meeting.

City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and approve the First Reading of an Ordinance changing the zoning to “Local Business” on property addressed as 624 West Frank Avenue.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:09 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak, Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing at 5:10 p.m. and moved to comments from the City Council. There were none.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the Ordinance as presented. Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion. Mayor Brown then did a roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

• Guessippina Bonner	Councilmember, Ward No. 1	Yes
• Robert Shankle	Councilmember, Ward No. 2	Yes
• Lynn Torres	Councilmember, Ward No. 3	Yes
• Rocky Thigpen	Councilmember, Ward No. 5	Yes
• Sarah Murray	Councilmember, Ward No. 6	Yes

5. **FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2019-2020 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 16) PROVIDING FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS IN THE GENERAL FUND CONSTRUCTION FUND FOR THE CASPER STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT – APPROVED.**

City Manager Wright stated that in February of 2019, City Council authorized the application for a 2020 Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG). City Manager Wright furthered that the application was approved and the contract with TDA began on January 1, 2020 and would expire on December 31, 2021. City Manager Wright stated that the City had been awarded funding in the amount of \$275,000 to be used for engineering, administration, and reconstruction of Casper Street. City Manager Wright furthered that Budget Amendment No. 16 would appropriate the funding for the project.

City Manager Wright concluded that Staff recommended City Council approve the First Reading of an Ordinance authorizing Budget Amendment No. 16 appropriating funding for the 2020 Texas CDBG Grant for the reconstruction of Casper Street.

Councilmember Shankle moved to approved the Ordinance as presented. Councilmember Murray seconded the motion. Mayor Brown then did a roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:

• Guessippina Bonner	Councilmember, Ward No. 1	Yes
• Robert Shankle	Councilmember, Ward No. 2	Yes
• Lynn Torres	Councilmember, Ward No. 3	Yes
• Rocky Thigpen	Councilmember, Ward No. 5	Yes
• Sarah Murray	Councilmember, Ward No. 6	Yes

6. **RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS TO MOVE THE DATE OF THE 2020 REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION FROM MAY 2, 2020 TO NOVEMBER 3, 2020 OR TO A DATE MADE AVAILABLE BY THE STATE OF TEXAS – APPROVED.**

City Manager Wright stated that due to the situation with the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Greg Abbott had issued a proclamation on March 18th allowing municipalities to move their general and special elections from the May 2, 2020 date to the November 3, 2020 date. City Manager Wright furthered that since the issuance of the Stay at Home order by the City, Staff felt it necessary for City Council to consider a Resolution postponing the election until the November date. City Manager Wright stated that the Resolution also provided that the election could be held earlier should the Governor decide to provide a date for the election prior to the November uniform date. City Manager Wright furthered that this was an election for Ward No. 6 and that the current Councilmember, Sarah Murray, would stay in the position until an election was held.

City Manager Wright concluded that Staff requested City Council consider a Resolution postponing the May 2, 2020 General Election until the November 3, 2020 uniform election date or at an earlier date as provided by the State.

Councilmember Robert Shankle moved to approve the Resolution as presented. Councilmember Robert Thigpen seconded the motion. Mayor Brown then did a roll call vote and the following votes were recorded:


• Guessippina Bonner	Councilmember, Ward No. 1	Yes
• Robert Shankle	Councilmember, Ward No. 2	Yes
• Lynn Torres	Councilmember, Ward No. 3	Yes
• Rocky Thigpen	Councilmember, Ward No. 5	Yes
• Sarah Murray	Councilmember, Ward No. 6	Yes

There being no further business, Mayor Bob Brown adjourned the meeting at 5:16 p.m.



ATTEST:


Kara Andrepont, City Secretary


Bob F. Brown, Mayor