

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 15th DAY OF MAY, 2018.

On the 15th day of May, 2018 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
Keith Wright	City Manager
Seth Elmore	Assistant City Attorney
Kara Atwood	City Secretary
Ted Lovett	Fire Chief
Belinda Melancon	Finance Director
Dorothy Wilson	Planning and Zoning Director
Kevin Gee	Engineering Services Director
Mike Akridge	Parks & Recreation Director
Barbara Thompson	Main Street Director
Albert Duffield	Water & Sewer Director
Chuck Walker	Street Department Director
Bob Samford	Economic Development Director
April Earley	Municipal Court Judge

being present when the following business was transacted.

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by Reverend M.E. Lyons, Goodwill Missionary Baptist Church.
2. Mayor Bob F. Brown welcomed visitors present including those present from Leadership Lufkin.
3. **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD MAY 1, 2018 – 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. **CANVASS OF 2018 CITY OF LUFKIN MUNICIPAL ELECTION AND RESOLUTION DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE SAME - APPROVED**

City Manager Keith Wright stated that State Law required the Mayor and City Council canvass the votes of the City of Lufkin General Election held May 5, 2018. City Secretary Kara Andrepont then gave the vote totals for the Councilmember Ward No. 2 election; Councilmember Robert Shankle, 132 votes and candidate Velta Page, 26 votes.

Councilmember Mark Hicks moved to accept the canvass of the 2018 City of Lufkin Municipal Election and approve the Resolution declaring the results of the same. Councilmember Guessippina Bonner seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

5. **OATH OF OFFICE – MAYOR BOB F. BROWN, COUNCILMEMBER ROBERT SHANKLE AND COUNCILMEMBER MARK HICKS**

Municipal Court Judge April Earley issued the Oath of Office to Councilmember Robert Shankle. District Judge Paul White issued the Oath of Office to Councilmember Mark Hicks and Mayor Bob Brown.

6. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF CITY OF LUFKIN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – NO ACTION

City Manager Wright stated that it had been seventeen (17) years since a comprehensive plan had been drafted for the City of Lufkin. City Manager Wright stated the new plan had been completed by Burditt Consultants, LLC after an extensive public input process. City Manager Wright then asked J. Shane Howard, with Burditt Consultants, to present the proposed Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Howard provided a Power Point presentation and highlighted the comprehensive plan, the process of creation and proposed implementation of the plan. Councilmember Bonner expressed concern regarding items from a recent meeting not being included in the plan as well as the focus on the downtown area. Councilmember Bonner continued that there was also a lack of focus on housing in the North Lufkin area and expressed her disappointment that the plan seemed to be light on inclusion of all residents of the community, especially those in north Lufkin. Further discussion ensued regarding the plan between Mr. Howard, council members and staff. Councilmember Mark Hicks stated that there were two pages specifically dedicated to housing in the north Lufkin area; however, there were no other areas of Lufkin specifically highlighted in the housing section of the plan. Councilmember Robert Shankle expressed concern that information from a 2015 report of community concerns compiled by Stephen F. Austin State University was not included in the comprehensive plan. More discussion ensued regarding development and housing in the community. City Manager Wright explained the differences between the plan from the University and the comprehensive plan. Discussion continued regarding the differences in the plans and how the next steps of implementation of the plan would occur. City Manager Wright gave further information regarding proposed incentives for housing and development within the City of Lufkin. Mr. Howard continued that the bulk of the time spent developing the plan was concentrated in north Lufkin. Mayor Brown thanked Mr. Howard for the presentation and Council for their comments and suggestions. There was no action.

7. APPOINTMENTS TO KURTH MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD – APPROVED

City Manager Wright stated that Kurth Memorial Library Board members Heather Buchanan and Tom Willis recently resigned which resulted in two (2) vacancies on the board. City Manager Wright continued that the Board recommended City Council approve the appointment of Anya Youngblood Lundberg and April Sebesta to the board to serve out the unexpired terms of these members.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the appointments as recommended by the Board. Councilmember Rocky Thigpen seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

8. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

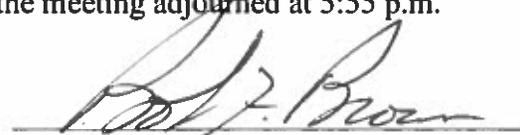
City Manager Wright highlighted revenues and expenditures from the Financial Status Report ending April 30, 2018. City Manager Wright concluded he would be glad to answer any questions related to the monthly reports. There were none.

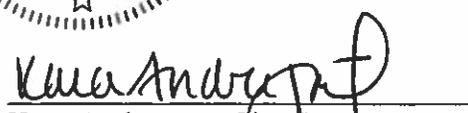
9. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST FROM MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS AND STAFF

City Manager Wright highlighted upcoming events and meetings on the City Council calendar.

10. There being no further business to address, the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.




Bob F. Brown, Mayor


Kara Andrepont, City Secretary