

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 5TH DAY OF APRIL, 2022.**

On the 5th day of April, 2022 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:

Mark Hicks
Robert Shankle
Guessippina Bonner
Lynn Torres
Wes Suiter
Rocky Thigpen
Trent Burfine
Kevin Gee
Erika Neill
Kara Andrepont
Adriana Thomasee
Buddy Cross
Jesse Moody
Jessica Pebsworth
Eddie Aguilar
Scott Rayburn
Rudy Flores
Scott Feaster

Mayor
Mayor Pro Tem
Councilmember, Ward No. 1
Councilmember, Ward No. 3
Councilmember, Ward No. 4
Councilmember, Ward No. 5
Councilmember, Ward No. 6
Interim City Manager
City Attorney
City Secretary
Human Resources
Assistant Police Chief
Fire Chief
Communications Director
Engineering Services Director
Planning Director
Parks and Recreation Director
IT Director

being present when the following business was transacted.

INVOCATION – The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor John Burfield.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mayor Mark Hicks opened the meeting for public comment on any posted agenda item at 5:01 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak; Mayor Hicks closed the public comment period.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 15TH, 2022–
APPROVED.**
2. **RESOLUTION SUSPENDING THE PROPOSED GRIP (GAS RELIABILITY
INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM) RATE INCREASE BY CENTERPOINT ENERGY
RESOURCES FOR FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS – APPROVED.**
3. **RESOLUTION AMENDING THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE CITY
OF LUFKIN TO THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT POOL (TEXPOOL)
– APPROVED.**
4. **RESOLUTION AMENDING THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE CITY
OF LUFKIN TO THE TEXAS SHORT TERM ASSET RESERVE FUND (TEXSTAR) –
APPROVED.**

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve all items on the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilmember Guessippina Bonner seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

Mayor Mark Hicks wished Councilmember Robert Shankle a Happy Birthday and recognized those in attendance from Ms. Wilson's class at Angelina College.

BUSINESS AGENDA

5. **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” AND GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR AUTOMOTIVE
SALES ON PROPERTY ADDRESSED AS 625 SOUTH BYNUM STREET - APPROVED.**

Interim City Manager Kevin Gee stated the applicant had requested a zone change from “Neighborhood Retail” to “Local Business” with a Special Use Permit for Automobile Sales at 625 South Bynum Street. Interim City Manager Gee furthered the use of the property for automobile repair service had existed for numerous years but the property was currently zoned “Neighborhood Retail” which did not allow for automobile sales. Interim City Manager Gee highlighted the location of the property on corresponding maps and provided information on current zoning of neighboring properties. Interim City Manager Gee stated Staff found the proposed zoning change and Special Use Permit consistent with the area zoning and the “Neighborhood Commercial” future land use classification. Interim City Manager Gee furthered Staff had also reviewed the site plan for Automobile Sales at the location and believed there to be no adverse impact on the surrounding area. Interim City Manager Gee stated the request was unanimously approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Interim City Manager Gee concluded Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and consider First Reading of an Ordinance changing the zoning to “Local Business” with a Special Use Permit for Automobile Sales at 625 South Bynum Street.

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

Councilmember Trent Burfine moved to approve the Ordinance as presented. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

6. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS BY CHANGING THE ZONING TO “RESIDENTIAL SMALL” ON PROPERTY ADDRESSED AS 1620, 1622 AND 1624 GRAHAM STREET – APPROVED.

Interim City Manager Gee stated the owners of the property had requested a zone change from “Residential Large” to “Residential Small” for 1620, 1622 and 1624 Graham Street which would also include Tract 671 to the rear of 1628 Graham Street. Interim City Manager Gee furthered the purpose of the zone change was to allow for 1620 Graham Street to be subdivided into two lots. Interim City Manager Gee highlighted the location of the property on corresponding maps and provided information on current zoning of neighboring properties. Interim City Manager Gee stated the request had been approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Interim City Manager Gee concluded Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and consider First Reading of an Ordinance changing the zoning to “Residential Small” on properties addressed as 1620, 1622 and 1624 Graham Street.

Mayor Mark Hicks opened the Public Hearing at 5:07 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak; Mayor Hicks closed the Public Hearing and moved to comments from the Council.

Councilmember Trent Burfine asked if the home located at 1620 Graham Street would be demolished. The owner, Diego Vallejo spoke and stated there was not a home located on the 1620 Graham Street property.

Councilmember Trent Burfine moved to approve the new Ordinance as presented. Councilmember Guessippina Bonner seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

7. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS BY CHANGING THE ZONING TO “RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM” ON PROPERTY ADDRESSED AS 1311 SLACK STREET - APPROVED.

Interim City Manager Gee stated the applicant had requested a zone change from “Residential Large” to “Residential Medium” for 1311 Slack Street. Interim City Manager Gee furthered the purpose of the zone change was to allow for the property to be subdivided into multiple residential lots. Interim City Manager Gee highlighted the location of the property on corresponding maps and provided information on current zoning of neighboring properties.

Interim City Manager Gee concluded Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and consider First Reading of an Ordinance changing the zoning to Residential Medium on property addressed as 1311 Slack Street.

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

8. APPROVAL OF WATER & SEWER PROJECTS UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2021-2022 OPERTING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 14) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING – APPROVED.

Interim City Manager Gee stated the City had received funding through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) which was intended to provide relief for municipalities from the effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Interim City Manager Gee furthered Staff intended to utilize the funding to increase the overall resiliency of the City from manmade and natural events as well as mitigate the effect of the pandemic. Interim City Manager Gee stated in November 2021, City Council approved the use of the funding for water and sewer infrastructure, outdoor spaces, Police Department communications equipment, and Fire Department/EMS reimbursement. Interim City Manager Gee explained both the Police Department communications equipment and the Fire Department/EMS reimbursement had been completed. Interim City Manager Gee stated a total of \$867,000 had been budgeted for outdoor spaces and parks and Staff had also identified several needed improvements to major infrastructure components within the water and sewer system. Interim City Manager Gee summarized the projects for Council. Interim City Manager Gee furthered there was an additional \$112,456.34 contingency included with some professional design services being performed in-house on certain projects and by consultant engineers on others. Interim City Manager Gee stated details regarding the projects, budgets and maps had been included in the City Council packet.

Interim City Manager Gee concluded Staff recommended City Council approve the proposed projects to be completed using ARPA funding.

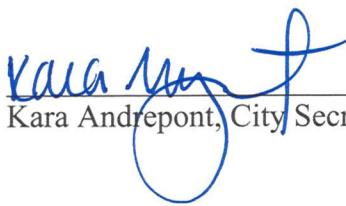
Councilmember Robert Shankle moved to approve the projects and Ordinance as presented. Councilmember Lynn Torres seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

There being no further business, Mayor Mark Hicks adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.




Mark Hicks, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kara Andrepont, City Secretary