

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2024.**

On the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024, 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	Mayor
Robert Shankle	Mayor Pro Tem
Guessippina Bonner	Councilmember, Ward No. 1
Brent Watkins	Councilmember, Ward No. 3
Wes Suiter	Councilmember, Ward No. 4
Jimmy Ford	Councilmember, Ward No. 5
Adam Lowther	Councilmember, Ward No. 6
Kevin Gee	City Manager
Kristi Skillern	City Attorney
Brian W. Bray	Assistant City Manager
Kara Andrepont	City Secretary
Adriana Thomasee	Human Resources
David Thomas	Police Chief
Buddy Cross	Assistant Police Chief
Jesse Moody	Fire Chief
Jessica Pebsworth	Communications Director
Belinda Melancon	Finance Director
Christopher Key	Engineering Services Director
Scott Rayburn	City Planner
Calvin Toups	Building Official
Albert Duffield	Utilities Director
John Smith	Fleet Maintenance Director
Morgan Williams	Animal Services Director

being present when the following business was transacted.

**INVOCATION** – The meeting was opened with prayer by Assistant City Manager Brian W. Bray.

**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 FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 - APPROVED.**
- 2. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE DECLARING UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICES OF MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER WARD NO. 4 ELECTED TO OFFICE AND CANCELLING THE MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE SAME – APPROVED.**
- 3. ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING FOR THE KURTH MEMORIAL ANIMAL SHELTER AND APPROVAL ON FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2023 – 2024 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 10) APPROPRIATING THE FUNDING – APPROVED.**
- 4. JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT WITH THE LUFKIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE CITY OF LUFKIN MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 MUNICIPAL ELECTION – APPROVED.**
- 5. PURCHASE OF VEHICLES FOR THE CITY OF LUFKIN POLICE DEPARTMENT AND ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT – ACCEPTED.**

Councilmember Robert Shankle moved to approve all items on the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilmember Wes Suiter seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

## BUSINESS AGENDA

### **6. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING TO "COMMERCIAL" ON PROPERTY ADDRESSED AS 5210 SOUTH FIRST STREET – APPROVED.**

City Manager Kevin Gee stated the applicant, Everett Griffith Jr & Associates, representing Shellco Investment LLC, had requested a zone change from "Local Business" to "Commercial" for 5210 South First Street. City Manager Gee furthered the purpose of the zone change was to allow for future development of an equipment rental business with outdoor sales and leasing. City Manager Gee highlighted the location of the property and surrounding uses. City Manager Gee stated the Comprehensive Plan designation for the property was "Corridor Commercial" and Staff found the proposed zone change consistent with the current existing area uses as well as the current "Corridor Commercial" future land use classification. City Manager Gee furthered the request was unanimously recommended for approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission.


City Manager Gee concluded Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and consider approval on Second Reading of an Ordinance changing the zoning to "Commercial" on property addressed as 5210 South First Street.

Mayor Mark Hicks opened the Public Hearing at 5:03 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak; Mayor Hicks closed the Public Hearing and requested comments from City Council.

Councilmember Brent Watkins moved to approve the Ordinance as presented. Councilmember Guessippina Bonner seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve was recorded.

Mayor Mark Hicks recognized those in attendance with Leadership Lufkin.

There being no further business, Mayor Mark Hicks adjourned the meeting at 5: 04 p.m.

  
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Mark Hicks, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Kara Andrepoint, City Secretary