

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON THE 5TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2024.

On the 5th day of November 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
Kim Ogden	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
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
Scott Cameron	Street Department Superintendent
Brant Lee	Convention Services Director
Albert Duffield	Utilities Director
John Smith	Fleet Services Manager
Kent Havard	Solid Waste Director

being present when the following business was transacted.

INVOCATION – The meeting was opened with prayer by

PUBLIC COMMENT - Mayor Mark Hicks opened the public comment period at 5:01 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak; Mayor Hicks closed the Public Hearing.

Mayor Hicks recognized those in attendance with Leadership Lufkin.

PRESENTATION – Mayor Mark Hicks presented Captain Jarrod Sowell and Driver-Operator Colton Manning with their promotional certificates for the City of Lufkin Fire Department.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 1ST, 2024 - APPROVED.**
- 2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INVESTMENT ACCOUNT WITH UBANK – APPROVED.**
- 3. PURCHASE OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR – APPROVED.**
- 4. AWARD OF BID FOR THE EXTERIOR RESTORATION OF THE PITSER GARRISON CONVENTION CENTER – APPROVED.**

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

BUSINESS AGENDA

- 5. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS BY CHANGING THE ZONING TO “COMMERCIAL” AND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP DESIGNATION TO**

“CORRIDOR COMMERCIAL” ON PROPERTY ADDRESSED AS 2810 MOFFETT ROAD – APPROVED.

City Manager Kevin Gee stated the applicant, Michael G. Parker, representing the owner and the developer was requesting a zone change from “Residential Large” and “Residential Medium” to “Commercial” for a 5.414 portion of property located at 2810 Moffett Road. City Manager Gee furthered the purpose of the zone change and future land use map change was to allow for a primarily “Indoor Commercial Recreation and Entertainment” use. City Manager Gee gave information regarding the proposed facility. City Manager Gee highlighted the location of the property and surrounding uses. City Manager Gee stated Staff found the request consistent with area zoning, current uses, and the proposed “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 First Reading of an Ordinance changing the zoning to “Commercial” and the Future Land Use Map designation to “Corridor Commercial” on property addressed as 2810 Moffett Road.

Mayor Hicks opened the Public Hearing at 5:08 p.m. Mr. Ty Shafer, owner and developer for the location spoke and gave information regarding the proposed project. There being no one else who wished to speak; Mayor Hicks closed the Public Hearing and requested comments from the City Council.

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

6. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE REGULATING NOISE IN PUBLIC PLACES WITHIN THE CITY OF LUFKIN – APPROVED.

City Manager Kevin Gee asked Police Chief David Thomas to speak and give information regarding the proposed Ordinance. Police Chief Thomas stated requests had been received from the community to reenact an up-to-date noise ordinance that complies with constitutional requirements. Police Chief Thomas furthered he and members of the Police Department Administration Team had attended training on Municipal Noise Ordinances. Police Chief Thomas stated the judicial review said the ordinance needed to define the prohibited noise and it also needed to have an objective standard. Police Chief Thomas explained the ordinance needed to have a definition of how the ordinance was to be enforced but also a way to comply to the ordinance. Police Chief Thomas reviewed the requirements and enforcement actions of the ordinance. Councilmember Guessippina Bonner asked how the ordinance would be enforced in the City of Lufkin parks. Councilmember Brent Watkins asked about the ordinance being limited to an electronic source. Councilmember Jimmy Ford asked if a record of the number of complaints were received over the course of the next year could be provided.

City Manager Gee concluded Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and consider approval on First Reading of an Ordinance regulating noise in public places within the City of Lufkin.

Mayor Hicks opened the Public Hearing at 5:16 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak; Mayor Hicks closed the Public Hearing and requested comments from the City Council.

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

7. RESOLUTION ADOPTING A WATER CONSERVATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF LUFKIN – APPROVED.

City Manager Kevin Gee stated in accordance with Chapter 11 of the Texas Water Code and Chapter 288 of the Texas Administrative Code, the City of Lufkin must adopt a Water Conservation Plan every five (5) years. City Manager Gee furthered the plan must be completed to comply with the requirements of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). City Manager Gee stated the Water Conservation Plan would authorize the City to implement, enforce, and administer the program.

City Manager Gee concluded Staff recommended City Council approve a Resolution adopting a Water Conservation Plan for the City of Lufkin.

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

There being no further business, Mayor Mark Hicks adjourned the meeting at 5:18 p.m.

Mark Hicks, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kara Andrepont, City Secretary