

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 17TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020**

On the 17th day of November, 2020 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
Mark Hicks
Guessippina Bonner
Robert Shankle
Lynn Torres
Rocky Thigpen
Trent Burfine
Bruce Green
Erika Neill
Jason Arnold
Gerald Williamson
Kara Andrepont
Rodney Ivy
David Thomas
Buddy Cross
Jesse Moody
Ryan Watson
Belinda Melancon
Kevin Gee
Scott Rayburn
Rudy Flores
Albert Duffield
Jarod Murphy
Rick Smith
Scott Feaster
Kent Havard

Mayor
Mayor Pro Tem
Councilmember, Ward No. 1
Councilmember, Ward No. 2
Councilmember, Ward No. 3
Councilmember, Ward No. 5
Councilmember, Ward No. 6
City Manager
Acting City Attorney
Assistant City Manager – Public Works
Assistant City Manager – Admin/Public Safety
City Secretary
Human Resource Director
Police Chief
Assistant Police Chief
Fire Chief
Assistant Fire Chief
Finance Director
Engineering Services Director
Planning Director
Parks and Recreation Director
Water & Sewer Director
Assistant Director Water & Sewer
Fleet Maintenance Director
IT Director
Solid Waste Director

being present when the following business was transacted.

INVOCATION – The meeting was opened with prayer by District Judge Paul White.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mayor Brown opened the meeting for Public Comment on any posted agenda item at 5:03 p.m. Emily Thornton, Executive Director of Angelina Beautiful Clean, spoke and expressed appreciation to the City for allowing an outside recycling company to continue service for the residents of Lufkin. There being no one else who wished to speak, Mayor Brown closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 3RD, 2020 – APPROVED.**
2. **SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2020-2021 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 3) APPROPRIATING REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE LUFKIN CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU – APPROVED.**
3. **SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2020-2021 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 4) APPROPRIATING FUNDING RECEIVED FROM THE HOMELANDSECURITY PREPAREDNESS GRANT FOR THE LUFKIN POLICE DEPARTMENT – APPROVED.**
4. **SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2020-2021 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 5) APPROPRIATING FUNDING FROM A DONATION FROM ACADEMY SPORTS & OUTDOORS TO THE LUFKIN POLICE DEPARTMENT – APPROVED.**

5. **SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 3214 REGARDING THE CANCELLATION OF THE CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM – APPROVED.**
6. **SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 3795 REGARDING THE CANCELLATION OF THE CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM AND ESTABLISHING A RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING HAULER’S PERMIT – APPROVED.**
7. **AWARD OF BID TO TIMBERLINE CONSTRUCTORS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$237,823 FOR THE WATER PLANT NO. 3 ELECTRICAL GENERATOR PROJECT – APPROVED.**

Mayor Brown stated all consent agenda items were considered routine by City Council and would be enacted by one motion due to their nature of being clerical, ministerial and/or routine. Mayor Brown furthered there would be no separate discussion of the items unless City Council requested an item be removed and considered separately. Mayor Brown added prior to voting, City Council could add additional items that were listed on the agenda.

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

BUSINESS AGENDA

8. **CANVASS OF THE 2020 CITY OF LUFKIN MUNICIPAL ELECTION AND RESOLUTION DECLARING RESULTS OF THE SAME – APPROVED.**

City Manager Bruce Green stated State Law required the Mayor and City Council canvass the votes of the November 3, 2020 City of Lufkin Election. City Manager Green furthered Staff recommended City Council perform the required canvassing of the votes of the election and approve a Resolution declaring the results. City Secretary Kara Andrepont reported the vote totals for the City of Lufkin Election held November 3, 2020.

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

9. **OATH OF OFFICE TO COUNCILMEMBER WARD NO. 5 ROCKY THIGPEN AND COUNCILMEMBER WARD NO. 6 TRENT BURFINE**

District Judge Paul White issued the Oath of Office to Councilmember Rocky Thigpen and Councilmember Trent Burfine.

10. **PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, BY CHANGING THE ZONING DESIGNATION TO “LOCAL BUSINESS” ON PROPERTY ADDRESSED AS 1612 SOUTH CHESTNUT STREET – APPROVED.**

City Manager Green stated the applicant, Gail Courtney, had requested a zone change from “Residential Large” to “Local Business” for part of 1612 S. Chestnut Street. City Manager Green furthered this would also include a Future Land Use Plan map change from “Neighborhood Commercial” and “Medium Density Residential” to a singular “Neighborhood Commercial” classification. City Manager Green highlighted the location of the property on corresponding maps and provided information on current zoning of neighboring properties. City Manager Green stated the Planning and Zoning Commission had approved the request by a four (4) to one (1) vote during the October 26, 2020 meeting. City Manager Green concluded Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and consider on Second Reading an Ordinance changing the zoning to “Local Business” for property addressed as 1612 S. Chestnut Street.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:11 p.m. There being no one who wished to speak, Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing and requested comments from the Council.

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

11. 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 PROPERTIES ADDRESSED AS 208, 210, 212 VINCENT STREET AND 807 AND 809 EVERETT STREET – APPROVED.

City Manager Green stated the applicant, Larry Byrd with Falcon Properties, Inc., had requested a zone change from “Residential Medium” to “Residential Small” for 208, 210, 212 Vincent Street and 807 and 809 Everett Street. City Manager Green furthered the locations on Vincent Street were currently vacant and the locations on Everett Street were currently occupied by a duplex. City Manager Green stated the purpose of the zone change was to construct rental units. City Manager Green highlighted the location of the properties on corresponding maps and provided information on the current zoning of neighboring properties. City Manager Green stated the request was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission by a five (5) to one (1) vote during the meeting of November 9, 2020. City Manager Green concluded Staff recommended City Council conduct a Public Hearing and consider on First Reading an Ordinance changing the zoning designation to “Residential Small” on properties addressed as 208, 210, 212 Vincent Street and 807 and 809 Everett Street.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 5:14 p.m. Mr. Mike Parker with Everett Griffith, Jr. and Associates offered to answer any questions concerning this property. There being none, Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing and requested comments from the Council.

Councilmember Mark Hicks moved to approve the Ordinance as presented. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion and the Ordinance passed with a six (6) to one (1) vote with Councilmember Burfine voting against the Ordinance.

12. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2020-2021 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 6) APPROPRIATING FUNDING FOR REPAYMENT TO FEMA FOR THE PURCHASE OF A GRAPPLE TRUCK – APPROVED.

City Manager Green stated in 2008 after Hurricane Ike, the City had participated in a pilot project through FEMA and the Texas Department of Emergency Management. City Manager Green furthered after FEMA had reviewed the project expenditures and subsequent audits it had determined the City’s purchase of the grapple truck was not an approved use of funds. City Manager Green stated FEMA had determined the City must reimburse them in the amount of \$62,120 for the cost overrun of the project related to the purchase of the grapple truck. City Manager Green concluded Staff recommended City Council approve the First Reading of an Ordinance authorizing Budget Amendment No. 6 appropriating the funding for the repayment of the grapple truck to FEMA.

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

13. FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT

City Manager Green stated there were no current reports and offered to answer any questions. There were none.

Mayor Brown welcomed Trent Burfine, Councilmember Ward No. 6.

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




Bob F. Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kara Andrepont, City Secretary