

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON AUGUST 5, 1947

On this the fifth day of August, 1947 A. D., the City Commission of the City of Lufkin, Texas met in a regular meeting in the regular meeting place in the said City of Lufkin with the following members, thereof, to-wit:

Granville Wright	Mayor
G. W. Roland	Commissioner Ward 1
C. C. Sinclair	Commissioner Ward 3
L. C. Martin	Commissioner Ward 4
J. B. Early	City Manager
Dorsie Hawkins	City Secretary
C. E. Brazil	City Attorney

being present with D. M. Thrash, Commissioner Ward 2, absent, thus constituting a quorum when the following business was transacted:

1. Mr. Ward Burke was present and asked that a recent zone change on South First Street involving property owned by Mrs. Mellye Nissen be recinded. Mr. Burke stated that the resident property owners adjoining and near the property objected to having the zone changed and that if they had of known that it was going to be changed that they would have appeared and objected in person. The matter was discussed briefly and motion was made by C. C. Sinclair and second by G. W. Roland that the application be referred to the zoning board for re-consideration. The motion carried by unanimous vote of yea. It was also mutually agreed not to issue a permit for building on this property until the matter was settled.

2. Mr. George E. H. Myers was present and requested that the Alley in Block 1 of the Treadwell Addition be opened. He stated that one of the residents adjoining the alley was using it for a garden. He was told that the alley would be opened. This action was taken on motion of G. W. Roland and second by C. C. Sinclair and all members voting yea.

3. Mr. Charlie Ragland asked for the policy of the council in making refunds to citizens on water lines that they had layed in the newly annexed area. He was told that the policy would be set at the next meeting.

4. A number of citizens living on Hoskins Avenue were present and presented a petition requesting that the City take some action in regards to having an open toilet owned by C. D. Lowry on this street removed. The matter was discussed and second by C. C. Sinclair that Mr. Brazil take the necessary legal action to have the toilet removed. The motion carried by unanimous vote of yea.

5. The matter of passing an ordinance governing the grading and inspection of eating and drinking establishments in the City was discussed at length. Mr. Ralph Hancock of the State Health department was present and discussed the ordinance with the Council. It was then moved by L. C. Martin and second by G. W. Roland that the ordinance be passed on first reading. The motion carried by unanimous vote of yea. Following this action Commissioner Sinclair made a motion with second by Commissioner Roland that the ordinance be passed on second and final reading. The motion carried by unanimous vote of yea.

6 After passing the ordinance it was moved by L. C. Martin and second by G. W. Roland that a permit fee of (seven dollars and fifty cents), \$ 7.50, be charged annually for occupation tax for eating and drinking establishments. The motion carried by unanimous vote of yea.

7. Upon request of Hampton Johnston Glass Avenue was closed between South Second and South Third streets on motion of L. C. Martin and second by G. W. Roland.

8. Permission was given to Mr. Ollie Strain to transfer the Taxi Cab permits of the Yellow Cab Co. to Jimmie Weideman. Motion was made by L. C. Martin and second by G. W. Roland that the transfer be granted. The motion carried by unanimous vote of yea.

9. Mr. Tom Melton was present and stated that he planned to make some repairs on his buildings on Lufkin Avenue and Chestnut streets but before doing so he would like to sell to the City the necessary right of way for Highway 59. It was moved by C. C. Sinclair that Mr. Early and Mayor Wright be authorized to buy the right of way from Mr. Melton and Mr. C. B. Massingill. The motion carried by unanimous vote of yeas.

10. Mr. Truman Redding appeared before the Commission and protested a recent arrest. He was told that an investigation would be made.

11. A letter from Mrs. Eva Longino requesting that a used car lot located on City property at the rear of what is known as the log cabin at Third and Shepherd be removed was read. No official action was taken.

12. A request from the Gulf Oil Co. asking that the North East Corner of Crockett and Raquet streets be approved for a filling station site was granted on motion of C. C. Sinclair and second by G. W. Roland.

13. Upon motion of L. C. Martin and second by C. C. Sinclair the following resident tax payers were appointed on the Tax Equalization board for 1947, J. E. Peavy, Hershel Dixon, and R. L. Weeks.

14/ Mr. Early stated that in order to meet the payroll and current expense of the City until the 1947 taxes are collected it would be necessary to borrow \$ 25,000.00 (twenty-five thousand dollars). It was then moved by L. C. Martin and second by G. W. Roland that the City borrow this amount as needed and paid back January 1, 1948.

15. Mr. Early was authorized to take bids for the drilling of a new water well for the City.

No further business was presented so the meeting adjourned.

Passed and approved this the 21 day of Oct 1947.

ATTEST:

CITY SECRETARY

MAYOR