

MINUTES OF Regular MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD March 20th  
1951 at 7:30 P. M.

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On this the 20th day of March, A. D., 1951, the City Commission of the City of Lufkin, Texas, convened in Regular Session, in the regular meeting place in said City, with the following members thereof, to wit:

Granville Wright, Mayor  
Joe Stegall, Commissioner, Ward No. 1  
J. M. Snell, Commissioner, Ward No. 2  
L. B. Zeagler, Commissioner, Ward No. 3  
H. A. Treadwell, Commissioner, Ward No. 4  
Harry Steenson, City Manager  
Barney Bradshaw, City Secretary  
C. E. Brazil, City Attorney

being present, and the following absent: none

constituting a quorum when the following business was transacted:

1 The minutes of the March 6th Council meeting were approved as read, on motion of Commissioner Stegall, seconded by Commissioner Snell.

2 Mr. Atkinson of Atkinson's Candy Company, petitioned the Council for permission to connect a hot water heater to the outside of his building, placing it on the sidewalk which parallels his building. Council action was deferred until more information could be obtained relative to public policy and safety.

3 Mr. <sup>Meaxy</sup> ~~Atkins~~ appeared before the Council on behalf of his mother, Mrs. L. S. Atkins, to present an offer to trade his mother's house and lot, located at 1419 North First, for the City owned house located in the Noble Addition in Block 1, Lot 2, and Lot 3, on Frank Street, provided the City owned house be moved back, utilities connected, and the interior walls repapered, woodwork repainted, floors sanded and finished, and the hot water heaters in the two houses exchanged. The Council authorized Mr. Steenson to proceed with the arrangements to complete the transaction.

4 Mr. Earnest Kurth requested the cooperation of the City Council in providing for a 42 ft. width from Bynum Street to Franklin Street on the proposed extension of Frank Street to Highway No. 94. This proposed additional width would cost \$5,400.00, according to the Texas Highway Department estimate. Of this total amount Mr. Kurth pledged the hospital for \$2,500.00, himself and his Associates for \$1,250.00, and Arthur Temple, Jr. for \$500.00 - a total of \$4,250.00. The balance of \$1,150.00 would be provided by property owners affected and the City.

5 It was moved by Commissioner Snell that the plans as submitted by the Texas Highway Department providing for the extension of Frank Street to Highway No. 94, be signed within seven days, conditioned on acceptance by the Texas Highway Department of the Right-of-way as procured by the City at that time.

6 Mr. Steenson read a letter from the Highway Department wherein it was specified that acceptance of the Highway Department's plans providing a width of 42 ft. from Bynum to Franklin Street on the proposed Frank Street extension, would have to be accompanied by a deposit in escrow of \$5,400.00 by the City. The Council authorized Mr. Steenson to answer the Highway Department letter binding the City to this agreement, on motion of Commissioner Treadwell, seconded by Commissioner Stegall.

7 Mr. Kester Denman, Jr. appeared as representative of Mr. Arthur Temple, Jr. and Mr. Carrol Allen to request the extension of the City limits to include that section of the housing addition being developed by Mr. Temple

and Mr. Allen in the J. L. Quinalty League, on the Old Feagan Property, which is now located outside the City limits. The Council was reluctant to extend the City limits and incur the liability of extending water and sewer lines to this area.

8 Mr. Denman then presented two contracts, signed by the City in 1925 and 1928, respectively, relating to right of property owners in a defined area of this section of land, to connect on to City water and sewer lines, whereby the City would be compelled by this contract to permit such action outside the City limits in this particular area.

9 The Council requested the City Attorney to interpret these contracts and report to the Council the responsibility of the City under the contracts. Further action was deferred pending the City Attorney's decision.

10 The Council approved a request presented by Mr. Steenson relative to water lines laid at developer's expense in the Norris Addition off Timberland Drive.

11 Mr. Steenson reported on a proposal submitted by the Chamber of Commerce on limiting Kiln Street and Groesbeck Street to one way traffic. It was the Council's opinion that Groesbeck had been previously designated a one-way street for West bound traffic. Regarding Kiln, Commissioner Snell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Zeagler, that parking be prohibited on the North side of Kiln Street from Angelina Street to South Raguet. The Council voted approval.

12 Commissioner Snell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Zeagler, prohibiting parking on the North side of Jefferson Street for 150 ft. West beginning at the junction of Jefferson with South Raguet. The Council voted approval.

13 On motion of Commissioner Stegall, seconded by Commissioner Zeagler, the Council voted to refund to the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the \$37.50 Occupation Tax paid by the Junior Chamber of Commerce on the Clyde Beatty Circus.

14 As proposed by Mr. Steenson the Council voted to approve a request made by the Lufkin Transit Company to discontinue bus service to Two-Point.

15 On motion of Commissioner Snell, seconded by Commissioner Stegall, the Council voted approval of a proposal that the water meter reader be required to mark the inside of every meter box each month when he reads the meter, using a different colored chalk each month.

16 Mayor Wright read a telegram he had received from the Mayor of Houston relative to the extension of a City's limits, as controlled by the State in H. B. No. 354. No action was indicated.

17 Mayor Wright was authorized by the Council to request the services of a recreational surveyor, at no expense to the City, to work in cooperation with local school and civic officials in determining the City's recreational assets and needs.

18 Mayor Wright asked for a discussion and an individual expression by each member present of his knowledge of a supposed secret meeting held by the Council and the Council's decision at such meeting to hire an outside appraiser in an effort to ~~revalue~~ Lufkin property for tax purposes. Each person present reported that he had been asked repeatedly during the week just ended about such a meeting, but each person denied any knowledge of such a meeting, or any knowledge of the contracting with any individual for his services in any capacity relative to taxes. The Council considered such a report to have had its inception in politics.

19 The Mayor requested a reaffirmation by the Council of its policy pertaining to the advance of money to employees of the City when such employees leave the City on authorized city business. It was the Council's expressed opinion that in all instances of reimbursable expense, it is necessary for the employee to support such reimbursement with detailed expense vouchers.

On motion of Commissioner Stegall, seconded by Commissioner Snell, the Council voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:

B. B. [Signature]  
City Secretary

Granville Wright  
Mayor, Granville Wright