

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS,
HELD SEPTEMBER 8, 1953 AT 7:30 P. M.

On this the 8th day of September, A. D. 1953, the City Commission convened in special session at its regular meeting place and the following members thereof being present:

Woodrow W. Scott- - - - -Mayor
Elwyn Gipson- - - - -Com. Ward 1
Jack Nerren- - - - -Com. Ward 2
W. F. Collins- - - - -Com. Ward 3
L. C. Brittain- - - - -Com. Ward 4
Joe McClendon- - - - -Acting City Manager
C. E. Brazil- - - - -City Attorney

Absent- - - -D. C. Hall- - - - - City Secretary

1. The minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday evening, September 1, 1953, were read and approved.

2. Finnie Simmons appeared before the Commission and discussed the matter of opening and widening Davis Street adjoining the property belonging to him. After discussing the situation, it was understood that Mr. Simon Henderson, who owns land on one side of Davis Street would give, for street purposes, an additional amount whereby a standard street could be located through this particular area of property. It was suggested that Mr. Henderson be contacted and the matter worked out with him.

3. Reverend C. H. Roos appeared before the Commission pursuant to a previous invitation and discussed the matter of his religious services being conducted weekly at his home at 324 Ellis Avenue in the City. He informed the Commission that his services were never held later than 10 o'clock at night and that such services were temporary. He stated that his flock was attempting to purchase a church in the City and that as soon as that was done religious services in his home would be discontinued.

4. Paul McWilliams, the Sanitary Inspector for the City, reported on the charges made for milk permits in several cities throughout East Texas. After discussing such permit fees, the Commission voted to amend our milk ordinance whereby local milk plants would be charged on the same basis as out of town distributors, that is, local plants would be charged \$1.25 per 1000 gallons of milk sold within the City and with a minimum charge of \$50 per year.

5. The question of the claim of Mrs. Griffin for a dog, who appeared before the Commission at a previous meeting, was discussed and from the best information and all the facts, it was determined that there was no liability on the part of the City to pay her for the loss of her dog and such claim was denied.

6. The City Attorney was instructed to look into the matter of zoning all the property to a depth of 150 feet on Timberland Drive, Kurth Drive and Chestnut Street within the City of Lufkin, and to report at the next meeting of the City Commission.

7. The Commission discussed traffic violations within the City and the number of tickets given by the police and the disposition of such traffic tickets by the Corporation Judge. The City Manager was instructed to check and see that warrants of arrest were issued for traffic violators who failed to appear before the City Judge. Also, the Police Department was requested to clear the alleys of parking and especially the alley extending from Second Street westward to Angelina Avenue and the alley behind the Taylor Hardware Company and extending from South Cotton Square to Shepherd Avenue.

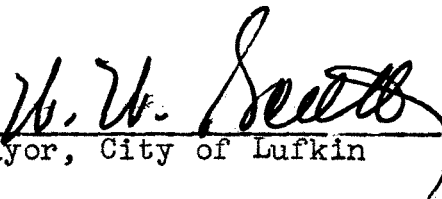
8. The Commission discussed the housing of the State Welfare Agency in the Log Cabin Building and the City Manager was instructed to obtain further information relative to what the City of Lufkin should [REDACTED] furnish in regard to such Welfare Agency.

9. The Chief of Police was further instructed to work with the Highway Patrol and other law enforcement officers in spot checking cars to see if the drivers thereof had obtained drivers license.

10. M. F. Braden, Assessor-Collector, appeared before the Commission and discussed the tax situation and presented a card containing certain information to be obtained, whereby information would be helpful in determining the assessed value of property within the City.

11. The City Attorney was instructed to contact the property owners on the West side of Raguet Street where Abney Avenue intersects it, whereby Raguet Street could be widened and eliminate the traffic bottleneck at such intersection. The City Attorney was instructed to contact about 4 property owners to see if additional right-of-way could be obtained from them for such street widening.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.



Mayor, City of Lufkin



City Secretary