

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY  
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON  
DECEMBER 15, A. D. 1953, AT 7:30 P.M.

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On this the 15th day of December, A. D. 1953, the City Commission of the City of Lufkin, Texas, convened in Regular Session at the City Hall in said City with the following members thereof being present:

Woodrow Scott- - - - - Mayor  
Elwyn Gipson- - - - - Com. Ward 1  
Jack Nerren- - - - - Com. Ward 2  
W. F. Collins- - - - - Com. Ward 3  
L. C. Brittain- - - - - Com. Ward 4  
C. E. Brazil- - - - - City Attorney  
E. A. Gibbs- - - - - City Secretary

Absent:

Joe McClendon- - - - - Acting City Manager

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 1, 1953, were read and approved by the Commission.

2. Pat Scoggins headed a committee representing the teen-age and Little League baseball clubs of the City and requested a playing field for such baseball teams. He suggested that the Northwest portion of the Municipal Airport was probably the most desirable place that they could find. The matter was discussed and the City agreed to cooperate in every way possible and instructed the City Attorney to check into the lease now held by Mr. McQueen on the airport property, to see if the portion of it discussed for the baseball lots could at least be released. The amount of land desired for such purposes is approximately 10 acres.

3. Mr. R. C. Musselwhite appeared before the Commission in behalf of Newt Munmon in relation to a tax judgment. He requested, in view of his prior acquisition of the property, a reduction of penalty and interest on such tax judgment. The matter was referred to the Mayor, the City Attorney and Mr. Musselwhite to see if it was possible to work out something that would be satisfactory to all parties.

4. Mr. John Winston appeared before the City Commission and explained the drainage situation on the West end of Persimmon Street at its intersection with Bynum Street. He stated that in view of the paving in that section of town, water accumulated faster at this particular place causing it to wash the present drainage ditch wider and deeper on his land. The matter was discussed and it was decided by the Commission that they would contact a drainage expert to see what could be worked out to relieve this situation.

5. A committee headed by Leland Petty appeared before the Commission and discussed the improving and beautifying of the esplanade on Sunset Boulevard. They reported this esplanade rough and with stumps and unsightly trees in it. They requested the City to remove the stumps and make fills in this esplanade. They requested that three lamp posts be installed with underground wiring. The City agreed to this provided it met the requirements of the Texas Power and Light Company; but the City did not agree to pay for any part of such electrical installation nor the maintenance of same.

6. The Reverend U. L. Sanders, Pastor of the New Zion Church, headed a delegation before the Commission and stated they had a drainage problem in front of their church; that during heavy rains the water would accumulate and stand between the church and the street. They requested that the drainage ditches be opened or improved so that the water would not stand in front of their church. It was agreed that the City would look into the matter and correct the problem as far as possible.

7. Mr. Reed Dunn and wife appeared before the Commission and complained of being mistreated by the Police Department on December 3, 1953, at the intersection of Chestnut and Danman. They were involved in an automobile accident with Mr. P. E. Ricks and they complained that the policemen did not do their duty in not giving Mr. Ricks a traffic ticket. The City agreed to make an investigation of the matter.

8. Mr. Wilber Kent appeared before the Commission with plans for the fire station on the West side of town. These plans were inspected and Mr. Kent was authorized to submit the plans for bids at his earliest convenience. Also he submitted plans for the remodeling of the City Hall. He was directed to get estimates on the costs of such remodeling and submit same to the City Commission.

9. Mr. Carl C. Cox, consulting engineer from Amarillo, Texas, came before the Commission and discussed his line of work, stating that he was an expert in engineering, accounting and various types of municipal work. The Commission took no action on his application but took it under advisement and agreed to let him know at a later date if they should desire that type of service.

10. The City Attorney was instructed to prepare the notice of sale and advertise the house owned by the City known as the Atkins house on North First Street for sale to the highest and best bidder.

11. The City Attorney was instructed to prepare and obtain an easement for street purposes on an additional 5 feet of land owned by Curtis Finley, Mrs. J. O. Satterwhite and Audie Stewart on the West side of Raguet Street at its intersection with Abney Avenue.

12. The Commission voted to pay a Christmas Bonus of 25% of one month's salary to all employees who had worked for the City as much as one year and longer and to pay 10% to all employees who had worked from six months to one year.

13. The matter of City Secretary was discussed and the Commission confirmed the appointment of E. A. Gibbs as City Secretary and it was further agreed that he could do the work as Secretary for the City and at the same time perform the duties of City Judge.

14. Bills for the month of November were approved and ordered paid.

15. The Commission passed on final reading the Zone Change on a tract of land owned by Tom Steed on Lufkin Avenue, from "A" District to "K" District; also the application of Helen Whisenant to change the zone from "A" District to "F" District on Lot Number 3, Block Number 2 of the Atkinson Drive Addition.

16. The Commission passed an ordinance as recommended by the State Highway Department limiting the speed of motor vehicles on State Highway 103 from Timberland Drive to Warren Street at a speed not in excess of 40 miles per hour and from Warren Street in an easterly direction to the City Limits at a speed not in excess of 50 miles per hour.

17. It was agreed that no meeting of the City Commission would be held on January 19, in view of the fact that Mr. Elwyn Gipson, Commissioner of Ward 1, is to be installed as President of the Chamber of Commerce on that date.

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned.

  
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Mayor

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City Secretary