

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON
OCTOBER 3, 1961, AT 7:30 P.M.

On this the third day of October, A.D. 1961, 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:

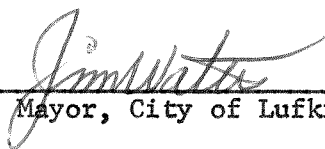
Jim Waters,	Mayor
E. Kurl Shirey,	Commissioner, Ward No.1
Beamon S. Cook,	Commissioner, Ward No.2
S. Harry Kerr,	Commissioner, Ward No.3
A. G. Welch,	Commissioner, Ward No.4
Harold Schmitzer,	City Manager
Lynn Durham,	City Secretary
William Drew Perkins,	City Attorney

being present, constituting a quorum, when the following business was transacted:

1. Meeting opened with prayer by Rev. H.E. Small, Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church. Mayor Jim Waters expressed appreciation to Reverend Small for his participation and invited him to stay for the entire meeting.
2. Minutes of previous meetings were read and approved after minor corrections.
3. A group of visitors from Noon Lions Club and Sheriff's Posse were welcomed by Mayor Jim Waters.
4. Ned Shands, Jr., Attorney, appeared before the City Commission as spokesman for representatives of Noon Lions Club and Sheriff's Posse and requested consideration be given by the City Commission to their leasing a portion of the city property on Old Airport Road adjoining Teener Park to a corporation formed by this group for the purpose of constructing an arena to hold an annual rodeo, the proceeds of which would go to the Crippled Children Center and other projects here in Lufkin. He stated this has been their project for a number of years and great good has been accomplished in the past and will continue to be accomplished in the future. Mr. Shands stated that the group, during the past several months, has been trying to purchase or lease land for this purpose but has been unsuccessful. Several other members of the group, including Messrs Hugh Byrd, President of Noon Lions Club, Bill Lewis, President of Sheriff's Posse, Wilson McKewen, O.L. Hubbard and Ralph Riley, also spoke in favor of the proposal. Commissioner S. Harry Kerr called attention to the fact that an arena was now in the process of being constructed by Johnnie Childers and said he understood this arena would be available for staging the Lions Club-Sheriff Posse Rodeo. However, discussion brought out the fact that the rental desired on this arena was \$3,000.00 annually. Commissioner E. Kurl Shirey injected the thought of how many rodeos the people of Lufkin would support during a year. Further discussion brought out the fact that the Lions Club-Sheriff's Posse would, as in the past, sponsor only one rodeo annually and were not anticipating any competition from Mr. Childers since their organization has a definite worthwhile project which will be supported by the people of Lufkin and surrounding areas; also they will be able to secure big name stars to participate each year. Commissioner S. Harry Kerr stated he was highly in favor of seeing this property developed into a high type recreational center to benefit the people of Lufkin on a year-round basis. Wilson McKewen stated consideration had been given to eventually enclosing the arena and it could be used for any civic purpose desired since his group would only use it one week annually.

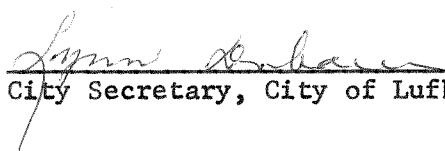
Commissioner Beamon S. Cook said he was highly in favor of assisting the group and desired action speeded up by the City Commission. Mayor Jim Waters felt this was a matter that should be brought to the attention of the City Planning Commission for their consideration, and also to the attention of the firm that is now preparing a comprehensive plan for Lufkin in that they may have projected plans for this area. However, Mayor Jim Waters felt the City Commission members and members of the Noon Lions Club and Sheriff's Posse should inspect the property and requested all to meet at the site at 2:00 P.M. October 4, 1961.

5. Commissioner S. Harry Kerr made motion that ordinance setting speed of ambulances in the city be passed on second and final reading. Motion seconded by Commissioner E. Kurl Shirey, and the vote was unanimous.
6. Commissioner S. Harry Kerr made motion that ordinance changing the name of Henderson Street in the Jordan-Henderson Addition in the City of Lufkin to Packer Street be passed on first reading. Commissioner E. Kurl Shirey seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.
7. The City Manager read a letter from the local VFW requesting permission to operate a carnival on Timberland Drive in order to replenish funds that were depleted due to assisting people who came to Lufkin due to Hurricane Carla. The period desired was the week of October 16 to 21, 1961. Commissioner Beamon S. Cook made motion that the request be allowed. Commissioner E. Kurl Shirey seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.
8. The City Manager advised that he had received request from Mrs. Charles Donahoe that members of M.Y.F. of Forest Park Methodist Church be permitted to sell candy in front of the old Lufkin National Bank Building on three successive Saturdays in October, the proceeds of which to be used for purchasing sound movie projector. Commissioner S. Harry Kerr made motion that the request be granted, seconded by Commissioner Beamon S. Cook, and the vote was unanimous.
9. The City Manager requested approval to pay Wilks, Dake & Steed, Estimate No.4, Contract No.4, in the amount of \$37,297.44, same having been checked and found to be correct by the City Engineer. Commissioner A.G. Welch made motion that the estimate be paid in accordance with the City Manager's request. Commissioner E. Kurl Shirey seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.
10. The City Manager presented monthly statement from Turner & Collie covering professional services in connection with Contract No.4 with Wilks, Dake & Steed for the month of September, in the amount of \$1,622.25. He said the estimate had been checked by the City Engineer and found to be in accordance with the contract and recommended approval to pay. Commissioner A.G. Welch made motion that the City Manager be authorized to pay. Commissioner Beamon S. Cook seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.
11. Open items were gone over and discussed, and, by motion of Commissioner S. Harry Kerr, seconded by Commissioner E. Kurl Shirey, and unanimous vote, the City Attorney was instructed to proceed with the necessary court action to have Sullivan Packing Company vacate city property in that they refused the city's offer to settle and the city refused their counter-offer.
12. Mayor Jim Waters advised that David Walker was making progress on procuring the right-of-way for widening Raguet Street north from Abney Avenue in that two deeds had been secured and he had appointments with other parties on October 4th.
13. Rev. H.E. Small made the suggestion that the City as a whole should give consideration to a special day set aside for honoring the men from Lufkin who will be leaving shortly for military service with the National Guard. Mayor Jim Waters stated the City Commission would cooperate with any program that might be arranged and suitable proclamation issued. Reverend Small will contact Chamber of Commerce, Ministerial Alliance and Civic Organizations on this matter.
14. There being no further business for consideration, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M.



Mayor, City of Lufkin, Texas

ATTEST:



City Secretary, City of Lufkin, Texas