

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY
OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON 1st DAY OF MARCH, 1962, AT 4:30 P.M.

On the 1st day of March, 1962, the City Commission of the City of Lufkin, Texas, convened in special session in the regular meeting place in said City, with the following members thereof, to-wit:

Jim Waters	Mayor
Victor V. Bruce	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
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 Commissioner Victor V. Bruce.
2. Mayor Jim Waters stated the meeting was called for the purpose of appointing a man as City Manager and recommended that consideration be given only to appointment of a man to serve as Acting City Manager until a permanent appointment can be made.

He also recommended that permanent appointment not be made until after the General City Election on April 3, 1962, which would be fair to all concerned. The Commission members stated they were in agreement with this recommendation. However, Commissioner Beamon S. Cook stated that should a suitable man apply, he should be given consideration.

Commissioner Victor V. Bruce stated the man to be considered for the position of Acting City Manager should be familiar with the City's business and made motion that Mr. Granville Wright be appointed Acting City Manager with stipulation that he return to his present position in Tax Office when a permanent City Manager was appointed or if he was replaced by City Commission. Commissioner Beamon S. Cook seconded the motion.

Before calling for vote, Mayor Jim Waters asked if there were any other suggestions or comments from City Commission members. Commissioner S. Harry Kerr stated he was against appointing any City employee due to political pressures under which he would be subjected during next 30 days and the ill will which might develop among other City employees.

Commissioner A. G. Welch stated he had contacted Mr. Wright the evening before and was advised that he would serve if it was the will of the City Commission.

Commissioner S. Harry Kerr suggested that Mayor Jim Waters be appointed to act during this interim period since he was familiar with the details of City's business and was now required to be at City Hall very frequently. Commissioner A. G. Welch stated he did not think it would be just for Mayor Jim Waters to leave his own business and suffer the monetary loss that might occur. Mayor Waters stated he was not seeking these additional duties but if the City Commission so desired, he would act during this interim period. However, he would not consider it unless he was given an expense allowance to compensate for his time.

Mr. Granville Wright was called before the City Commission and was advised by Mayor Jim Waters that he was being considered for the position of Acting City Manager and the City Commission desired to have an expression of opinion from him.

Mr. Wright stated he appreciated the consideration but wanted it understood that he had not and was not applying for the position but had heard that he was being considered. He read a

statement to the effect that he would do his best, if appointed to the position of Acting City Manager, to perform the duties in accordance with City Charter and the will of the City Commission.

Commissioner S. Harry Kerr advised Mr. Wright of his previous remarks as to problems to be faced during next 30 days.

Mayor Jim Waters called for a vote on the motion and second to appoint Mr. Granville Wright as Acting City Manager with following result:

Voting Aye:

Mayor Jim Waters
Commissioner Victor V. Bruce
Commissioner Beamon S. Cook
Commissioner A. G. Welch

Abstaining:

Commissioner S. Harry Kerr

Mayor Jim Waters declared motion carried by majority vote.

3. Commissioner Beamon S. Cook made motion that Mr. Granville Wright be paid salary now paid to City Manager and that present car expense allowance now in effect for Mr. Wright remain. Motion seconded by Commissioner A. G. Welch and following vote was recorded:

Voting Aye:

Mayor Jim Waters
Commissioner Victor V. Bruce
Commissioner Beamon S. Cook
Commissioner A. G. Welch

Abstaining:

Commissioner S. Harry Kerr

Mayor Jim Waters declared motion carried by majority vote.

4. Commissioner Beamon S. Cook stated he had personally given thought to the City Commission appointing a steering committee of six business and professional leaders in Lufkin to go over any applications for the permanent position of City Manager and give the City Commission the benefit of their findings on such applicants; it being understood that City Commission would make the decision as to the appointment. Commissioner Cook stated he had in mind the following men but who had not been approached by him:

Bruce Perry	H. J. Shands, Sr.
Roy Kurth, Jr.	Curtis Fenley
R. B. Stroud	Elwin Gibson

Commissioner Beamon S. Cook made the above in form of motion. Considerable discussion developed but no action was taken due to lack of second; however, this item will be included in open items for further discussion.

5. There being no further business for discussion, meeting was adjourned at 5:30 P.M.


Mayor - City of Lufkin, Texas

ATTEST:


City Secretary - City of Lufkin, Texas