MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON 3rd DAY OF NOV., 1964, 7:30 P.M.

On the 3rd day of November, 1964, the City Commission of the City of Lufkin, Texas, convened in regular meeting in the regular meeting place of said City, with the following members, thereof, to-wit:

Jim Waters
Jack W. Tucker
Commissioner, Ward No. 1
Dayle V. Smith
Commissioner, Ward No. 2
S. Harry Kerr
Commissioner, Ward No. 3
H. E. Rowin
Granville Wright
City Manager
City Secretary
William Drew Perkins
City Attorney

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

- Meeting opened with prayer by Rev. Sidney Spain, Pastor of First Christian Church, Lufkin, who left immediately after being thanked by Mayor Waters for his participation.
- 2. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved after minor typographical correction.
- 3. Mayor opened and City Manager read following bids received on purchase of two proposed police units:

V. Smith and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.
4. Mayor opened and City Manager read following bids received on water line fittings and accessories for stock:

Utility Supply Company, Houston, Texas\$3,042.11

Mabry Foundry, Beaumont, Texas\$3,271.51

Municipal Pipe & Supply, Houston, Texas\$3,250.26

Rohan Company, Waco, Texas\$2,635.55

City Manager requested permission to check above bids in detail with interested department heads before making recommendations on purchase.

Commissioner S. Harry Kerr made motion that City Manager's request be granted. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dayle V. Smith and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

5. City Attorney read caption of ordinance to be considered on first reading changing zone from R-I District to A District on property located on East side of Loop No. 287, between Reen and Wildbriar (if extended), described in application by field notes, by W. D. Culwell.

City Secretary informed the City Commission that application was given an open hearing by City Planning and Zoning Commission in regular meeting of October 8, 1964, and 25 to 30 citizens appeared to protest the change for the reasons

a. Was spot zoning

b. Did not comply with Comprehensive Plan

c. Was an encroachment of other zone designations in R-I District

and that City Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously recommended zone change not be granted by City Commission. City Planning and Zoning Commission also recommended that City Commission consider purchasing this property for playground or park area.

Mr. W. D. Culwell appeared before the City Commission and requested City Commission approval of the zone change and reviewed his reasons and gave a complete background on previous attempts to get the zone changed on his property in this area. He stated that it was his intention, if change was approved, to construct an apartment building that would be compatible with the area.

Approximately 50 citizens were present to protest and oppose passage of the change and the following verbally expressed such opposition:

Bayo Hopper, Cooper Richards and Mrs. Richards, J. B. Cauthen, Jr., James C. Clark, Fred Jacobs, Melvin Kurth, Joe Beckham, W. F. Collins, R. M. Hicks, John R. Peavy, Douglas Maddux, Charles Hamilton and Fred Griffin.

After considerable discussion, Commissioner H. E. Rowin made motion that application for zone change be rejected as recommended by City Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dayle V. Smith and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

Commissioner Jack W. Tucker recommended, and City Commission concurred, that Mayor and City Manager be authorized to check into the possibility of purchasing this property for playground or park area.

6. City Attorney read caption of ordinance to be considered for first reading changing zone from R-I District to A District and Special Use on 1.22 acres located on Southwest side of Loop No. 287, between old Diboll Highway and Turtle Creek Drive, adjacent from exit of Allendale to Loop No. 287, described in application by field notes, by Samaria Lodge 480, 1.0.0.F.

City Secretary informed the City Commission that application was given an open hearing by City Planning and Zoning Commission in regular meeting of October 8, 1964.

Mr. R. C. Musslewhite, Attorney, appeared at City Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, representing the applicant, and spoke in favor of the change.

The group protesting the application of W.D. Culwell also protested this change since the property was in the immediate vicinity and for the same reasons. City Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously recommend that City Commission not grant the change.

Mr. Musslewhite, Attorney, members of the Board of Truatees of Samaria Lodge 480, 1.0.0.F., and several members of the Lodge, appeared before the City Commission to request approval of the change, giving a background on activities of the lodge, type of building to be constructed, etc.

Mr. Musslewhite stated that when property was purchased for lodge site, Trustees discussed proposed zone change with City Attorney and Building Inspector and were given impression no difficulty would be experienced in getting zone changed. Each of these City officials stated that they had discussed the matter with Trustees but did not intend to leave this impression.

The group opposing zone change on Culwell property also opposed any change in R-I Designation of property in this vicinity, even for the Lodge, since this would leave situation open for future changes.

Commissioner Jack W. Tücker made motion that application for this zone change be rejected and that City Attorney be instructed to study the possibility of amendment to present zoning ordinance to allow certain fraternities and religious organizations in R-I District designation. Commissioner S. Harry Kerr seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

7. City Attorney requested that no action be taken on second reading of ordinance changing zone from R-3 District to A District covering Lot Nos. I and 2, in Block 33, and abutting north half of the alley in Block 33, of the Denman Addition to the City of Lufkin, Angelina County, Texas, by A. B. Youngblood, et al, until next meeting.

Commissioner S. Harry Kerr made motion that request be granted. Commissioner Dayle V. Smith seconed motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

- 8. City Manager gave a report on paving progress.
- 9. City Attorney read Resolution, adoption of which was requested by Mr. J. M. York, District Engineer with Texas Highway Department, approving Highway Commission Minute Order No. 55219 covering reconstruction of pavement to provide a street type section from U.S. Highway 69 to Loop 287, a distance of approximately 0.9 miles, the cost of which the City will participate in. (FM Road 58 or S Chestnut to Loop 287).

Commissioner Dayle V. Smith made motion that Resolution be adopted. Commissioner S. Harry Kerr seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

10. City Attorney stated that Mr. C. B. Richardson of the Lufkin National Bank (recently deceased) had served as City Treasurer and handled bond transactions, etc., for City and was Secretary-Treasurer of Firemen's Pension Fund, counter-signing checks on funds for this group.

City Attorney stated that Mr. Robert E. Richardson, Cashier of Lufkin National Bank, had agreed to serve as City Treasurer in place of Mr. C. B. Richardson and recommended City Commission to make this appointment.

Commissioner S. Harry Kerr made motion that Mr. Robert E. Richardson be appointed City Treasurer in place of Mr. C. B. Richardson, deceased, with all the power and authority held by Mr. C. B. Richardson. Commissioner H. E. Rowin seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

II. City Manager read letter quoted below addressed to Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners requesting transfer from the position of City Manager to Tax Department effective January 1, 1965:

Gentlemen:

On March I, 1962, the City Commission called me upstairs from the Tax Department asking that I assume the duties of City Manager. At the same time, the Commission duly recorded in the official minutes its desire that I might return to the Tax Department in the event that I might choose to do so.

After two years and eight months as City Manager, I am happy to report that in every area of operations and finances the City has made genuine unparalleled progress.

We have had three balanced budgets in a row, including that budget which was in deficit at the time I was asked to come upstairs. Yet, it is true the City has yearly increased expenditures, salaries, operations, services, purchased a great amount of badly needed new equipment, maintained existing public properties, and made many new improvements.

The City has built on a sound fiscal basis, and grown - without increasing the revenue.

We have sold \$350,000.00 in sewer bonds - which previously could not have been sold.

We are financially able to pass approximately a two million dollar bond issue if it is desired.

People familiar with City business are aware of the City's record of the past two and one-half years, and realize that it is a record of achievement. The light of this good record cannot and should not be hidden under a bushel.

It is with this kind of record, and with a great sense of achievement, that I now request the City -Commission to grant me transfer to the Tax Department, to become effective no later than January 1, 1965.

As interim City Menager, I have been glad to serve my home town in its time of need, and to restore it to the position it rightfully deserves. The City's potential for the future is excellent.

Mayor Waters stated, before action taken on City Manager's request for transfer, that Dr. Granville Wright had done a wonderful job as City Manager, had always had City's interest at heart in his decisions and work and was due commendation for these efforts. Commissioner Jack W. Tucker made motion that City Manager's request for transfer to the Tax Department be accepted as of Jan. 1, 1965, contingent on new City Manager being employed as replacement by this date. Commissioner S. Harry Kerr seconded motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

12. There being no further business for consideration, meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Mayor - City of Lufkin, Texas

ATTEST:

Lynn Durham - City Secretary