

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY
OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON 17th DAY OF NOV., 1964, AT 7:30 P.M.

On the 17th day of November, 1964, the City Commission of the City of Lufkin, Texas, convened in regular meeting place of said City, with the following members thereof, to-wit:

Jim Waters	Mayor
Jack W. Tucker	Commissioner, Ward No. 1
Dayle V. Smith	Commissioner, Ward No. 2
S. Harry Kerr	Commissioner, Ward No. 3
H. E. Rowin	Commissioner, Ward No. 4
Granville Wright	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. Sidney Spain, Pastor of First Christian Church, Lufkin, who was thanked by Mayor Waters for his participation and invited to remain for entire meeting or to feel free to leave when he so desired.
2. Minutes of previous meetings were read and approved after one correction.
3. Dr. George Thannish, representing Angelina County Foster Home for Children, appeared before the City Commission to express thanks to City Commission for inclusion in proposed new budget \$3,000.00 contribution to this Organization.
4. Mr. Joe Anderson, representing a newly formed organization of downtown merchants known as Downtown Lufkin, Inc., appeared before City Commission and explained in detail the parking project this organization will sponsor at South First Street and Burke and requested permission to pave a portion of alley 20 feet in width from South First, South of Burke, and extending 200 feet toward Angelina Street, and install gate at west property line.

After some discussion, it was agreed by City Commission that this portion of alley could be used for this purpose and gate installed but that alley would not be abandoned by City and that City nor Utility Companies would be held responsible for replacing or repairing any damage thru repair or maintenance of such utilities. Commissioner S. Harry Kerr made motion to this effect, motion seconded by Commissioner H. E. Rowin and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

5. At request of City Manager, City Engineer reported on two requests for water service recently received covering extension of 2" water lines to serve customers both inside and outside the City Limits.

The first line was to serve houses along the West Loop No. 287 south of Hanks Street. Mr. John Pounds owns three houses, one and one-half of which are inside the city limits for which City might agree to pay half the cost of 1,450 feet of line required to serve these houses.

The remainder of this line (approximately 700 feet) the City could run to serve two houses further down the Loop.

The second line is to serve seven houses on Nile Street in Lufkin and Keltys. Six of the seven are in Keltys. The City could lay a 2" line to serve the last house in the City limits

replacing smaller lines now existing part of this distance, and the Keltys citizens could pay for the remainder of the line.

After some discussion, Commissioner Dayle V. Smith made motion that efforts be made by City to furnish water to these areas. Commissioner H. E. Rowin seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

6. City Engineer presented proposed plans and cost data on repairs to front of City Hall. Mayor recommended that work be started immediately since this work has been pending for some time. Commissioner H. E. Rowin concurred with Mayor's recommendation that work be started immediately according to plans presented.

Commissioner S. Harry Kerr objected to type of material proposed for siding. Commissioner Jack W. Tucker was in agreement with Commissioner S. Harry Kerr and also recommended study be given to type and size of sign proposed.

Commissioner S. Harry Kerr made motion that proposed plans be accepted and proceed with work immediately with provision that type of material for siding and sign be chosen at later date. Commissioner Dayle V. Smith seconded motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

7. City Manager read letter from Robert Lang, volunteer fireman, who was present, regarding present method of securing firemen (volunteer) by vote which is proving unsatisfactory and suggested method be left to City Commission approval since a satisfactory size force of volunteer firemen cannot be obtained by present method.

Delroy York and C. B. (Boozier) Herrington, volunteer firemen, were present and were in agreement with Mr. Lang.

There was considerable discussion and City Attorney stated the provision covering volunteer firemen should be covered by Ordinance.

City Commission was in agreement and Commissioner S. Harry Kerr made motion that City Attorney be instructed to prepare ordinance for consideration by City Commission. Commissioner H. E. Rowin seconded motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

8. City Manager called attention to recommendation by auditors that Mrs. Rita Jenkins, bookkeeper for City, should not be authorized to sign checks in absence of City Secretary. They recommended that someone who does not have access to books of original entry be designated as the alternate check signer.

City Manager recommended that Mrs. Florence O'Connor be designated as alternate check signer and deputy in absence of City Secretary.

Commissioner H. E. Rowin made motion that City Manager's recommendation be followed. Motion seconded by Commissioner S. Harry Kerr and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

9. Open items were gone over and status developed.
10. Invoices for month were approved for payment after motion to this effect was made by Commissioner H. E. Rowin, seconded by Commissioner S. Harry Kerr, and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

11. Mr. George Cooper of Cooper and Company, Inc., Longview, Texas, appeared before City Commission and stated that since Bradshaw & DuPuy were no longer in business, his firm would like to be considered as fiscal agents for City by continuation of present contract the City has with Bradshaw & DuPuy.

City Attorney was instructed to review present contract with Bradshaw & DuPuy and advise present status.

12. Mayor Waters read letter from Mr. John S. Redditt, copy of which was furnished members of City Commission and City Manager, regarding feasibility of property owners constructing sewer line on Harmony Hill Drive from U. S. Highway 59 east and tieing on to City's line and requested meeting with City Commission to discuss same.

Mayor stated he would arrange for meeting, then further action could be taken by City on the matter.

13. Mayor Waters called attention to Region 16 meeting of the Texas Municipal League scheduled for November 19, 1964, at Woodville, Texas, and suggested that all should go who possibly could. He also read Resolution to be considered by this group on mutual assistance by cities in fire fighting, etc.

14. Commissioner Jack W. Tucker stated that since provision has been made in the proposed budget for new street sweeper, that steps should be started to procure this equipment and made motion that City Manager be authorized to advertise for bids. Commissioner Dayle V. Smith seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

15. Commissioner Jack W. Tucker asked about schedule of fogging machine since he had received several complaints lately on prevalence of mosquitoes. City Manager will check on this.

16. Commissioner Jack W. Tucker stated that City Commission should start checking applications for position of City Manager and scheduling interviews.

Mayor stated he would follow this matter through with Commission after the Thanksgiving holiday.

17. Commissioner Dayle V. Smith called attention to present condition of Card Drive. City Manager stated sewer line recently installed caused some of present condition but street is in same condition it was when taken into city limits. However, it was necessary to occasionally fill in over the sewer line after rains as is the case in other similar streets.

18. Commissioner Dayle V. Smith stated the question of compensation for the City's legal work had been under consideration for some time and made motion that method of paying for the services of City Attorney be changed from a retainer basis to a salary basis under following stipulation:

(a) City Attorney to receive a salary of \$8,400.00 annually.

(b) Collection of delinquent city taxes to be handled by City Attorney. Said collection to be on incentive basis under negotiated contract.

(c) City Attorney to give the City of Lufkin preference over all other matters.

(d) City Attorney will be able to handle certain other legal matters, but must give City matters first preference. (It seems that this would be something like a County Attorney or County Judge being on a salary for the county but still being able to carry on a limited amount of legal work).

(e) City Attorney to be agreeable to move into City Hall if more space is acquired or a new City Hall is built.

(f) City Attorney to furnish own secretary and library.

Commissioner Jack W. Tucker seconded the motion.

Before vote was taken, considerable discussion was had and Commissioner H. E. Rowin stated he did not believe we could retain an attorney too long under such arrangement.

City Attorney expressed his opinion on the arrangement and stated that the method of payment proposed in motion of Commissioner Dayle V. Smith was not the best for the City and that the present method of paying a retainer is the best for a city the size of Lufkin, and that hiring a man full time, allowing no outside work, would be the second best method. City Attorney stated that if the City Commission wanted to try this procedure that he would not be interested in representing the City on this basis at this salary and suggested that the City Commission locate another attorney.

Mayor called for vote on motion and following was recorded:

Voting Aye:

Mayor Jim Waters
Commissioner Jack W. Tucker
Commissioner Dayle V. Smith
Commissioner S. Harry Kerr

Voting Nay:

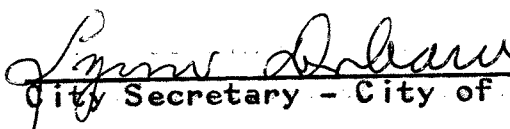
Commissioner H. E. Rowin

Mayor declared motion carried by majority vote.

19. Mayor Waters stated that date of public hearing of new budget would have to be changed from December 1, 1964, as originally scheduled, due to not being able to publish in paper at least 15 days prior to hearing and suggested Dec. 15th be set as the hearing date. This date was satisfactory with City Commission.
20. There being no further business for consideration, meeting was adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

ATTEST:


Mayor - City of Lufkin, Texas


City Secretary - City of Lufkin, Texas