

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD DECEMBER 7, 1965, AT 7:30 PM, AT CITY HALL.

On the 7th day of December, 1965, 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	Mayor, Acting City Manager
William F. Prince	Commissioner, Ward No. 1
Dayle V. Smith	Commissioner, Ward No. 2
Byron McNeil	Commissioner, Ward No. 3
H. E. Rowin	Commissioner, Ward No. 4
Lynn Durham	City Secretary
David Walker	City Attorney

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

1. Meeting opened with prayer by Rev. Sidney Spain, Minister of First Christian Church, Lufkin, Texas. Mayor thanked Rev. Spain for his participation and invited him to remain for the entire meeting or to feel free to leave when he so desired.
2. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.
3. Mayor advised he had gone over bids opened at previous meeting on paving of a portion of Shepherd Street with the City Engineer and it was their recommendation that bid be awarded to Blanton Concrete Company, in the amount of \$12,470.95, which covered total base bid with Alternate No. 1. He stated this was the lowest bid of the two received.

Commissioner Byron McNeil made motion that bid be awarded to Blanton Concrete Company in accordance with Mayor and City Engineer's recommendation, but that no work be scheduled on this project until after January 1, 1966, due to heavy traffic involved. Commissioner Dayle V. Smith seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

It was brought out in discussion by the City Engineer that we lack one easement in this proposed widening of Shepherd Street but property owner stated he would mail it back to us within the next few days.

4. Mr. Reagan Parker appeared before the City Commission to make final report of Charter Study Commission, of which he was Chairman. He stated that the proposed new Charter had been completed and that 6,000 copies of same had been printed and would be mailed out to voters of the City of Lufkin, as same are carried on the City tax roll. He further stated that the work of the Charter Study Commission is now completed and commended all members for their contributions to this project.

He passed out copies of the proposed new Charter with letter to the Mayor and members of the City Commission by the Charter Study Commission. This letter is quoted below:

"In the election held on the 12th day of October, 1965, the voters of the City of Lufkin voted affirmatively on the question "Shall a Commission be chosen to frame a new Charter" and elected the undersigned as members of the Charter Commission, each of whom duly qualified after his election.

After a lengthy study of the problems involved and full consideration of the ends to be sought, the Charter Commission has prepared and given its final approval to a new charter, a copy of which is attached hereto, for submission to the qualified voters of this City in an election to be held for that purpose.

Pursuant to the responsibility and obligation imposed upon it by law, the Charter Commission has determined, and hereby certifies:

1. That the annexed Charter is a true and correct copy of the Charter prepared by this Charter Commission.
2. That in the submission of this Charter to the voters it would be impracticable to segregate each subject for a separate vote thereon because the Charter is so constructed that in order to enable it to function effectively it is necessary that it be adopted in its entirety. Therefore it is to be submitted so as to be voted upon as a whole.
3. That the election for this purpose is to be held in the City of Lufkin on the 1st day of February, 1966.
4. That the Charter Commission completed its work on the 9th day of November, 1965, which is within 90 days of the date set for such election.

Mr. Parker recommended that an election be called on Feb. 1, 1966, in order for voters of the City to determine whether or not new Charter should be adopted.

Mayor, on behalf of himself and City Commission members, expressed appreciation to Mr. Parker and members of the Charter Study Commission for a job well done and recommended that election order and ordinance be prepared by the City Attorney setting and calling for the election as recommended by Mr. Parker and his Charter Study Commission on February 1, 1966.

Commissioner Dayle V. Smith made motion that this election be called as recommended and that election officials used in previous Charter Election be also used at this forthcoming election. Motion seconded by Commissioner Byron McNeil and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

5. Commissioner Byron McNeil made motion that since Mr. Reagan Parker had now completed his assignment as Chairman of the Charter Study Commission, and since he had previously been appointed as City Manager, that he now be sworn in by the City Attorney and seated. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dayle V. Smith and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.
6. Mr. Parker was given the oath of office by City Attorney and stated that before being seated, he would like to read a statement that he had prepared in order that there would be no misunderstanding on his thinking regarding the position of City Manager. This statement is quoted below:

The public image of the worthy office of City Manager has been allowed to degenerate until it has become an object of public ridicule and private scorn. This impression must be changed.

We do not intend to be bullied, badgered, intimidated or cajoled by the public, by employees of the City or by members of the City Commission. We do intend to bring dignity, authority and purpose to the office of City Manager and to lead the way to a restoring of the respect that the public, both local and statewide, should have for the chief executive office of the City of Lufkin.

I have been called everything from stupid to courageous for accepting this job. I am not so stupid as to think I am a miracle man who can still the troubled waters by a mere wave of the hand; neither am I so courageous as to think that I am a David come to slay Goliath.

But I do know that this is my home town and I like it and I have come willing to work to improve it. I solicit your support and cooperation as we proceed with the task.

7. Mr. Robert K. Burchard and Mr. Clifford Cason appeared before the City Commission and Mr. Burchard, before reporting on the Capital Improvement Program, congratulated the City Commission for the appointment of Mr. Reagan Parker as City Manager and advised Mr. Parker that his Company would always cooperate in every respect with work on the Capital Improvement Program for which they are the Consulting Engineers. Mr. Robert K. Burchard gave a progress report on the Capital Improvements Program for the City of Lufkin. He stated that plans for widening Angelina Street are completed and approved by the City Engineer and that negotiations are being planned on Railroad property needed for widening. He stated that he had also submitted drawings to the City Attorney and City Engineer on such easements, etc. He recommended that the City Commission designate authority for action on this work immediately.

Commissioner William F. Prince made motion to this effect and motion was seconded by Commissioner Byron McNeil and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

8. Mr. Burchard further stated that a letter had been forwarded to the Southern Pacific Company covering details on work to be done in securing leases from property owners adjoining Angelina Street. Mr. Burchard also gave a review of preliminary work that has now been done on sewer system, water lines, water well and the street improvement program.
9. Commissioner Dayle V. Smith made motion that Ordinance changing zone from R-3 District to R-3 District and Special Use covering Lot 3, Block 5 and a portion of alley abutting and adjoining south portion and west portion of said Lot 3, Block 5, of A. P. Johnson Addition to City of Lufkin, by R. P. English, be approved on second reading. Motion seconded by Commissioner Byron McNeil and before vote was taken, Mayor inquired if anyone present objected to the change and there were none. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.
10. Mayor advised City Commission had received Minute Order #56835, passed by the State Highway Commission on November 16, 1965, covering widening of Denman Avenue from Timberland Drive to Third and that also three copies of Resolution accepting the provisions of the Minute Order were received and Mr. J. M. York, District Engineer, had requested that Resolution be approved by the City Commission and two copies returned to him. Mayor estimated total cost to the City for this project would be approximately \$10,000.00 and that the City Commission members had previously agreed to the City's participation.

Commissioner H. E. Rowin made motion that Resolution be approved accepting provisions of the approved Highway Commission Minute Order. Motion was seconded by Commissioner William F. Prince and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

11. Mayor presented invoice from Bernard Johnson Engineers, Inc., in the amount of \$28,585.95 covering services rendered on design phase of Angelina Street, Water Well, and Sanitary Sewers and preliminary plans on Water System and recommended that approval be given to payment of this invoice after same had been checked by the City Engineer for correctness.

Commissioner Dayle V. Smith made motion that this invoice be approved for payment after same had been checked for correctness by City Engineer. Commissioner William F. Prince seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

12. Mayor stated he had been given assurance of property owners for dedicating to the City a 60' right-of-way for a street from Timberland Drive to Winston Park. Mayor stated that City Engineer had recommended that this matter be submitted to the City Planning and Zoning Commission for their recommendation. Mayor desired to have authority to proceed with this project.

Commissioner H. E. Rowin made motion that Mayor be authorized to proceed as requested. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Dayle V. Smith and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

13. Mayor stated he had received request from property owners outside City limits who desired to be brought into the City limits. This property consisted of Wooded Estates #1, Wooded Estates #2, Brookwood and Brook Hollow Subdivisions.

Commissioner H. E. Rowin made motion that Mayor and City Manager give the request study and make their recommendation at a later meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner William F. Prince and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

14. Mayor advised that new street sweeper had been out of commission for several days and would probably be back in service tonight.

15. Mayor stated he had been studying vacation rules and regulations and recommended that consideration be given to changes in our vacation rules as follows:

Employees with 1 year service ..... 2 weeks  
Employees with 15 years service ..... 3 weeks  
Employees with 20 years service ..... 4 weeks

After some discussion, it was the decision of the City Commission that Mayor discuss this matter with the City Manager and recommendations be made at a later meeting.

16. Mayor read letter from City Engineer regarding work in Englewood Terrace Subdivision and payment by Bryan-Stewart, Inc., for the Third Segment of paving. City Manager was instructed to discuss with City Engineer and Mr. Bryan in order to bring this matter to a satisfactory conclusion.

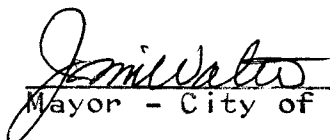
17. Open items were gone over and status developed.

The matter of approving the 1965-66 Budget under open items was discussed briefly and City Manager Reagan Parker stated he had studied the proposed Budget as prepared and had several recommendations to make since a better picture could be had at this time due to audit being completed on estimated Revenues and Expenditures.

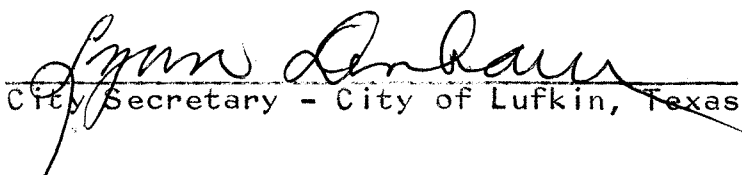
Mr. Parker stated his study had enabled him to show a contingency fund including the \$17,451.00 estimated in the proposed Budget of \$72,898.91, which he recommended be used by the Manager as a contingency fund and was not intended to be shown as surplus. Mr. Parker recommended that budget be approved since these proposed figures would be incorporated therein.

Commissioner Dayle V. Smith made motion that Budget be approved as recommended by City Manager Reagan Parker and that same be adopted. Commissioner William F. Prince seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

18. Commissioner Dayle V. Smith called attention to a traffic hazard in the Inwood Terrace Addition where traffic enters Farm Road 58 due to obstruction of view by fence. City Manager was instructed to check into this situation.
19. Commissioner Syron McNeil made motion that City Commission go on record in commending Mayor Jim Waters for services rendered as Acting City Manager during the period before Mr. Parker took over. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Dayle V. Smith and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.
20. There being no further business for consideration, meeting was adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

  
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Mayor - City of Lufkin, Texas

ATTEST:

  
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City Secretary - City of Lufkin, Texas