

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON THE 2nd DAY OF APRIL, 1968, AT 7:30 P. M.

On the 2nd day of April, 1968, 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:

Earl Nisbet	Mayor
Carl Liese	Commissioner, Ward No. 1
Dayle V. Smith	Commissioner, Ward No. 2
Byron McNeil	Commissioner, Ward No. 3
Edgar C. Wareing	Commissioner, Ward No. 4
Gene H. Nerren	Commissioner at Large, Place A
Basil E. Atkinson, Jr., M.D.	Commissioner at Large, Place B
William E. Wolff	City Manager
David Walker	City Attorney
Lynn Durham	City Secretary

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

1. Meeting opened with prayer by Rev. John Wilkins, Educational Director of First Methodist Church, Lufkin, Texas.
2. Mayor welcomed a number of visitors who were present as observers or in connection with items on the Agenda.
3. ECV made motion that minutes of meeting of March 19, 1968, be approved subject to correction of Item 13 to show who made motion. BMCN seconded the motion and a majority affirmative vote was recorded. BEA abstained due to not being present at the above meeting.
4. BEA stated that the Committee composed of himself, BMCN, and CL, appointed by Mayor to study proposals for group hospitalization and life insurance submitted at meeting of March 5, 1968, had studied the proposals and narrowed down to three low bidders; and it was the Committee's recommendation that Lincoln National Life Insurance Co. be awarded this business. BEA stated the cost to City for this group hospitalization and life insurance for each individual employee was \$7.65 and included \$15.00 per day room for employees and dependents, surgical benefits up to \$300.00 and major medical benefits of 80% but not to exceed \$10,000.00. BEA made motion that City Commission accept and approve the proposal of the Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., with 31 days waiting period for employees and dependents. Motion was seconded by CL and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

BEA also made motion that the effective date of this group plan be set as May 1, 1968, subject to final approval of rates submitted by Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., between now and May 1, 1968, which should not exceed 5%. CL seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.
5. At this point, City Commission members requested that a canvass be made of votes cast in Regular City Election held this date for Commissioner Ward No. 2 and Commissioner at Large, Place "A". Mayor opened and read report of Election Judge on election as follows:

City Commissioner, Ward No. 2:

Dayle V. Smith	913 Votes
C. G. "Chuck" Armet	295 Votes
Glynn Rogers	425 Votes

City Commissioner At Large, Place "A":

W. O. Ricks, Jr.	458 Votes
James P. Hunter, III	446 Votes
Mrs. G. F. (Jane) Rhodes	78 Votes
Richard Arlen Willey	121 Votes
Gene H. Nerren	382 Votes
David M. Anderson	163 Votes

BMcN made motion that the above results be accepted as official and that Dayle V. Smith be declared winner in the race for Commissioner of Ward No. 2, for the next three year period. BEA seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

Mayor stated that it would be necessary for a run-off election to be called to determine the winner in the race for Commissioner At Large, Place "A", between the two candidates receiving the largest vote; namely, W. O. Ricks, Jr. and James P. Hunter, III. DW stated that according to City Charter, such election must be called no sooner than ten days nor longer than twenty days from date of the Regular Election held this date. After some discussion, BEA made motion that date for Run-Off City Election to determine the Commissioner at Large, Place "A", be set for April 16, 1968, with same Election Judges, C. D. Cook and Falcor Perry being appointed. BMcN seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

6. DW read in its entirety amendment to present Garbage Ordinance for consideration on second reading. This amendment was discussed and it was BEA's thought and suggestion that before second reading was given to the Ordinance by City Commission, more study should be given to it and discussion had with men who actually handle the garbage containers.

Mayor suggested that a Committee be appointed to study this amendment to Garbage Ordinance and discuss with the garbage men before second reading was given at next meeting. BEA made motion that Mayor appoint a Committee to further study the proposed amendment before second reading. DVS seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded. Mayor appointed the following Committee: ECW as Chairman, BEA and BMcN.

7. W. M. Welch, who resides at 804 North Third Street, appeared before the City Commission to request action be taken on raw sewage leaking out on his property. Mr. Welch stated he had gone through every channel to get this situation corrected for the past six months but, as of this date, the same condition existed. WEW stated that he, City Engineer and Water & Sewer Superintendent had met with Mr. Welch to determine measures to be taken to correct this situation, but there was a misunderstanding as to property rights and work by City had been stopped after Mr. Welch had ordered City crews off the property. Further investigation showed that Mr. Welch did not own the property in question.

Discussion was had on corrective measures to be taken and BEA made motion that City proceed with corrective measures to eliminate the raw sewage as outlined by W. O. Ricks, Jr. who was present and concurred in by City Engineer as follows: That new sewer line be installed from manhole on Chestnut Street up to Rudd Cleaners and that new line be laid North of the existing gas line and South of the existing 4" sewer line with the existing 4" sewer line left in service during construction of the new line. DVS seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote recorded.

8. Representatives of three local Architectural firms were present in connection with proposals for Fire Station construction. This subject was discussed with these representatives and it was the decision of the City Commission that this item should be handled in special meeting and discussed individually with representatives of these firms.

BEA made motion that special meeting be set for 7:30 P.M., April 9, 1968. Motion was seconded by CL and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded. Mayor invited representatives to be present at this special meeting.

9. DW read Ordinance changing zone from R-3 District to C District covering approximately 6 acres, 540 feet of which is fronting on US Highway 69 South, by Kenneth Koon and stated same had been recommended by the City Planning and Zoning Commission for approval by City Commission.

Mayor inquired if any persons present to object to the change and there were none. BEA made motion that Ordinance be passed on first reading. BMcN seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

10. DW read Ordinance covering zone change from R-1 District to C District covering property located on South side of Loop 287 near intersection of US Highway 69 South, by Asa Read, Coy Read, H. C. Dorsett and J. C. Dorsett which he stated was also recommended for approval by the City Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mayor inquired if any persons present to object to change and there were none. BEA made motion that Ordinance be passed on first reading. CL seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

11. DW read Ordinance covering zone change from R-1 District to A District covering Lots 9, 10, 11 and 12 in the A. C. Slack Addition by Doyle Bruce and stated same had been recommended for approval by the City Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mayor inquired if any persons present to object to the change and there were none. DVS made motion that Ordinance be passed on first reading. Motion seconded by ECW and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

12. Mayor recognized Rev. Polly A. "Bishop" Durham who was present and asked Bishop Durham if he desired to make any remarks before the City Commission. Bishop Durham spoke for several minutes on "religion and politics" and also recommended favorable consideration be given to the appointment of Leon Jones, former Sheriff, as Chief of Police.

13. Clyde Moore of Herty was present to urge the City Commission to take action one way or the other on the annexation of Herty area. He was advised that City Commission was now waiting the recommendation of the City Planning and Zoning Commission before any action would be taken.

ECW made motion that City Planning and Zoning Commission be requested to give a status report or recommendation on the proposed Herty annexation for consideration at next meeting. BEA seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

14. Mr. Thurman McCarty was present to advise that he was trying to remodel a garage apartment on his property on California Blvd. but building permit could not be issued due to building being out of use beyond the time limit set in the zoning Ordinance. LD stated that Mr. McCarty was scheduled to appear before the Adjustment Board on Thursday, April 4, 1968, for a decision on his appeal for permit. Mr. McCarty was advised that if his appeal to the Adjustment Board was not honored that he could then go through the regular channels of requesting a zone change.
15. City Manager presented petition for paving on Mitchell Street from Chestnut to a dead-end which he recommended be accepted by the City Commission due to same being within the boundaries of our assessment policy. DVS made motion that WEW's recommendation be accepted and BMcN seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.
16. WEW stated had paving petition on Chambers Street from Nesbitt Street to Paul Avenue, total cost being estimated at \$862.80 and had received in cash \$486.55 and recommended acceptance of this petition. DVS made motion that WEW's recommendation be accepted. CL seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.
17. WEW stated had paving petition for one block on Wilson Street from Williams to Keltys Street which he estimated to cost \$970.00 of which \$750.00 had been received and recommended that City accept this paving petition. BEA made motion that WEW's recommendation be accepted. BMcN seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.
18. WEW presented invoice from Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. for work in connection with relocating their lines on North Angelina Street in the amount of \$9,865.75 which was approximately \$2000.00 more than the original estimate. WEW recommended payment of this invoice since this work had been approved previously by the City Commission. CL made motion that invoice be authorized for payment. BMcN seconded the motion and the following vote ensued. All voting Aye except BEA who had temporarily left the meeting.
19. WEW presented Estimate #8 from Temple Associates, Inc. covering work through March 20 on City Hall and Police Station Building which showed 92.28% complete and stated same had been approved by Bernard Johnson Engineers, Inc. WEW recommended payment of this estimate as submitted. DVS made motion that same be approved for payment. Motion seconded by ECW and all voted aye except BEA who had temporarily left the meeting.

20. WEF presented invoice from Bernard Johnson Engineers, Inc. per contract on the City Hall and Police Station Building and recommended payment of this invoice. ECF made motion that same be authorized for payment. Motion seconded by CL and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.
21. DW stated had prepared amendment to present Paving Ordinance to incorporate recommendations of the City Planning and Zoning Commission in previous meeting and same was being distributed in order that City Commission could give further study. CL made motion that pending final action on this amendment to paving Ordinance that no further paving petitions be issued. No second was given to the motion since the City Commission did not wish to discourage any petitions for 37 foot A or B type paving.
22. WEF stated that when plans for the City Hall and Police Station were finally approved such plans included asphalt tile flooring which was the cheapest flooring that could be purchased and recommended that this type flooring be changed to asbestos vinyl tile flooring at a cost of approximately \$750.00 additional. ECF made motion that type of flooring be changed as recommended by WEF. ECF seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.
23. WEF reported on meeting with Mr. Frank Williams, representative of Traffic Signal Co., Shreveport, La., yesterday afternoon, the purpose of which, was to discuss traffic signals in the downtown area and other streets in the City with the idea of improving traffic flow. Mr. Williams stated that the City has too many cars for the small streets and short streets and that it was a situation that could be helped. He recommended coordinated traffic signals system on Raguet Street at an approximate cost of \$2,000.00. These traffic signals were located at Frank & Raguet, Jefferson & Raguet, Ellis & Raguet, Denman & First and Denman, Angelina & Raguet. WEF recommended this expense which should assist in our traffic situation. CL made motion that authority be granted for synchronizing the five lights mentioned above at a cost of \$2,000.00. BEA seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

WEF called attention to the deplorable situation in traffic in the downtown area and that a change in the signals would not solve the problem but would help and stated that (1) special walk signals would have to be done away with and (2) go to parallel parking on both sides of Lufkin Avenue which would mean that the City would lose approximately 50% of the parking space on that portion of Lufkin Avenue that now has head-in parking.

BEA lead a discussion on general traffic conditions within the City and suggested that consideration be given on a long range plan to remove traffic from North First Street and make four lanes since, according to his measurements of the street width, this amount of traffic could be allowed. He also suggested that North Angelina Street be considered for parking on each side. BEA also lead a lengthy discussion on steps the City Commission should take to improve housing and other conditions in the City from a long range standpoint rather than such items being handled by Urban Renewal. He called attention particularly to Ordinance that should be enacted that would enable the City Commission to carry out such activities. BEA stated he had in mind particularly removal of old dilapidated buildings that were a menace to the health and appearance of our City.

WEW stated we had sufficient Ordinances to handle situations of this nature but a certain procedure had to be followed and we were now in the process of vigorously following through on such items and had been successful in having several old buildings demolished in the past few months.

24. BEA stated he had lost track of our sewer rate discussion some time ago and thought that some action should be taken immediately to upgrade such rates in order that individuals using enormous amounts of water such as the poultry plants would pay rates in accordance with such useage and would like a recommendation from WEW in this connection.

ECW felt such a recommendation should cover all individuals in the City and suggested in WEW's recommendation that same should be included. WEW stated had received Ordinances from several cities and would make a recommendation to the City Commission in writing on such proposed rates.

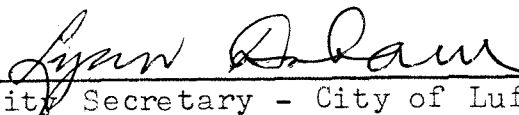
25. BEA inquired as to when the public hearing was set as requested by the Citizens Committee for the Improvement of Lufkin regarding Federal Assistance. He was advised that the date of May 20, 1968, at 7:30 P.M. in the Angelina District Court Room for such proposed hearing.
26. BEA inquired as to status of drainage condition in Brookwood Addition on which WEW was to discuss with the County and Highway Department. WEW stated had talked with the County Commissioner of Precinct 1 and also the State Highway Department but did not have anything to report at this time.
27. CL called attention to condition of approach to bridge on Copeland Street which had dropped somewhat. WEW will check this condition.
28. CL inquired as to whether a check had been made on the supposedly junk yard which a number of citizens on Howard Street protested at last meeting. WEW stated this item had been checked into and did not find the business referred to was in violation of any Ordinance.
29. CL stated he had received several complaints from citizens living near the Armory on Tulane Street regarding activities that go on there. He called attention to a dance that was recently held at this location wherein there was an unusually large amount of noise, creating a disturbance to the citizens living in the area and made motion that instructions be issued to the proper person to take every step possible to eliminate any activities at the Armory that creates a public nuisance. No second was given to motion and discussion brought out that no action could possibly be taken against the Armory itself, but necessary instructions could be issued to individuals using the Armory that they could not hold dances or other such activities wherein the neighborhood would be disturbed.
- WEW will discuss with proper authority at Armory regarding this situation.
30. WEW stated that he had furnished the Armory with some dirt per their recent request.
31. ECW inquired as to status of paving Reen Street to Koch property. WEW stated did not have information on this project from property owners.

32. ECW inquired about widening Third Street next to City Hall. WEW will furnish figures on cost.
33. There being no further business for consideration, meeting was adjourned at 12:30 A.M.



Mayor - City of Lufkin, Texas

ATTEST:



City Secretary - City of Lufkin, Texas