MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON THE 29TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1968, AT 7:00 P.M.

On the 29th day of October, 1968, the City Commission of the City of Lufkin, Texas, convened in special 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
W. O. Ricks, Jr.	Commissioner at Large, Place A
Basil E. Atkinson, Jr., M.D.	Commissioner at Large, Place B
Edgar C. Wareing	Commissioner, Ward No. 4
William E. Wolff	City Manager
David Walker	City Attorney

being present, and

Lynn Durham	City Secretary

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

1. Meeting was opened with prayer by BMcN.

2. Pitser Garrison appeared before the City Commission and discussed the industrial water rates which the City Commission had recently increased. Mr. Garrison furnished various information to the City Commission and stated that he would like to see industrial water rates of the City of Lufkin remain competitive with other cities in our area and asked the City Commission to reconsider their water rate increase and if at all possible to make some reduction in these rates for the industrial users. After considerable discussion ECW stated there was a $25,000.00 carryover from last year's budget and in view of this carryover, he made motion instructing the City Attorney to prepare the necessary ordinance to change the water rates so that all water over one million gallons would be at a rate of 26¢ per thousand inside the City Limits and that this reduction be effective as of October 1, 1968. DVS seconded this motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

3. The drainage condition off Copeland Street west of Loop 287 was discussed and CL made motion that the City make a maximum expenditure of $3,000.00 along with the County and the participation of R. H. Duncan in order to do certain drainage work in this area. CL stated the City's $3,000.00 is to be contingent upon Mr. Duncan obtaining the necessary drainage easements. BEA seconded the motion. CL further stated that he wished to make it clear that this was not to set any kind of precedent, but felt the City had a moral obligation to help these people and participate with the County on this project. WOR stated that he felt this would not cure the problem in this area. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

4. The fiscal agents who were interviewed recently by the City Commission were discussed and the number of fiscal agents that the City Commission plans to consider was reduced to two in number. The City Commission will proceed in the selecting of one of these fiscal agents at a later date.

5. The Mayor called to the attention of the City Commission that there was a vacancy on the City Planning and Zoning Commission. CL made motion that R. E. Miller, Jr., be appointed to fill the vacancy on the City Planning and Zoning Commission. DVS seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

6. Commissioner DVS inquired about parking along the railroad track in the vicinity of Lufkin Foundry. It was explained that the Lufkin Foundry is attempting to make the proper cut in the curb in order to correct this situation.

7. BEA mentioned that he would like to have Mr. Mugno of Mugno & Associates appear before the Commission in the near future in order that the City Commission can discuss certain matters with Mr. Mugno. WEW advised him that Mr. Mugno would be glad to appear and if the City Commission would advise him of the date, he would contact Mr. Mugno.

8. BMcN mentioned that he thought it would be well if the City would provide an after hours payment booth in order that people could pay their water bills after regular working hours. WEW said he would check into this matter.

9. WOR inquired about the paving of a portion of Chestnut Street and the City Manager made a report concerning this portion of the street, and it was requested that this portion of Chestnut Street be included in the paving assessment program.

10. ECW made a report in connection with the purchasing of a bookkeeping machine. He mentioned that there are two routes that the City might follow and that two used machines, one of which was a computer, were available to the City and he suggested that the City check on these machines in order that they might decide what would be best for the City. After some discussion CL made motion that the bids which had been received by the City for a bookkeeping machine be rejected and the City pursue this matter in some other method such as had been outlined by ECW. BMcN seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

11. There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Mayor, City of Lufkin, Texas

ATTEST:

Acting Secretary - City of Lufkin, Texas