

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON THE 15TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1970, At 7:00 P. M.

On the 15th day of December, 1970, 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:

Pitser H. Garrison	Mayor
Roy L. Leamon, M.D.	Commissioner, Ward No. 1
Kenneth R. Crain	Commissioner, Ward No. 3
W. O. Ricks, Jr.	Commissioner at Large, Place A
Basil E. Atkinson, Jr., M.D.	Commissioner at Large, Place B
Harvey Westerholm	City Manager
Robert L. Flournoy	City Attorney
Lynn Durham	City Secretary

being present, and

J. T. Hopson	Commissioner, Ward No. 2
Edgar C. Wareing	Commissioner, Ward No. 4

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

1. Meeting opened with prayer by City Secretary Durham.
2. Purchase of Three Police Units

City Manager Westerholm stated that three bids had been received and opened on three units for the Police Department less trade-in of three old units. These bids are tabulated below:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amt. of Bid</u>
Ralph New Motor	
3 - 1971 Oldsmobile Delta 81 Town Sedans, less trade in of '68 Olds, '67 Chev, and '69 Pontiac.....	\$11,421.00
3 - 1971 Ambassador DPL Four Door Sedans, less trade in of '68 Olds, '67 Chev, and '69 Pontiac.....	9,637.74
Delivery seven weeks from date of order.	
Tipton-Billingsley Ford	
3 - 1971 Ford Custom Four Door Sedans,.....	11,085.00
less trade in of '68 Olds, '67 Chev, and '69 Pontiac.....	<u>1,700.00</u>
Delivery 60 days from date of order.	9,385.00
Sewell Buick-Pontiac, Inc.	
3 - 1971 Catalina Pontiac Sedans, less trade in of '68 Olds, '67 Chev, and '69 Pontiac.....	8,998.28

City Manager Westehholm recommended that the low bid of Sewell Buick-Pontiac, Inc., Lufkin, for three 1971 Catalina Pontiac Sedans less trade in of '68 Olds, '67 Chev, and '69 Pontiac of \$8,998.28 be accepted. Comm. Kenneth R. Crain made motion that order be placed with Sewell Buick-Pontiac, Inc., as recommended by City Manager Westerholm for three 1971 Catalina Pontiac Sedans in the amount of \$8,998.28 same being low bid. Motion seconded by Comm. Roy L. Leamon, M.D., and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

3. Improvements of Downtown Area

Mayor Garrison outlined on blackboard property that could be purchased by the City to improve downtown area and provide off-street parking, namely:

- (a) Old First Bank & Trust Building at corner of North First and Frank and Drive-In facilities in rear;
- (b) Old building owned by Mrs. C. A. Pate and C. A. Pate, Jr., facing Calder Square; and

(c) Old building owned by James T. Mott, Jr., facing Calder Square.

He stated these buildings could be purchased for \$65,000.00, \$12,500.00 and \$35,000.00 respectively making a total of \$112,500.00. He stated that if this purchase was made that the old First Bank & Trust building could be used as a youth center and as a temporary headquarters for the Kurth Memorial Library during the time their new building was being constructed which he stated should be in the near future in that donations covering the cost of such construction was about completed. Mayor Garrison stated that if purchase was made by the City, would recommend that the financing be handled by sale of 10-year time warrants, payment of which would be taken out of City sales tax revenues since he thought the improvements to the above area could be termed street work since it would eliminate the necessity of widening streets in the downtown area at a considerably higher cost. This matter was discussed in considerable detail and all City Commission members were in agreement that the City should undertake this project by purchasing the above mentioned property. Comm. Roy L. Leamon, M.D., made motion that the City undertake the purchase of the above three buildings, namely:

- (a) Old First Bank & Trust Building \$65,000.00
- (b) Old Pate Building 35,000.00
- (c) Old building owned by James T. Mott, Jr. 12,500.00

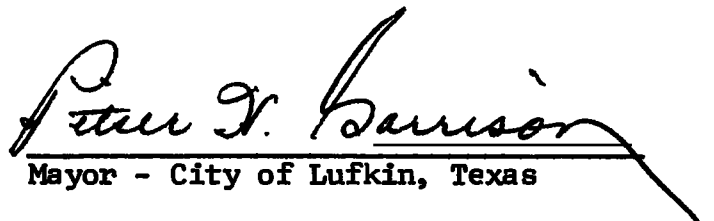
and that same be financed through the issuance of time warrants for a period of 10 years at an annual interest rate not to exceed 6%, and that as rapidly as possible, the old First Bank & Trust building be prepared for use as temporary quarters for Kurth Memorial Library during construction of their new building and as a youth center; and further that the Budget be amended in the above amount. Comm. Kenneth R. Crain seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded. Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., made motion that authority be granted to advertise notices as prescribed by law for sale and issuance of time warrants in denominations as low as \$1,000.00 each and in multiples of \$1,000.00. Comm. Kenneth R. Crain seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

City Attorney Flournoy was instructed to check into all legal phases regarding title and title policies covering the above property and to prepare a contract of sale for signatures by the above property owners. City Manager Westerholm was instructed to begin checking on the possibility of demolition of old buildings that will be razed.

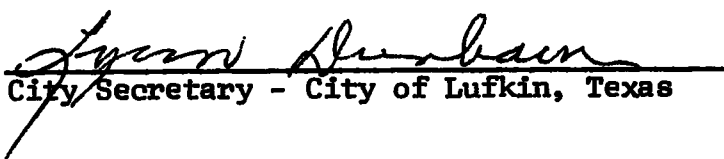
At this point, Mr. John Parker, of Canon and Parker, who was present, stated he wished to congratulate the City Commission on the action taken at this meeting since it was the first real action taken by any City Commission to improve the downtown area in the last 10 years. Mayor Garrison thanked Mr. Parker for his comments and also thanked the members of the City Commission for their positive action taken at this meeting.

4. Adjournment

There being no further business for consideration, meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P. M.


Mayor - City of Lufkin, Texas

ATTEST:


City Secretary - City of Lufkin, Texas