

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON THE 30TH DAY OF JULY, 1974, AT 5:00 P.M.

On the 30th day of July, 1974, the City Commission of the City of Lufkin, Texas, convened in special meeting in the Council Room at City Hall with the following members thereof, to-wit:

Pitser H. Garrison	Mayor
R. A. Brookshire	Commissioner, Ward No. 1
Pat Foley	Commissioner, Ward No. 2
Joe E. Rich	Commissioner, Ward No. 3
E. C. Wareing	Commissioner, Ward No. 4
W. O. Ricks, Jr.	Commissioner at Large, Place A
E. G. Pittman	Commissioner at Large, Place B
Harvey Westerholm	City Manager
Roger G. Johnson	City Secretary

being present, and

Robert L. Flournoy	City Attorney
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being absent, constituting a quorum, when the following business was transacted:

1. 1974-75 Fiscal Year City Budget Workshop Discussion

City Manager Westerholm reviewed 1974-75 fiscal year budget information prepared by Finance Director Royal Dunlap as requested by members of the City Commission at last regular meeting. This analysis contained the following information:

1. Cash position summary (general & water & sewer revenue funds)
2. Revenue Sharing fund position summary (year ending 9-20-74)
3. Revenue Sharing cash position summary (9-30-75)
4. Recommended items for consideration under Revenue Sharing for new budget.
5. Cash position summary for general and water & sewer revenue funds for fiscal years ending September 30, 1971 through 1975.

Considerable discussion developed regarding additional information presented by City Manager Westerholm. Commissioner R. A. Brookshire inquired as to the status of individuals within the City who had not received City sewer services. City Manager Westerholm stated that some residents on Renfro Drive had not been served but would receive sewer services soon with the completion of new lines. Commissioner Brookshire expressed his concern that the City should first care for the needs of individuals within the City who did not have sewer before allocating Revenue Sharing money for the improvement of parks.

Commissioner E. G. Pittman inquired as to whether or not the City Engineering Department could make available previously prepared map which indicated various areas of the City with and without sewer services. Commissioner Pittman recommended, if this map was available, that it be used to indicate additional area that could be served with \$150,000 available money. City Manager Westerholm stated that he would make this map available during the next regular meeting.

Commissioner Pat Foley stated that he was in agreement with Commissioner Brookshire's request that residents be served with sewer facilities before making further obligations. Commissioner Brookshire recommended that a substantial amount of money be earmarked for the improvement and completion of sewer services to all residences.

Mayor Garrison recommended that the entire Revenue Sharing budget be held in abeyance until members of the Commission had received more information from the City staff regarding what actual sewer commitments existed.

Commissioner W. O. Ricks inquired as to whether or not projected figure in the amount of \$150,000 for sewer projects in Revenue Sharing budget would include the replacement of worn out equipment. City Manager Westerholm stated that this figure was based on using rental equipment. Commissioner W. O. Ricks expressed his personal opposition to this practice and considerable discussion developed regarding the feasibility of purchasing equipment under these circumstances. Mayor Garrison requested that members of the Commission did not seem to be at a point in review of the Revenue Sharing budget to make final adoption decisions and further consideration of the item was passed on his own volition with the possibility of a Revenue Sharing contingency fund being established to allocate monies for various projects on an individual approval basis by the City Commission whenever necessary.

In regard to the Street Department budget Commissioner W. O. Ricks expressed his personal discontent to the removal of considerable funds from this proposed budget in as much as previous decision of Commission was approved to grant 75% of the City's sales tax to this department for the improvement of streets. Mayor Garrison brought attention to the fact that the Street department budget could be increased by the use of Revenue Sharing funds as explained in proposed budget in the amount of \$250,000.

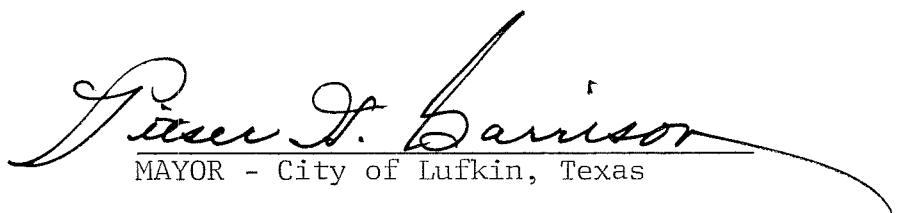
Members of the Commission discussed the individual department's budgets involving proposed reductions from each. Mayor Garrison suggested that the City staff furnish each member of the Commission an itemized list of the department reductions for consideration at a later meeting in order to save considerable review time. The remaining members were in agreement with this recommendation by Mayor Garrison and this discussion was limited. City Manager Westerholm was requested to furnish this information at a later meeting.

A brief discussion developed regarding new items for budget consideration at next regular budget meeting and Commissioner W. O. Ricks recommended a study by members of the Commission regarding water consumption which he felt was costing the City more than it was recovering. Commissioner W. O. Ricks also requested that an investigation of water districts be considered in this same regard. Mayor Garrison stated that both of these items could be considered under a separate agenda at a later meeting.

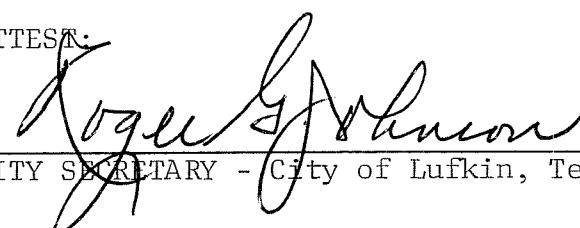
2. Police Department - Request for Pay Increase and Other Benefits

Commissioner E. C. Wareing suggested that members of the City Commission discuss the various request by the Police Department to include pay increase and other department benefits as soon as possible. Members of Commission were in agreement with this recommendation.

3. There being no further business for consideration meeting adjourned at 6:05 P.M. and an executive session was held immediately following meeting.


MAYOR - City of Lufkin, Texas

ATTEST:


CITY SECRETARY - City of Lufkin, Texas