

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON THE 5TH DAY OF JULY, 1977, AT 7:30 P. M.

On the 5th day of July, 1977, the City Commission of the City of Lufkin, Texas, convened in regular meeting in the Council Room at City Hall with the following members thereof, to-wit:

Pitser H. Garrison	Mayor
Pat Foley	Commissioner, Ward No. 2
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
Royal Dunlap	Asst. City Manager
Robert L. Flournoy	City Attorney

being present, and

R. A. Brookshire	Commissioner, Ward No. 1
Jack McMullen	Commissioner, Ward No. 3
Roger G. Johnson	Asst. City Manager

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

1. Meeting opened with prayer by Rev. C. B. Bass, Retired Baptist Minister, Lufkin, Texas.
2. Mayor Garrison welcomed a small group of visitors who were present in connection with items on the agenda or as observers.
3. Approval of Minutes

Comm. E. G. Pittman made motion that minutes of regular meeting of June 21, 1977, be approved. Motion was seconded by Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

4. Zone Change Approved 1st Reading-Joe Kelley from LB to C District

Mayor Garrison stated that zone change application by Joe Kelley from LB to C District covering property located at Northwest corner of N. First Street & Abney Avenue, North of Laurel Avenue intersection, had been recommended by the City Planning and Zoning Commission for approval.

There were no persons present appearing in opposition to the application. Comm. E. C. Wareing made motion that zone change application by Joe Kelley from LB to C District be approved on first reading of ordinance. Motion was seconded by Comm. Pat Foley and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

5. Zone Change Approved 1st Reading-G.P.Bourrous from C to LM District

Mayor Garrison stated that zone change application by G. P. Bourrous from C to LM District covering property located East of & fronting on Loop 287, North of Hwy. 103 East, across from Teer Street, had been recommended by the City Planning and Zoning Commission for approval.

There were no persons present appearing in opposition to the application. Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., made motion that zone change application by G. P. Bourrous from C to LM District be approved on first reading of ordinance. Motion was seconded by Comm. E. C. Wareing and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

6. Resolution Approved - Railroad Crossing Closed

City Manager Westerholm explained that the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation had requested a resolution from the City indicating that the City would be agreeable to closing the first railroad crossing North of present Loop 287 South overpass if a substitute crossing was allowed near or under the present overpass.

Mr. J. L. Beard with the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation stated that this resolution would help him in negotiating with the Southern Pacific Transportation Company. Mr. Beard further explained that a diamond interchange at Loop 287 with one-way ramps rather than two-way traffic ramps would be safer.

Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., made motion that proposed resolution to close the first railroad crossing North of the overpass on Loop 287 South be approved. Motion was seconded by Comm. E. G. Pittman and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

7. DETCOG Appointments

Comm. Pat Foley made motion that the four City Commissioners with the longest tenure represent the City of Lufkin on the Board of Directors of the Deep East Texas Council of Governments. These members included in the motion were Mayor Pitser H. Garrison, Comm. E. C. Wareing, Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., and Comm. E. G. Pittman. Motion was seconded by Comm. E. G. Pittman and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

8. Bid Awarded-High Pressure Compressor for Fire Department

City Manager Westerholm recommended that the low bid of Claude Wright & Associates be accepted in the amount of \$2,367.00. Mr. Westerholm explained that the new compressor would allow the Fire Department to refill their self-contained breathing apparatus packs without charge and also provide for 30 minutes of service vs 20 minutes now being received.

Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., made motion that the low bid provided by Claude Wright & Associates be accepted and the budget be amended accordingly. Motion was seconded by Comm. Pat Foley and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

9. Amendments to Plumbing & Electrical Codes

City Manager Westerholm explained that at present there is no regulation for persons who clean and service grease and/or sand traps. As a result, damage can be done to these without the City's, and often times owner's, knowledge. Mr. Westerholm recommended that these persons providing the service be bonded and regulated.

City Manager Westerholm explained that at present there are no provisions for reinspection of electrical work. Mr. Westerholm recommended that the Electrical Code be amended to include a reinspection fee for each additional inspection that was performed by the City Inspection Department.

Motion was made by Comm. E. C. Wareing to authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to draft a proposed ordinance for consideration at the next regular City Commission meeting. Motion was seconded by Comm. E. G. Pittman and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

10. Comments

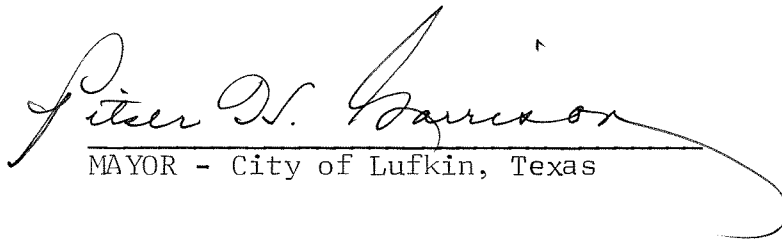
Comm. E. C. Wareing asked City Manager Westerholm to send a certified copy of the regular City Commission meeting minutes of June 21, 1977, containing the City's protest of the Texas Power & Light Company rate increase, to the Governor, State Senator, State Representative and members of the Public Utility Commission.

11. Executive Session-City Real Estate/Personnel


Mayor Garrison recognized Comm. Pat Foley who requested that members of the Commission adjourn for a brief discussion with regard to personnel matters. City Manager Westerholm further requested that the possibility of the City purchasing property within the corporate limits be discussed. Regular meeting was then adjourned at 7:50 p.m. and was later reconvened at 8:55 p.m. by Mayor Garrison.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business for consideration, meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

  
MAYOR - City of Lufkin, Texas

ATTEST:

  
Royal Dunlap, Asst. City Manager