

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON OCT. 24, 1961, AT 7:30 PM

On this the 24th day of October, 1961, the City Commission of the City of Lufkin, Texas, convened in special session in regular meeting place in said City, with following members thereof, to-wit:

Jim Waters	Mayer
E. Kurl Shirey	Commissioner; Ward No. 1
Beamon S. Cook	Commissioner; Ward No. 2
S. Harry Kerr	Commissioner; Ward No. 3
A. G. Welch	Commissioner; Ward No. 4
Harold Schmitzer	City Manager
Lynn Durham	City Secretary

being present, and the following absent:

William Drew Perkins City Attorney

1. Meeting opened with prayer by Commissioner E. Kurl Shirey.
2. Mayor Jim Waters advised meeting was called for purpose of considering budget for year 1961-62 as prepared by City Manager. He welcomed visitors present, namely, George K. DuPuy, Barney Bradshaw, Sam Tarry, and Walter Atwell.
3. City Manager read his letter dated Oct. 10, 1961, to City Commission commenting on present financial condition of City and recommending that budget published in paper not be passed. Letter listed fourteen items needed which were not in budget that was published. City Manager called attention to fact the City's financial condition was so precarious we could not issue at this time more than \$100,000.00 in tax bonds to do work badly needed.

City Manager in his letter recommended that effective Jan. 1, 1962, the Tax Collector and his deputies and the Board of Equalization be authorized by Resolution to assess all property in an equal and uniform manner and that at least 30% evaluation of actual market value be used on real property. If this increase in formula is decided against, then he recommended that a final bill be requested from Hellin & Hunter and cancel the contract with them because we will never be able to bring to fruition the projects outlined in the Comprehensive Plan.

City Manager recommended an increase in water rates and water and sewer connection fees as follows:

		<u>Water Rates</u>			
(A)	<u>Residential and Commercial</u>	<u>Old</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>Old</u>	<u>New</u>
		<u>Inside City</u>		<u>Outside City</u>	
	1st 3,000 gallons (minimum)	\$2.00	\$2.50	\$3.00	\$5.00
	Next 4,000 gallons (per M)	.65	.70	.97½	1.40
	Next 3,000 gallons (per M)	.60	.65	.90	1.30
	Next 10,000 gallons (per M)	.55	.60	.82½	1.20
	Next 20,000 gallons (per M)	.50	.55	.75	1.10
	Next 60,000 gallons (per M)	.45	.50	.67½	1.00
	Next 100,000 gallons (per M)	.40	.45	.60	.90
	Next 300,000 gallons (per M)	.17	.19	.17	.19
	All over 500,000 gals (per M)	.15	.16	.15	.16

Water Connection Fees

(B)	<u>Water Tap</u>	<u>Old</u>	<u>New</u>
		<u>Inside City</u>	<u>Outside City</u>
3/4"		\$ 40.00	\$ 60.00
1"		72.00	108.00
1 1/4"		108.00	162.00
1 1/2"		156.00	234.00
2"		228.00	342.00

(C)	Sewer Connection Fees		
	Inside City	Outside City	
		Old	New
Residences	\$40.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 80.00
Duplex Apartments	80.00	120.00	160.00
Apartment Buildings	40.00 P/A	60.00 P/A	80.00 P/A
Motels			
1st 5 bath units	20.00 ea.	30.00 ea.	40.00 ea.
All additional units	10.00 ea.	15.00 ea.	20.00 ea.
Hotels			
1st 5 bath units	20.00 ea.	30.00 ea.	40.00 ea.
All additional units	10.00 ea.	15.00 ea.	20.00 ea.
Commercial Buildings			
1st 6 fixtures	40.00 ea.	60.00 ea.	80.00 ea.
All additional fixtures	5.00 ea.	7.50 ea.	10.00 ea.

It was the decision of City Commission members that they be given a few days to study the proposed budget and it was agreed to meet on Thursday, Oct. 26, 1961, at 7:00 PM to consider the budget.

4. City Manager called attention to request that New Zion Baptist Church has made through David Walker, right-of-way Attorney, for \$135.00 additional for moving the brown dwelling on their property back 24' from present location and desired Commission approval to expend this amount.

Some discussion developed and all were in agreement with exception of Commissioner Beamon S. Cook who stated that this was a gift. However, he stated further that he would go along with request since Commissioner A. G. Welch's business was involved.

Commissioner Beamon S. Cook then made motion that \$135.00 additional be paid to New Zion Baptist Church for moving this house. Commissioner E. Kurl Shirey seconded motion. Before vote was taken, Commissioner A. G. Welch asked to be excused in the vote since his business was involved. This was granted by the Commission. The following vote was unanimous in favor of motion with Commissioner A. G. Welch abstaining.

5. Mayor Jim Waters advised that this concluded special discussion of budget hearing and meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

A number of gentlemen were present in connection with recent request of Lions Club and Sheriff's Posse for leasing a portion of City's property on Old Airport Road for purpose of construction of rodeo arena, the spokesman for whom was Ned Shands, Jr. Mr. Shands asked if Commission would reconvene and consider their request. The Commission members were agreeable and Mayor Jim Waters called the Commission back into session at 9:40 PM. Mayor Jim Waters welcomed the visitors and called on Mr. Shands to present their request. Mr. Shands reiterated the previous request made for this group and called attention to recommendation of City Planning Commission which had been called to his attention. He stated that due to press of time the group desired to have a decision tonight from City Commission.

Considerable discussion developed and Commissioner S. Harry Kerr stated that he could not vote for the leasing of the property until he could see definite plans covering development the Lions Club and Sheriff's Posse had in mind, showing how the rodeo arena could be enclosed and converted to other uses by the City. Mr. Walter Atwell, Chairman of the City Planning Commission, called attention to recommendation of this group at their special meeting on Oct. 23, 1961, after having been in telephone communication with City Planning Engineer, Robert W. Hollin, which is set out below:

- (a) That this area be used for City civic and recreational facilities;
- (b) That this area be developed according to a Master Plan to be presented to the City Commission by the City Planning Commission;
- (c) That a rodeo arena would be feasible but, at this time, the City Planning Commission has no information as to a location for it; and
- (d) That it should be recognized that the development of this property in this manner will entail considerable expense in the acquisition of right-of-ways, paving of streets for access; also it should be understood that the City Planning Commission is not, at this time, recommending the outlay of any City funds for development of this area.

Commissioner Beamon S. Cook made motion that the request be granted with details of site, cost of streets, etc., to be worked out by City Attorney and the Attorney for the above group. Commissioner E. Kurl Shirey seconded the motion since it did not conflict with plans of City Planning Commission. The ensuing vote was as follows:

Voting Aye:


Mayor Jim Waters
Commissioner E. Kurl Shirey
Commissioner Beamon S. Cook
Commissioner A. G. Welch

Voting Nay:

Commissioner S. Harry Kerr

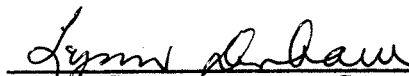
Mayor Jim Waters declared motion carried by majority vote.

There being no further business for consideration, meeting was adjourned at 10:15 PM.



Mayor - City of Lufkin, Texas

ATTEST:



City Secretary - City of Lufkin, Texas