

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY
OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON 2nd DAY OF MARCH, 1965, 7:30 P.M.

On the 2nd day of March, 1965, the City Commission of the City of Lufkin, Texas, convened in regular meeting in the regular meeting place of said City, with the following members thereof, to-wit:

Jim Waters	Mayor
Jack W. Tucker	Commissioner, Ward No. 1
Dayle V. Smith	Commissioner, Ward No. 2
S. Harry Kerr	Commissioner, Ward No. 3
H. E. Rowin	Commissioner, Ward No. 4
Granville Wright	City Manager
Lynn Durham	City Secretary
David Walker	City Attorney

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

1. Meeting opened with prayer by Rev. Gene Kendrick, Pastor of Midway Baptist Church, Lufkin. Mayor Waters thanked Rev. Kendrick for his participation and invited him to remain for entire meeting or to feel free to leave when he so desired.
2. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved after minor correction.
3. Mr. Wilson W. McKewen, General Chairman over the various committees who have been studying various segments of the proposed City Bond Issue, appeared before the City Commission and recommended that the Finance Committee report be accepted and approved and that the various propositions be submitted to the voters of the City of Lufkin.

Copy of the Finance Committee report mentioned above is quoted below.

Your Finance Committee, composed of H. J. Shands, Sr., Roy W. Kurth, Jr., O. L. Finley and myself as Chairman, has studied recommendations of the various committees named to study proposed items for the City Bond Issue.

We have also been in contact with Robert Day, fiscal agent for the City, and he advises the City of Lufkin can vote and sell:

\$700,000 in revenue bonds, and

\$1,600,000 in tax bonds

the first year after the bonds are voted without increasing city taxes or increasing water and sewer rates.

Consequently, we recommend that not more than these amounts of bonds be sold, if voted, and we also recommend the priority choices of the various committees be approved, as follows:

Railroad Underpass and Street Widening	\$524,000 1st yr.
Parks and City Buildings - land purchase	
and building of a new fire station	150,000 1st yr.
Other Street Improvements	320,000 1st yr.
Drainage Improvements	75,000 1st yr.
You will note this amounts to	<u>\$1,069,000</u>

Since this is more than \$500,000 short of the amount of bonds that may be issued and sold without increasing taxes,

we recommend second and third priorities of committees be moved up to the first year in any amount within the limits.

On water and sewers, we anticipate this work will be done from sale of revenue bonds. We note the No. one priority for water, as approved by that committee, amounts to \$327,000 and that No. one priority for sewer work amounts to \$210,000. We recommend both be approved, totalling \$537,500 and that additional work in the amount of \$162,500 be moved up to first year priority.

We recommend the Civic Center bonds be submitted, but the project announced as a "future one" with bonds to be sold when and if possible without raising city taxes, and work to start only after a proper citizens committee has approved plans for the building.

We also recommend that second, third, etc., priority projects as approved by other committees also be held for the future when bonds to finance them may be sold without increasing city taxes or the cost of water and sewer service.

Respectfully submitted.

Finance Committee
s/ O. L. Finley - Vice Chairman
s/ Roy W. Kurth, Jr.
s/ H. J. Shands, Sr.
s/ W. R. Beaumier - Chairman

Commissioner S. Harry Kerr made motion that the recommendation be accepted and that Chairmen of the various committees be given letter of appreciation for the work that they have done to work out details covering the propositions in this proposed Bond Issue. Commissioner Dayle V. Smith seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

4. Mrs. Virginia Winston and Mrs. LaJune Bradley, representing the Lufkin Service League, appeared before the City Commission to request that the City Commission furnish an area on which to locate a building that the Service League has acquired for possible use by the youth of Lufkin as a center for planned recreational activities.

Mrs. Winston stated the program had not been completely outlined as yet but would have definite information within the next few days as to plans.

Discussion was had concerning the area on which this building might be located, at least temporarily, and Commissioner S. Harry Kerr made motion that the area between the Armory and Tulane Drive be used as a temporary site for this building with details on lease, etc., to be worked out later. Commissioner Jack W. Tucker seconded motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

5. City Manager requested authority to advertise for bids on two police units to replace the units that have now reached their useful life. City Manager stated that the old cars would not be traded in but would be sold at a later date. Discussion brought out that one of these units should be equipped with factory installed air conditioning.

Commissioner S. Harry Kerr made motion that City Manager be authorized to advertise for bids accordingly. Commissioner H. E. Rowin seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

6. City Attorney read caption of ordinance changing zone from R-2 District to A District and Special Use by Mrs. Irma Newsom Franklin covering property located at corner of Bynum Street and Newsom Avenue (immediately south of Citizen's National Bank).

Ned Shands, Jr., attorney, appeared before City Commission to represent Mrs. Franklin and to answer any questions the City Commission might have regarding this change. Mayor inquired if anyone present objected to the zone change and there were no objections.

Commissioner Dayle V. Smith made motion that ordinance be passed on first reading. Commissioner H. E. Rowin seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

7. City Attorney read caption of ordinance covering volunteer firemen which was passed on first reading at meeting of February 16, 1965. Commissioner S. Harry Kerr made motion that this ordinance be passed on second reading. Commissioner Dayle V. Smith seconded motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

8. City Manager stated he had been in discussion with Mr. Howard Walker who is procuring right-of-way on Denman Avenue for proposed widening and that one of the property owners, Mr. Reuben Williams, who owns property near the Panther Drive-In, will give the right-of-way to the City at no cost but felt a ditch on his property should have a 36" storm sewer installed for protective purposes. City Manager stated estimated cost for the work would be from \$400.00 to \$600.00 and recommended that it be done and that the State Highway Department be advised by letter that the City would handle this work.

Commissioner S. Harry Kerr made motion that City Manager's recommendation be followed and that he write letter to the State Highway Department advising them of the City's actions. Commissioner H. E. Rowin seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

9. City Manager advised that Mr. Jared Matthews had requested that he and two or three other property owners on South Timberland Drive be furnished with sewer as soon as possible.

Discussion was held by the City Commission members and City Manager was requested to write letter setting out cost, etc., to install this sewer service.

10. City Manager presented floor plans of proposed dwelling for Ellen Trout Lake and requested authority to ask for bids on the building, which he estimated would cost around \$5,000.00.

Commissioner Dayle V. Smith made motion that City Manager advertise for bids on this building. Commissioner H. E. Rowin seconded motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

11. City Manager advised that new street sweeper was received and unloaded this date and would like for the City Commission members to go out and see it.

12. Open items were gone over and status developed with deletions being made where items were shown to be completed.

13. Mr. J. A. Bryan appeared before the City Commission to inquire as to what City desires to do with regard to paving Harbuck Street. It was the recommendation of the City Commission that Mr. Bryan include in his contract the paving of Harbuck Street in its entirety with the provision that all adjoining property owners participate in their portion of the cost and with the further provision that this portion of the contract be deleted if property owners do not agree to participate; also, that Mr. Bryan, would contact the property owners in this regard and advise his findings later. If the property owners do participate the City will provide for its portion of the cost of paving Harbuck Street.

14. Mayor Waters advised City Commission members of special meeting scheduled for March 9, 1965, at 7:30 P.M., to receive and open bids on Water and Sewer Construction.
15. Mayor Waters inquired as to date City Commission desires to set for the proposed bond issue, the provisions of which have been accepted by the City Commission and propositions listed as follows:

No. 1

Water Improvements (Revenue Bonds) \$ 900,000.00

No. 2

Sewer Improvements (Revenue Bonds) 335,000.00

No. 3

Street Improvements (Tax Bonds) including
Underpass and Street Repairs 845,000.00

No. 4

Storm Sewer and Drainage (Tax Bonds) 125,000.00

No. 5

Fire Stations and Equipment (3) (Tax Bonds) ... 240,000.00

No. 6

City Hall and Land (Tax Bonds) 280,000.00

No. 7

Parks and Land (Tax Bonds) 150,000.00

No. 8

Police Station and Land (Tax Bonds) 65,000.00

No. 9

Civic Center Building (Tax Bonds) 1,500,000.00

Total \$4,440,000.00

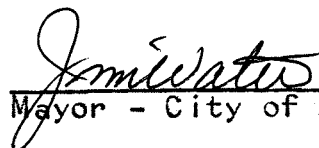
After some discussion, Commissioner S. Harry Kerr made motion that ordinance be drawn up calling for and setting the election for March 23, 1965, as recommended in letter by City Manager of this date and also following the recommendations of the various committees. Commissioner Dayle V. Smith seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

16. Commissioner S. Harry Kerr made motion that walk light on Third and Lufkin Avenue be removed. Commissioner Jack W. Tucker seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.
17. Commissioner Jack W. Tucker inquired if City Manager had ordered any trash containers for use on downtown streets. City Manager stated he had not but would handle this item.
18. Commissioner Jack W. Tucker inquired if any information had been received on the Carroll Crager case now pending before the Supreme Court of Texas. City Manager advised there was no information to report.

19+8. City Manager stated he had checked over the streets mentioned in recent letter from Postmaster R. V. Welch which do not have names or signs thereon and proposed to handle per agreement with residents of area and Mr. R. V. Welch, Postmaster.

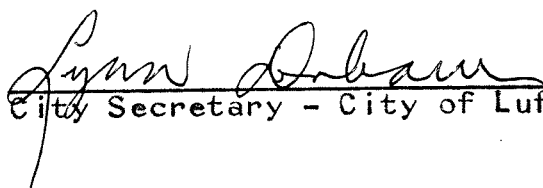
Commissioner S. Harry Kerr made motion that City Manager's recommendation be followed. Commissioner H. E. Rowin seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

20+9. There being no further business for consideration, meeting was adjourned at 10:00 P.M.



Mayor - City of Lufkin, Texas

ATTEST:



City Secretary - City of Lufkin, Texas