

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON THE 2ND DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1982, AT 7:30 P.M.

On the 2nd day of February, 1982, 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:

Percy A. Simond, Jr.	Commissioner, Ward No. 1
Don E. Boyd	Commissioner, Ward No. 2
Bob McCurry	Commissioner, Ward No. 3
Richard Thompson	Commissioner, Ward No. 5
E. C. Wareing	Commissioner, Ward No. 6
Harvey Westerholm	City Manager
Roger G. Johnson	Assistant City Manager
Robert Flournoy	City Attorney
Ann Griffin	City Secretary

being present, and

Pitser H. Garrison	Mayor
Pat Foley	Commissioner, Ward. No. 4

being absent when the following business was transacted.

1. Meeting opened with prayer by Rev. Morris Goins, Pastor of Parkview Baptist Church, Lufkin.
2. Mayor Pro Tem Wareing welcomed visitors present, and recognized Margie Mathis and Patti Estes, members of the Pilot Club, who presented Centennial Lapel Pins to members of the City Commission.
3. Approval of Minutes  
Minutes of regular meeting of January 19, 1982, and Special Meeting of January 21, 1982, were approved on motion by Commissioner Richard Thompson. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Percy Simond, and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.
4. Resolution Presented - James Holland Honored  
Mayor Pro Tem Wareing recognized Mr. James Holland, present to receive Resolution commending him for his involvement in apprehending the assailants charged with purse snatching.
5. Annexation & Permanent Zoning - Approved - City of Lufkin - Kit McConnico Park - Second Reading  
Mayor Pro Tem Wareing stated that Annexation & Permanent Zoning request by City of Lufkin, covering Kit McConnico Park located east of Loop 287 and north of Moffett Road to be zoned RL, was approved on first reading at last meeting of City Commission. There was no opposition present.  
Motion was made by Commissioner Richard Thompson and seconded by Commissioner Percy Simond that Annexation Ordinance be approved on second and final reading as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.  
Motion was made by Commissioner Richard Thompson and seconded by Commissioner Percy Simond that Permanent Zoning Ordinance be approved on second and final reading as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.
6. Election Order - Approved - Regular City Election - April 3, 1982  
Mayor Pro Tem Wareing stated that the Regular City Election scheduled for April 3, 1982, would be for the election of Mayor, Commissioner of Ward 2, and Commissioner of Ward 4. Mayor Pro Tem Wareing further stated that the Election Order contained the proposed Judges for each Ward and locations of polling places.  
Motion was made by Commissioner Percy Simond and seconded by Commissioner Don Boyd that Election Order be approved on first and final reading as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

7. Bids Approved - Flail Riding Mower, Parks & Recreation Department, Air Cooled Engine - Service Body, Street Department, Ewell Equipment - Eight Police Units, Greater Lufkin Ford

Mayor Pro Tem Wareing stated that the Parks & Recreation Department had advertised for bids on a Flail Riding Mower with a 60" cut for use in the City Parks, and two bids had been received.

City Manager Westerholm stated that the low bid of Air Cooled Engine in the amount of \$5,400 was recommended for approval. City Manager Westerholm further stated that the item exceeded the budget by \$900 which would be absorbed by the Parks & Recreation Department equipment budget.

Motion was made by Commissioner Richard Thompson and seconded by Commissioner Don Boyd that the bid of Air Cooled Engine in the amount of \$5,400 be approved as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

Mayor Pro Tem Wareing stated that the Street Department had advertised for bids on a Service Body for use in traffic light repair, and one bid had been received.

City Manager Westerholm stated that the low bid of Ewell Equipment Co. for the unassembled Service Body in the amount of \$2,657.85 was recommended for approval.

Motion was made by Commissioner Don Boyd and seconded by Commissioner Bob McCurry that bid of Ewell Equipment Co. for the unassembled Service Body in the amount of \$2,657.85 be approved as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

Mayor Pro Tem Wareing stated that the Police Department had advertised for bids on eight (8) new police units, and three (3) companies had submitted bids. City Manager Westerholm stated that of the three (3) companies that bid, only one (1) had cars that met the specifications of the Police Department: Greater Lufkin Ford in the amount of \$59,487.68.

After much discussion regarding specifications on police cars and all City specifications being prohibitive to bidders, Mayor Pro Tem Wareing stated that the first considerations in writing specifications should be the need for the equipment and a determination of requirements for the job. Mayor Pro Tem Wareing further stated that specifications should be written to fit the machine to the job. Mayor Pro Tem Wareing stated that in this instance, it would be advisable to determine if the 350 engine was necessary for the job.

City Manager Westerholm stated that the police cars carry an extra heavy load due to continuous idling, running lights, and radio equipment, and the 350 engine was not required for speed alone.

Commissioner Percy Simond stated that he would like to see the bid award on the police cars tabled until next meeting to get more information.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bob McCurry and seconded by Commissioner Percy Simond that the bid of Greater Lufkin Ford in the amount of \$59,487.68 be approved; but in the future, specifications would be discussed before advertisement for bids. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

8. Natural Gas for City Vehicles - Additional Information Requested

Mayor Pro Tem Wareing stated that the City had been conducting an extensive study on the possible use of compressed natural gas as a fuel source for all the gasoline powered City Vehicles except the Fire Department equipment. Mayor Pro Tem Wareing further stated that a comprehensive study had been furnished to the Commissioners for consideration of the savings if this alternate source of fuel was used.

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Mayor Pro Tem Wareing recognized Mr. Rayford Williams, Entex Gas Representative, and William B. Gammon, representative of Dual Fuel Systems, who presented the plan for converting the City vehicles to natural gas.

Mr. Gammon stated that natural gas requires a higher spark to start the flame, but once lit, the burning temperature is lower than gasoline which allows the motor to run cooler.

Mr. Williams stated that Entex is planning to convert their vehicles to natural gas, and they will send a man to school in California for instruction who would be available to help the City when needed. Mr. Williams also stated that the City would be able to use the Entex Compressor at anytime. Mr. Gammon stated that plans are being made to conduct a school of instruction from the Houston office of his company, but he did not have a timetable of when this would occur. Numerous questions were asked and answered by representatives present concerning this matter.

Commissioner Bob McCurry stated that the Commission needed to consider the program further, and requested that City Manager Westerholm provide his recommendations and steps necessary to begin the program at next meeting on February 16th.

9. Amendment to Electrical Ordinance - Approved - First Reading

Mayor Pro Tem Wareing stated that a proposed amendment to the Electrical Ordinance had been provided to Commissioners for consideration. Mayor Pro Tem Wareing stated that this was the first updating of the fees since 1939.

Motion was made by Commissioner Percy Simond and Commissioner Bob McCurry that Amendment to Electrical Ordinance be approved on first reading as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

10. Relocation of Water Main - Approved - State Highway 94 - City Budget Amended

Mayor Pro Tem Wareing stated that the City had received notification from the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation that the City water main on the south side of State Highway 94, from Regal Row to Loop 287, must be relocated due to the widening of Highway 94.

City Manager Westerholm stated that the cost of relocation was estimated to be \$6,887.22, which could be absorbed by the Water Utility Fund.

Motion was made by Commissioner Don Boyd and seconded by Commissioner Percy Simond that budget be amended for the expense, and the 8" water main on State Highway 94 from Regal Row to Loop 287 be relocated. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

11. There being no further business for consideration, meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.



*E. C. Wareing*  
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E. C. Wareing, Mayor Pro Tem

*Ann Griffin*  
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City Secretary