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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF
THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN,
TEXAS, HELD JANUARY
1st, 1935.

Be it remembered that on this the 1st day of January, A.D. 1935,
there was begun and holden a regular meeting of the City Commission of
the City of Lufkin, Texas, at the City Hall in said City with the follow-
ing officers of the city present and presiding, to-wit:-

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| C. A. Burke, | - Mayor, |
| W.O. Greene, | Coms. Ward No. 1, |
| Louis Hicks, | Coms. Ward No. 2, |
| D.A. Campbell, | Coms. Ward No. 3, |
| W. A. Abney, | Coms. Ward No. 4, |
| Curtis W Fenley, | City Attorney, and |
| T. L. Dunn, | City Secretary and |
| | Acting City Manager. |

The following proceedings were had, to-wit:-

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Minutes of all meetings held during the month of December, 1934,
were read, and on motion duly made and carried were approved as read.

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The matter of providing necessary warehouse requirements for the
Relief Administration was thoroughly discussed, and it was decided that
the maximum amount that would be paid was \$50.00 per month, the City
to pay one-half and the County to pay one-half. It was agreed that the
Shearer building on Ellis Avenue adjoining the tracks of the T & N O
Railroad was a satisfactory building and location and that it might
be secured provided it could be had for the above price for rent, the
time for payment of these rents to begin with November 10th, 1934.

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The question of paying rent on building belonging to Long Bell
Lumber Company for use as a canning plant under the Relief Adminis-
tration was discussed and it was unanimously decided that \$25.00 per
month would be the maximum amount that would be paid, the City to pay
one-half and the County one-half. This action was taken in the face
of the fact that the Agent for the Long Bell Lumber Company and the
Chairman of the Angelina County Relief Board had entered into a con-
tract whereby it was agreed that a price of \$50.00 per mont would be
paid, beginning December 14th, 1934.

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There come up for consideration the question of a settlement with
J. C. Allee of a suit wherein he had sued the City for damages to prop-
erty located near the City's Sewerage Disposal Plant. This matter was
referred to City Attorney Curtis W. Fenley.

704 The City having leased the J. E. Berry field as an Air Port for the year 1935, it is considered that it would be fit and proper to have appointed some one as "Air Port Manager," who duties it would be to look after the interests of the City and do and perform such other duties as might be enjoined upon him by the City Manager or City Commission. The City Manager immediately made appointment of Mr. W.L. Parrish, a licensed pilot and mechanic, as Air Port Manager for the year 1935 as aforesaid. The appointment was in all things confirmed by the City Commission.

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On recommendation of the City Manager authority was given him to take out insurance on the City Police Car, covering theft and property damage.

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On motion of D.A. Campbell, seconded by W.O. Greene, the following resolution was unanimously passed by the City Commission:

RESOLUTION.

Whereas, the Legislature of Texas, has, from time to time, enacted laws to relieve County Governments of various tax burdens by authorizing the following:

Taking over the maintenance of the principal Highways and relieving the Counties of a great expense; Assuming a large portion of the County Road bond obligations, thereby saving large sums in interest and sinking fund requirements; Allowing Counties to retain Motor License fees to the maximum of \$75,000.00 per year; and,

Whereas, no legislation has been made to relieve incorporated Cities and towns of their distressed financial conditions; and,

Whereas, the motor vehicle fees allowed to be retained by the Counties, constitute a local fund paid largely by the residents of said Cities and towns, who as a matter of equity, are entitled to have same used for the benefit of the Community in which they reside; and,

Whereas, the residents of said Cities and towns contribute largely to the County Governments by way of ad valorem tax, from which they ordinarily get but little if any direct financial benefit; and,

Whereas, a distribution of said Motor License fees to the County and towns, in proportion to the number of vehicles registered from each would be fair, just and equitable, and would materially relieve the tax burden of said Cities and towns with no cost to the State and but little to the Counties, as a whole,

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the City Commission of the City of Lufkin, that the 44th Legislature, which convenes in January, 1935, be memorialized to amend the present law so as to require said Motor License

fees, retained by the Counties, to be distributed to the incorporated Cities and towns, within the County, in proportion to the number of vehicles registered from each, and that the representatives of the County and the Senator of this district be informed of the urgent need and necessity of such a change in the law and that each be urgently requested to use his best effort to secure the passage of same.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY JANUARY 1st, 1935.

B. B. Burke

Mayor,

Attest:-

J. L. Dunn

City Secretary.

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It was suggested and ordered that the City Manager select a number of citizens, men and women, to act as a secret Safety Committee who would work in co-operation with the city officials in determining law violators.

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Instructions were given to try and provide work projects in the city that would give work to unemployed under the Relief Administration program.

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The resignation of C. H. Rice as Assistant City Secretary was read to the City Commission. On motion duly made and carried it was accepted with regrets, effective January 1st, 1935.

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The matter of appointing a successor to C.H.Rice, resigned, as Assistant City Secretary was discussed. City Manager T. L. Dunn, stated that he had appointed Cecil Massingill to such position, subject to confirmation by the City Commission. Such appointment was in all things confirmed.

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There being no further business to come before the meeting, on motion duly made and carried it adjourned.

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The above and foregoing minutes, read and approved on this the 5th day of February, A.D. 1935.

B. B. Burke

Mayor.

Attest:-

J. L. Dunn

City Secretary.