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The City Council of the City of Lufkin, met in call session, with the following present and acting.

A. M. Denman,	Mayor
E. N. Humason,	Secretary
Linton F. Abney	City Attorney.
R. L. Denman	Health Officer
W. D. Pries	} Aldermen
T. W. Largent	
S. H. Townsend	
J. A. Johnson	
R. B. Shearer	

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Com. on Finance, presented their report which was read and approved. Showing amounts in City Treasurer's hands on Feb. 29th 1904, \$5638.⁷² & also showing amount in hands of Water Works Manager \$11195.⁻ Their report shows warrants outstanding and unpaid, \$877.⁰⁰. Their report shows a Net Gain or surplus of \$11,920.⁷⁸. The Committee on Finance consisting of E. N. Humason, J. E. McPhearsom and J. F. McPater was discharged.

Water Works Manager given until next meeting to prepare his report.

Street Commissioner Townsend given until next meeting to prepare his report.

The Tax Assessor and Collector's report read and approved, for the month of Mar 1904.

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showing the amounts ~~is~~ collected as follows:-

Ad. Valorem, \$34.⁹¹ Water \$34.⁹¹ Poll Tax \$2.⁰⁰
Penalty \$6.²⁶, Occupation tax \$190.⁰⁰

Bids for the City advertising from Weekly Tribune & Semi-Weekly Herald, were presented to City Council by Seth H. Hinson, who had been instructed at the last regular meeting of the City Council, to award contract to lowest Bidder both bids being equal the City Council not caring to show any preference rejected both bids, on motion of Alderman Johnson which was unanimously carried. Editors of both papers were instructed to prepare new Bids, so Council could act at once, they both being present. They refused to make new bids asking for further time in which to prepare same, which was granted them.

City Health Officer, W. L. Henson, presented to the City Council in a brief talk, his methods in which he intends to place the City in a more sanitary condition. On motion of Alderman Price & second by Alderman Largent, it was unanimously carried that the City Health Officer receive a salary of One Hundred Dollars per year, for services rendered the City beginning April 5th 1904.

J. D. Henderson, of the Lufkin Electric Light Plant, made a grievance to the City Council, showing where his Company could not afford to furnish Lights to the City-

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at the price they are now receiving them.
On motion of Alderman Townsend and second by Alderman Shearer, it was unanimously carried, that the City hereafter pay to the Lufkin Electric Light Plant, for Arc Lights as are now in use, the sum of One Hundred Dollars per year, per Light.

The question of abolishing the Office of City Marshal, was presented by Alderman Largent and discussed at length. On motion of Ald. Largent, seconded by Ald. Shearer, all voting, Aye, except Ald. Johnson who voted, No, the following Ordinance was passed; whereas

Whereas, it appearing that the City of Lufkin is and has for some time been in a tranquil and peaceful state, and it further appearing that said City has a population of less than three thousand inhabitants, according to the last preceding census thereof, and ~~that~~ it ordained by the City Council of the City of Lufkin that the Office of City Marshal in and for the City of Lufkin, Texas is hereby abolished and dispensed with.

On motion of Ald. Johnson, seconded by Largent the following Ordinance was carried unanimously

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Lufkin that the Tax levied for Water-works purposes heretofore passed by this body on the fifth day of January A. D. 1904, calling for a tax of one-

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Fourth of one per. cent for said water-works purposes is hereby repealed and a tax levy of one-eighth of one per. cent is hereby levied for water works purposes for A. D. 1904. And the Tax Collector is hereby required to collect said tax for the year 1904

R. B. Shearer, was appointed by the Mayor to have the new Water Works Pump properly placed and connected at the City reservoir. And also contract for the building of a new Pump house at said reservoir.

On motion of Johnson, second by Price the Semi-Weekly Herald was ordered to print the Official ballot for election of April 5th 1904, at the rate of five dollars for one thousand tickets. The following claims were presented and allowed. & Sectry instructed to draw warrants on General Fund =

J. W. Halligan	\$45.00
P. M. Durbin	11.00
Lufkin Electric Light Plant	46.25 -
W. N. Humason	27.50
Dixon F. Abney	25.00
A. M. Denman	3.00
T. W. Largent	2.00
B. H. Townsend	2.00
R. B. Shearer	2.00
J. A. Shearer	2.00
W. D. Price	2.00

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No further business. Council adjourned.

J. W. Largent

Mayor Pro tem.

G. E. Hatford,

Secretary Pro tem.

Approved April 9 - 1904