

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS,
HELD ON MAY 3, 1960, AT 7:30 P.M.

On this the third day of May, A.D. 1960, the City Commission of the City of Lufkin, Texas, convened in regular session in the regular meeting place in said City, with the following members thereof, to wit:

Jim Waters,	Mayor
E. Kurl Shirey,	Commissioner, Ward No.1
Beamon S. Cook,	Commissioner, Ward No.2
Bayo Hopper,	Commissioner, Ward No.3
A. G. Welch,	Commissioner, Ward No.4
Harold Schmitzer,	City Manager
Lynn Durham,	City Secretary
William Drew Perkins,	City Attorney

being present, and the following absent: None
constituting a quorum when the following business was transacted:

1. The meeting opened with prayer by Paul Green, Educational Director of the First Baptist Church, Lufkin. Mayor Waters thanked Mr. Green for his presence and participation and invited him to stay for the full meeting if he desired.
2. Mr. Dell Balch, local Life Insurance Agent, appeared before the City Commission to request the Commission's approval of him as Agent of Record in order that he might secure bids, if the City desires, for a Group Hospitalization and Life Insurance plan for the City Employees as possible replacement of present plan. Considerable discussion developed, and Mayor Waters stated that he had been approached by numerous local Insurance Representatives regarding submitting a plan to possibly replace the one now in effect. He stated the matter had not crystalized to a point of action. It was the feeling of the Commission that no action be taken at this meeting and that the matter would be held in abeyance for further study.
3. The City Manager called attention to the recommendation of the Zoning Board that consideration be given to amending the present Zoning Ordinance to place Beauty Shops under "C" classification instead of "F" classification as is now the case. The City Attorney stated that in order to do this an open hearing would be required before action could be taken, and since it is entirely possible that if and when a comprehensive plan is drawn up and approved for the City there will no doubt be other such changes. He said this matter of a comprehensive plan is being given thought by the City Planning Commission at this time. It was the feeling of the Commission that the Zoning Board be apprised of this thinking, and then should they desire immediate action the Commission could so proceed.
4. Commissioner E. Kurl Shirey made a motion that the Mayor be authorized to approve a contract for two years with David Walker, local Attorney, for the collection of delinquent taxes on a percentage basis. Commissioner Bayo Hopper seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.
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5. /City Manager presented Estimate No.4, Contract No.1, Sewage Treatment Plant modification, by Howard Pool Company, in the amount of \$33,892.56, which had been approved and submitted by Freese, Nichols, Turner & Collie, as well as being approved by the City Engineer, and requested authorization to pay this estimate. Commissioner Bayo Hopper made a motion to this effect, seconded by Commissioner A.G. Welch, and voted unanimously.
6. The City Manager presented Estimate No.2, Contract No.3, by Howard Pool Company, in the amount of \$58,275.41, which had been approved same as the preceding estimate, and requested authorization to pay. Commissioner E. Kurl Shirey made a motion to this effect, seconded by Commissioner A.G. Welch, and unanimously voted.
7. The City Manager presented Estimate No.1, Contract No.3, West Side Trunk Sewer and Lift Station, by Temple Associates, in the amount of \$34,771.38, which had been approved and submitted by Freese, Nichols, Turner & Collie, as well as having been approved by the City Engineer, and requested authorization to pay this estimate. Commissioner E. Kurl Shirey made a motion to this effect, seconded by Commissioner Bayo Hopper, and unanimously voted.

8. The City Manager called to the Commission's attention that a Civil Service Board should be appointed as soon as possible in order that the mechanics of placing Civil Service in force as of October 1, 1960, will be ready. Mayor Waters asked the Commissioners to give this their attention in order that same may be handled at the next meeting.
9. The City Manager suggested that a Tax Equalization Board of three men be appointed in order to get started on our Tax Valuation for the coming fiscal year. He stated that Mr. M.F. Braden, Tax Assessor and Collector, had discussed this with the members who had served last year, namely:

Jeff Butler, H. T. Bowers and Walter Still.

They are willing to serve again should the City so desire. The City Manager said they had done a good job and recommended their appointment. Commissioner Bayo Hopper moved that the City Manager's recommendation be followed and that these three men be appointed, seconded by Commissioner A.G. Welch, and voted unanimously.

10. The City Manager introduced Mr. Edward G. Rathgeber of Austin, Texas, who, with Mayor Jim Waters, executed contract covering demolishing of the old Southern Pacific Railroad Ticket Office, such contract having been authorized by the City Commission on April 19, 1960. The City Attorney had prepared the contract which was ready for signing. Mr. Rathgeber stated that the work would be started on May 4th. This is an item shown under "Open Items".
11. Other open items were discussed and handled as follows:

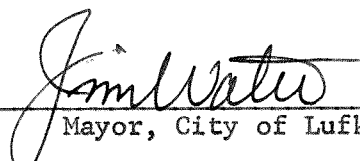
- (a) The City Attorney requested the City Commission's present thinking on pursuing suit against Sullivan Packing Company to vacate property claimed by the City. The Commission was brought up to date on this matter by the City Manager. After considerable discussion, Commissioner Bayo Hopper made a motion that the City Attorney be authorized to pursue suit, seconded by Commissioner E. Kurl Shirey, with the following vote:

Voting Aye - Jim Waters
Bayo Hopper
E. Kurl Shirey
A. G. Welch

Voting Nay - Beamon S. (Buster) Cook

The Mayor stated that the motion carried by majority vote.

- (b) At Mayor Water's suggestion the appointment of a new member to the Planning Commission was postponed until the next meeting.
 - (c) More study and discussion will be had before a decision is reached on the Salvation Army's request for the use of the City Log Cabin for their purposes.
12. The City Attorney stated he would like to have authority to file condemnation suit against Mr. E.L. Callahan, if necessary, for sewer right-of-way on which the City already has secured easement. Commissioners Shirey and Cook said they both knew Mr. Callahan personally and would like to discuss the matter with him before legal action is taken to force Mr. Callahan to honor right-of-way easement we now have. Commissioner Bayo Hopper moved that the City Attorney be authorized to proceed with legal action if other methods fail, seconded by Commissioner E. Kurl Shirey, and voted unanimously.
 13. There being no further business for consideration, the meeting adjourned.



Mayor, City of Lufkin, Texas

ATTEST:



City Secretary, City of Lufkin, Texas