

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE  
CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON JULY 10, 1961, AT 2:00 PM

On this the 10th day of July, 1961, the City Commission of the City of Lufkin, Texas, convened in special session in regular meeting place in said City, with following members thereof, to-wit:

Jim Waters	Mayor
E. Kurl Shirey	Commissioner, Ward No. 1
Beamon S. Cook	Commissioner, Ward No. 2
S. Harry Kerr	Commissioner, Ward No. 3
Harold Schmitzer	City Manager
Lynn Durham	City Secretary
William D. Perkins	City Attorney

being present, and the following absent:

A. G. Welch	Commissioner, Ward No. 4
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1. Meeting opened with prayer by City Manager.
2. Mayor Jim Waters stated meeting was called for purpose of awarding bids for crawler type front end loader and motor grader, such bids having been opened in meeting of July 6th, and time granted City Manager to study and discuss with all concerned before making recommendation to City Commission as to purchase.


City Manager advised that he and Street Superintendent Ralph Bargainer, who is thoroughly familiar with operation of such equipment, had checked equipment on which three bids were received, and it was their recommendation that the caterpillar tractor and front end loader be purchased from Mustang Tractor and Equipment, Houston, Texas, for \$14,996.00. City Manager stated this was the highest of three bids on crawler type front end loader, but the caterpillar was larger, heavier, and had more horsepower and was constructed for the exact purpose intended.

Considerable discussion developed on difference in price of equipment, suitability for our purpose, etc. Commissioner Beamon S. Cook made motion that recommendation of City Manager and Street Superintendent be followed and that caterpillar front end loader be purchased from Mustang Tractor & Equipment Company, Houston, Texas, at price of \$14,996.00. Commissioner E. Kurl Shirey seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

City Manager stated only two bids received on small motor grader and recommended that City purchase the Galion motor grader from Browning-Ferris Machinery Company, Houston, Texas, for \$7,100.00. Stated above bid was the lowest, the other being Allis-Chalmers motor grader in amount of \$8,245.00. After some discussion, Commissioner Beamon S. Cook made motion that City Manager's recommendation be followed and that Galion motor grader be purchased from Browning-Ferris Machinery Co. for \$7,100.00 (\$9,494.00 less \$2,394.00, old motor grader, net \$7,100.00) Motion seconded by Commissioner E. Kurl Shirey and vote was unanimous.

Mayor Jim Waters inquired if above equipment was going to be purchased on lease-purchase plan. City Manager stated arrangements had been made with local bank to handle purchase over 5 year period at interest rate of 3.75% with first payment to be made on January 1, 1962, and that this plan was much more economical than the lease-purchase plan which he originally proposed.

3. Mayor Jim Waters stated that Dr. Gail Medford, Treasurer of Kurth Memorial Library had requested that City Commission consider renaming "Cotton Square" to "Calder Square" in honor of Mr. Louis Calder, Sr., of New-York-who has, in the past, contributed large sums of money to Memorial Hospital and Kurth Library. Mayor Jim Waters recommended this change in name be made and honor this good man who has contributed much to Lufkin's future. This recommendation was concurred in by the members of the City Commission. City Manager recommended this change be handled by Resolution and that Mr. Calder be furnished copy of such Resolution. Commissioner S. Harry Kerr made motion that City Attorney prepare Resolution changing the name of "Cotton Square" to "Calder Square" and that Mr. Calder be furnished copy of such Resolution. Motion seconded by Commissioner Beamon S. Cook and vote was unanimous.
4. R. B. Thompson appeared before the City Commission in regard to his proposed Westbury Addition across from Tall Timbers Addition on Highway 103 (Paper Mill Road). Stated approval of preliminary plat by City Planning Commission was being held up awaiting decision from City Commission on policy of whether or not to secure easements on drainage ditches and creeks in proposed subdivisions. Stated he would grant easement to City in this instance if so desired. Considerable discussion developed and the City Commission members were of the opinion that further study should be given to request of City Planning Commission, as contained in letter of Henry Rogers to City Manager and City Attorney, before policy is set. However, in the case of Westbury Addition, Commissioner S. Harry Kerr made motion that City not take easement on drainage in Westbury Addition at this time, in that R. B. Thompson agreed to give one if City so desires at later date; but this was not to be construed as permanent policy, but an expediency, and a policy will be arrived at within the next 90 days. Commissioner E. Kurl Shirey seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. City Planning Commission will be so advised by City Secretary.
5. There being no further business for consideration, meeting adjourned.

  
Mayor - City of Lufkin, Texas

ATTEST:

  
City Secretary - City of Lufkin, Texas