

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON SEPT. 19, 1961, 7:30 P.M.

On this the 19th day of September, 1961, the City Commission of the City of Lufkin, Texas, convened in regular session in regular meeting place in said City, with following members thereof, to-wit:

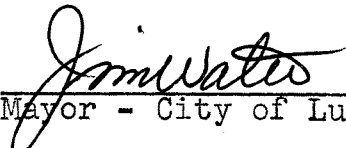
Jim Waters	Mayor
E. Kurl Shirey	Commissioner; Ward No. 1
Beamon S. Cook	Commissioner; Ward No. 2
S. Harry Kerr	Commissioner; Ward No. 3
A. G. Welch	Commissioner; Ward No. 4
Harold Schmitzer	City Manager
Lynn Durham	City Secretary
William D. Perkins	City Attorney

being present.

1. Meeting opened with prayer by Rev. W. A. Wagstaff, pastor of the Bethel Church of Nazarene who left immediately after being thanked by Mayor Jim Waters for his participation.
2. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved after minor correction.
3. Commissioner E. Kurl Shirey made motion that ordinance regulating the speed limits in City for ambulances be passed on first reading. Commissioner Beamon S. Cook seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.
4. Commissioner E. Kurl Shirey made motion that ordinance covering tax levy for fiscal year 1961-62 be passed on first and second reading by suspension of the rules; the tax levy being \$1.2878 per \$100.00 valuation for the General Fund and \$0.4622 per \$100.00 valuation for the Tax Bond Interest and Sinking Fund. Motion seconded by Commissioner A. G. Welch and vote was unanimous.
5. Commissioner Beamon S. Cook made motion that notice of zone change from "A" to "F" District by Mrs. H. W. Ragland covering Lots 5, 6 and 7, Block 4, Woodland Heights Addition and Lots 8, 9 and 10, Block 3, Oakland Addition be published in Lufkin News for rehearing meeting of Oct. 17, 1961. Commissioner S. Harry Kerr seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.
6. Commissioner E. Kurl Shirey made motion that ordinance be passed on second and final reading covering zone change from "A" to "H" District on portion of 45.1 acre tract of land located just west of intersection of Sayers Street and Kurth Drive, with 15' setback, application by Johnnie Childers. Motion seconded by Commissioner S. Harry Kerr and vote was unanimous.
7. City Manager presented his progress report, furnishing Mayor and each Commissioner with copy.
8. City Manager called attention to progress report of David Walker, attorney, on securing right-of-way for widening Raguet Street. City Manager recommended that City Commission authorize completion of this at earliest possible time even if condemnation proceedings have to be taken. It was noted that one or two property owners had not been contacted. Mayor Jim Waters stated he would have David Walker contact remaining owners immediately and would then call special meeting to authorize procedure to follow.
9. Mayor Jim Waters read letter from Percy A. Simond, Chairman of Board of the Negro Chamber of Commerce, advising it would be satisfactory, as far as their organization was concerned, to change name of Henderson Street in Jordan-Henderson Addition in City of Lufkin and suggested it be named "Packer Street".

City Commission members were in agreement with this change in name and Mayor Jim Waters instructed City Attorney to prepare ordinance covering this change in street name for consideration at next meeting.

10. Open items were gone over with some progress being noted in handling.
11. Commissioner S. Harry Kerr stated he had been in touch with Campbell heirs, who own property at south corner of Raguet and Ellis and these heirs were willing to trade to City any area of such property for like area of property where Ellis Street is now located, in order that Ellis Street might be relocated to connect properly with Raguet and eliminate present jog that now has to be made on Raguet in order to stay on Ellis Street. Some discussion developed and it was decision of the City Commission that Commissioner S. Harry Kerr would contact Campbell heirs to see if they would be willing to sell their property to City and Mayor Jim Waters is to contact Cavanaugh-Peden, who are now in the process of constructing a new building at north corner of Raguet and Ellis, to see if they would be interested in buying portion of present Ellis Street that will face their building, which could be used for parking purposes. Mayor stated that tangible information should be available at next meeting for discussion.
12. Commissioner E. Kurl Shirey, after discussing a number of invoices for payment, made motion that approval be given for payment of all invoices for previous month. Commissioner Beamon S. Cook seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.
13. City Attorney advised that hearing was set in District Court at 9:00 A.M., Friday, September 22, 1961, on annexation suit filed against City of Lufkin by Charles Ruth.
14. Commissioner Beamon S. Cook inquired regarding charge filed against a man recently, whose automobile collided with another. Stated the local citizen, whose car was hit, advised that one of the police officers stated the man was drunk. However, it was brought out in discussion that no DWI charge was filed against the man by City in County Court, in that it was hard to prove the man was drunk, even though he might have been drinking. Charges of failure to grant right-of-way and leaving scene of accident were filed against this man and he posted a cash bond of \$52.00 which was forfeited since he did not show up in court on specified date. City Manager assured the City Commission that Police Chief and his Department were making every effort to handle such cases in line with policy recently established by the City Commission.
15. There being no further business for consideration, meeting was adjourned at 9:55 P.M.


Mayor - City of Lufkin, Texas

ATTEST:


City Secretary - City of Lufkin, Texas