

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY
OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON 10th DAY OF AUGUST, 1962, AT 7:30 PM

On the 10th day of August, 1962, the City Commission of the City of Lufkin, Texas, convened in regular meeting in regular meeting place of said City, with the following members thereof, to-wit:

Jim Waters	Mayor
Victor V. Bruce	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
Granville Wright	City Manager
Lynn Durham	City Secretary
William Drew Perkins	City Attorney

being present, constituting a quorum, when the following business was transacted:

1. Meeting opened with prayer by City Attorney William Drew Perkins.
2. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.
3. Mayor Jim Waters welcomed a large group of visitors who were present in connection with items on the agenda or as observers.
4. City Attorney read in its entirety ordinance to be considered for passage on second and final reading covering annexation of property south of Lufkin, beginning 300' west of Loop 287 from State Highway 103 west to 300' east of U. S. Highway 69 south. Mayor Jim Waters called on spokesmen of a group of citizens who were present to protest passage of the ordinance to present their objections.

Guy Carlton, along with Hollis Parrish, Ted Grant, Josh L. Duncan, H. C. Dorsett and several others expressed their objections to being annexed, the principal reasons being:

- (1) Residents of the area were not contacted and did not have proper consideration.
- (2) Did not feel City was in financial position to service the properties involved at this time nor in the foreseeable future.
- (3) Did not want to be brought into City of Lufkin in that they desired control of their property for business purposes.

Commissioner S. Harry Kerr stated that the new by-pass Loop 287 was one of the most beautiful drives in East Texas and the City desired to keep it that way by control of zoning and stated City Commission was thinking not only of the residents in the area but the entire City of Lufkin for years to come. Commissioner S. Harry Kerr also stated that Lufkin City Planning Commission and Zoning Board, as well as the firm now in process of preparing comprehensive plan for City of Lufkin, recommended this annexation. He further stated that as long as he is a member of the City Commission, he would strive to see that services are extended to residents in the area as rapidly as possible, and stated the City would be obligated to follow through as rapidly as possible on extending these services. City Manager Granville Wright stated that services would be extended to clusters of homes first, due to economics involved.

Commissioner Victor V. Bruce also stated this matter had been thoroughly studied by the City Commission for some time and the Commission was obligated to consider every citizen of Lufkin in making a decision of this nature since it would involve the entire City as well as those in the area being considered for annexation.

City Attorney explained in detail the legal aspects in connection with annexation of property by cities which are covered by

State Statutes under "Home Rule Cities" and called attention to legal rights of residents in this area. He also stated that this matter had been given considerable thought by the City Commission, after same had been recommended by the City Planning Commission and Zoning Board and that three weeks advance notice was given through newspaper publicity from time of first reading on July 17 until this date. Also the City had published in newspaper a drawing of the area for the benefit of the residents of the area.


After approximately two and one-half hours of discussion, Mayor Jim Waters called for recommendation from the City Commission as to action to be taken. Commissioner S. Harry Kerr made motion that ordinance covering the annexation as set out in field notes in body of ordinance be passed on second and final reading. Commissioner Beamon S. Cook seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

5. City Attorney read caption of ordinance for passage on first reading covering zone change from "A" to "F" District on one-half of Lot 27 and all of Lots 28, 29 and 30, Block 2, Southland Addition by R. B. Thompson. Mr. Thompson was present and requested favorable action by the City Commission. City Secretary stated that Zone Board recommended City Commission approval. The City Planning Commission recommended that City Commission not allow this change in that they felt it was not in conformance with best planning done to date.

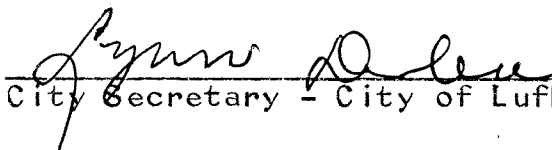
A number of citizens were present to protest change due to increasing traffic on Atkinson Drive and also that restrictions in the plat of this subdivision prohibits the business contemplated by Mr. Thompson. Wacie T. Roberts and E. T. Braden were spokesmen for the group. City Attorney advised on the restrictive covenants in relation to zone change. Commissioner Beamon S. Cook made motion that ordinance be passed on first reading, seconded by Commissioner A. G. Welch and vote was unanimous.

6. City Attorney read caption of ordinance for passage on first reading covering zone change from "B" to "G" District on South 1/2 of Block 4, Map 35, City of Lufkin, facing 90' on Abney Ave. and extending to a depth of 150', by Floyd McCormick. City Secretary advised that Zone Board and City Planning Commission recommended zone change be allowed. Commissioner A. G. Welch made motion that ordinance be passed on first reading. Motion seconded by Commissioner Victor V. Bruce and vote was unanimous.
7. City Attorney read caption of ordinance for passage on first reading covering zone change from "A" to "C" District on Lots 1 and 2, Block 4, Woodland Heights Addition, and Lots 13 and 14, Block 3, Oakland Addition to City of Lufkin, located at corner of Frank and Bledsoe, by J. A. Bryan. City Secretary stated that Zoning Board and City Planning Commission recommended zone change be allowed, provided sufficient off-street parking was allowed to prevent further traffic congestion on Frank and Bledsoe and that plan be submitted showing facilities for such off-street parking and that a certificate of occupancy not be granted until approved parking facilities are provided. City Attorney stated he would advise applicant of above provisions. Commissioner Beamon S. Cook made motion that ordinance be passed on first reading. Motion seconded by Commissioner A. G. Welch and vote was unanimous.
8. City Manager read letter addressed to City Commission from Dale Culwell requesting advice on procedure of handling on zone change request on property from "A" to "F" District on west side of Loop 287, being a portion of property on which zone change request was recently rejected. City Manager stated that in his opinion this request would have to go through regular channels. City Attorney stated this was correct and Mr. Culwell will be so advised.
9. City Manager stated he was unable to obtain bids on cars for Police Department at this time due to dealers being unable to submit bids until after new models are ready for market but would secure bids later per City Commission instruction.

10. City Manager advised that water and sewer line extension on Lotus Lane had been completed.
11. City Manager stated work of covering sewer line on Mr. E. L. Callahan's property had been completed in line with agreement and Mr. Callahan had stated he was satisfied. City Manager was instructed by City Commission to prepare check payable to Mr. Callahan in the amount of \$100.00 to cover cost of trees which City had destroyed in sewer right-of-way.
12. City Manager presented itemized statement of expenses of Negro Chamber of Commerce covering summer recreational activities which City Commission had requested before authorizing expenditure of \$500.00 to this program which is included in present budget. Commissioner Beamon S. Cook made motion that City Manager be authorized to issue check for \$500.00 as donation from City to assist in these recreational activities. Commissioner A. G. Welch seconded motion and vote was unanimous.
13. Several colored citizens appeared before City Commission to request that City extend sewer line to enable them to tie on to the system. Garline Kelley and Carl Ross were spokesmen for the group. Discussion brought out that approximately 17 property owners in 1900 and 2000 block on Culverhouse and 31 property owners on Cairo Street desired this service. City Manager will develop the exact number by signed petition and then make a study of the request to see if same can be handled.
14. Mayor Jim Waters read letter from Henry Rogers, local attorney, in which he tendered his resignation as member of City Planning Commission due to nature of his work, etc., preventing him giving time necessary for this work. Mayor stated Mr. Rogers had contributed much to this organization and recommended that Mr. Rogers resignation be accepted with regret but did not think a replacement should be appointed until reorganization is made of our Zoning Board and City Planning Commission. Commissioner Victor V. Bruce made motion that Mr. Rogers resignation be accepted and that Mayor be authorized to write letter of acceptance expressing the regrets of the City Commission and thank him for his work as a member of the City Planning Commission. Commissioner Beamon S. Cook seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.
15. Mayor Jim Waters stated he had requested information through Sen. Martin Dies, Jr., on assistance City might receive from State Park Board on developing and beautifying the area on South Timberland Drive as an additional City Park. He stated Sen. Dies had received letter from Park Board in Austin and had furnished names of consultants whom City might contact for advisory assistance. Mayor Jim Waters further stated that Exchange Club had requested they be allotted an area of 300' x 300' of this proposed park to clean up, build tables, etc. Mayor said he felt some of the other service clubs would probably desire to make such a contribution if given the opportunity. Other members of the Commission stated they were in agreement that every assistance the service clubs would furnish would certainly be warranted. Discussion also brought out that park might eventually be named "Civic Club Park". Mayor was authorized by City Commission to discuss with City Manager and City Engineer the possibility of getting topographical print made of the park area in order to facilitate development.
16. Open items were gone over and discussed.
17. There being no further business for consideration, meeting adjourned at 11:20 P.M.


Mayor - City of Lufkin, Texas

ATTEST:


City Secretary - City of Lufkin, Texas