

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY
OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON 18th DAY OF JUNE, 1963, AT 7:30 P.M.

On the 18th day of June, 1963, the City Commission of the City of Lufkin, Texas, convened in regular meeting in the regular meeting place of said City, with the following members thereof, to-wit:

Jim Waters	Mayor
Jack W. Tucker	Commissioner, Ward No. 1
Beamon S. Cook	Commissioner, Ward No. 2
S. Harry Kerr	Commissioner, Ward No. 3
Granville Wright	City Manager
Lynn Durham	City Secretary
William Drew Perkins	City Attorney

being present, and

A. G. Welch	Commissioner, Ward No. 4
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being absent, constituting a quorum, when the following business was transacted:

1. Meeting opened with prayer by Rev. H. E. Small, Pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of Lufkin, Texas, who was thanked for his participation by Mayor Waters and invited to remain for entire meeting or to feel free to leave when he so desired.
2. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.
3. Mayor welcomed two or three visitors who were present as observers.
4. City Attorney read caption of ordinance to be considered on second and final reading covering revised Zoning and District Zone Map. Mayor stated open hearing was now being held and inquired if anyone was present to offer any comments or suggestions thereon. There were no comments and Mayor then asked what action City Commission desired to take.

Commissioner S. Harry Kerr made motion that ordinance be passed on second and final reading. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jack W. Tucker and following vote recorded:

Voting Aye:

Mayor Jim Waters
Commissioner Jack W. Tucker
Commissioner S. Harry Kerr

Voting Nay:

Commissioner Beamon S. Cook

Mayor declared motion carried by majority vote.

5. Mayor stated that, in his opinion, special consideration should be given to request by Frank Byerly and O. L. McFaddin who were present at meeting when ordinance covering revised Zoning and District Zone Map was passed on first reading without changing District Zone map to include their request for commercial designation of their property. City Attorney recommended that these requests be handled through regular channels under new ordinance. Commissioner S. Harry Kerr suggested that no charge be made by City for processing these two specific applications.

Commissioner Jack W. Tucker made motion that above procedure be followed in these two instances and City Secretary instructed to so advise Messrs. Byerly and McFaddin. Commissioner Beamon S. Cook seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

6. City Manager requested City Attorney to read caption of ordinance recently prepared setting out details of control of deposits to sewer line. Commissioner Beamon S. Cook made motion

that ordinance be passed on first reading. Commissioner Jack W. Tucker seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

7. City Manager presented deed properly executed by property owners between Wood and Knight Streets, dedicating same to City of Lufkin, which will allow installation of water line to property owners thereon. Commissioner S. Harry Kerr made motion that City accept this deed as presented to City Manager. Commissioner Beamon S. Cook seconded motion and the vote was unanimous.
8. City Manager stated that Axley and Rode, Certified Public Accountants, who have been auditing City's records for past several years have advised cost would be \$1,100.00 to again make the audit which is same as cost for preceding audit and if authorized to do so, would desire to start preliminary work shortly.

City Commission instructed that other CPA firms who might also be interested be contacted as it was thought this work should be passed around. City Manager will handle.
9. City Manager stated only one prospective buyer showed up at auction of automobiles on which City advertised for 2:00 P.M. on June 13, 1963, and this party was only interested in 1960 Rambler Sedan for \$75.00 as junk which was turned down since opening bid was set by City Commission at \$150.00. No further instructions issued on disposal of these cars at this meeting.
10. City Manager called attention to Resolution received from local Realtor Board objecting to appointing Low Cost Housing Authority for City of Lufkin. City Commission was acquainted with Resolution in that it was published in Lufkin News. Mayor instructed that Resolution be filed for future reference.
11. City Manager read copy of letter from Mr. J. M. York, local District Highway Engineer, to Austin recommending changing of location of red light from Jefferson and South Bynum to South Bynum and Frank as requested by City Commission previously.
12. City Manager read letter received from Paul C. McWilliams, Parks Superintendent, commenting on conditions at Ellen Trout Lake which is quoted below:

I would like to point out conditions that exist at Ellen Trout Memorial Lake and make suggestions as to possible solutions:

Ellen Trout Lake is small and shallow. In the past it has been used only for fishing. Now with water skiing and motor boating being so popular, it has been utilized for these sports.

1. The lake is too small for the number of motor boats and water skiers using it.
2. The lake is shallow over much of its area and contains stumps that are hazardous.
3. There is no way to enforce the safety rules of the lake--namely, wearing of life belts, following a skiing pattern, and worst of all, prevention of swimming.

It is the practice of the skiers to wade and swim while waiting their turn to ski and the parents put their children in the water with life preservers on. Since there is no lifeguard, the bottom has broken bottles and cans and the water itself is impure--being drainage water from the Booker Street area of Lufkin, it is unsafe for swimmers. The men and women do not take the children out of the water on the caretakers request but point out that the water skiers are swimming--which of course they must do at times.

When the motor boats start the fishermen leave as the fish quit biting due to the high waves and mud stirred up.

The lake is out of the City of Lufkin and the policing, if any, must be done by County officers.

I believe there are only two alternatives: One, to lease the lake to a private operator or, secondly, ban all use of motors on the lake and reserve the area for fishing and regular park activities.

Certainly, if the Lake cannot be policed by the City, then serious incidents are bound to occur. The loss of life or injury should be prevented.

After some discussion, Commissioner Beamon S. Cook made motion that ordinance^b passed on first reading eliminating swimming and skiing and giving Police Department authority to patrol the area and setting maximum fine of \$25.00 for any violation of rules adopted. Commissioner S. Harry Kerr seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

13. City Manager reported that James T. Adams had verbally submitted his resignation from the position of Building Inspector as of June 30, 1963. Stated he tried to talk Mr. Adams out of this decision but to no avail.

Mr. Adams stated his association with all City officials and personnel was the best and he was satisfied with his pay and work. However, he felt all ordinances related to this phase should be enforced explicitly and in doing so, he was having considerable difficulty and this was causing him a lot of personal worry, which he did not desire to continue to have.

City Manager stated Mr. Adams had done a very good job and he would be hard to replace and he had accepted his resignation with regret. City Commission reluctantly concurred with City Manager's acceptance of the resignation and Commissioner S. Harry Kerr made motion that the City Commission extend sincere regret to Mr. Adams by letter, calling attention to his good work for the City and wishing him the best in the future. Commissioner Beamon S. Cook seconded the motion and vote was unanimous. Mayor Waters stated he would write letter.

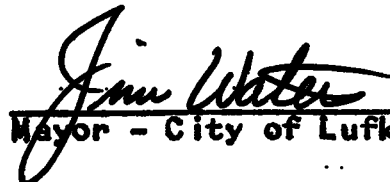
14. City Manager stated he had received request from a party to use part of City property at old airport as drag racing strip and recommended request be turned down as had been the case in requests of this same nature in the past. City Commission in agreement that request be turned down and authorized City Manager to so advise the party.
15. City Attorney read ordinance for consideration on first reading amending present ordinance covering house to house canvassing. At present, annual renewal license fee by concerns doing business is \$100.00 and amendment makes renewal fee \$25.00 with all other provisions remaining the same. Commissioner S. Harry Kerr made motion that ordinance be passed on first reading. Commissioner Jack W. Tucker seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.
16. Mayor called attention to condition of old Milton Mantooth house on North Raguet. Stated Fire Chief had inspected the old house and advised it was definitely a fire hazard. City Attorney stated he would get copy of Fire Chief's recommendation and then write property owners to remove the old building.

Mayor also called City Attorney's attention to condition of Henry Mantooth building on Paul Street on which Fire Chief stated he had previously recommended be torn down due to fire hazard. City Attorney will also check into this house but thought had already taken action previously.

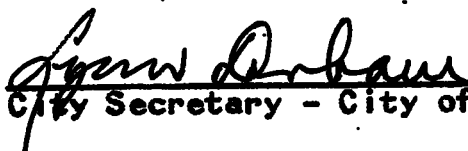
17. Mayor requested City Attorney to bring an amendment to present House Moving Ordinance to next meeting to allow lowering of cost per thousand for bond if Certificate of Liability Ins. was furnished. Felt this savings should be passed on to house owner.
18. Mayor stated he would like for City Commission to authorize him to issue Proclamation making Murphy Martin Honorary Mayor of Lufkin next Saturday when he arrives to handle the Miss Lufkin Bathing Beauty Pageant. City Commission in agreement and City Attorney will draw up proclamation.
19. Commissioner Beamon S. Cook made motion that invoices for month be ordered paid. Commissioner S. Harry Kerr seconded the motion. Before vote was taken, Commissioner Jack W. Tucker raised question regarding invoices listed as being paid in advance during month but not being shown as expense on monthly financial statement. City Secretary took note of Mr. Tucker's question and future reports will reflect more accurate information. Unanimous vote on the motion and second was recorded.
20. Open items were gone over and deletions made when item noted as handled.

City Attorney stated he had checked Civil Ordinance No. 1110 fixing water and sewer rates, water connection fees, sewer connection fees, etc., inside and outside City Limits, etc., and item under Sewer Connection Fees, commercial buildings, first 6 fixtures, \$40.00 each inside and \$60.00 each outside City should be amended to read first 6 fixtures \$40.00 inside City and \$60.00 outside City. Commissioner S. Harry Kerr made motion that ordinance be passed on first reading to include above amendments. Commissioner Jack W. Tucker seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

21. There being no further business for consideration, meeting adjourned at 10:45 P.M.


Mayor - City of Lufkin, Texas

ATTEST:


City Secretary - City of Lufkin, Texas