

MINUTLS OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON THE 30th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1968, AT 1:30 PM

On the 30th day of September, 1968, the City Commission of the City of Lufkin, Texas, convened in special meeting in the regular meeting place of said City, with the following members thereof, to-wit:

Earl Nisbet	Mayor
Carl Liese	Commissioner, Ward No. 1
Dayle V. Smith	Commissioner, Ward No. 2
Byron McNeil	Commissioner, Ward No. 3
Edgar C. Wareing	Commissioner, Ward No. 4
W. O. Ricks, Jr.	Commissioner at Large, Place A
Basil E. Atkinson, Jr., M. D.	Commissioner at Large, Place B
William E. Wolff	City Manager
Lynn Durnam	City Secretary
David Walker	City Attorney

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

1. Meeting opened with prayer by Commissioner Byron McNeil.
2. Mayor welcomed a large number of citizens who were present and stated this meeting was called for the purpose of a public hearing on proposed Budget for the City of Lufkin for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1968 and ending September 30, 1969. He called on any individual who might desire to speak with regard to any item in the Budget as published in the Lufkin Daily News.
3. Mr. L. J. Conner, representing a group of downtown merchants spoke against the increase in parking meter fines from 25¢ to \$1.00. He stated the merchants group held a meeting and vigorously oppose this action. Mr. John Parker and Mr. Herman Brown also expressed opinions and joined Mr. Conner in his protest of this increase in parking meter fines.

This matter was discussed in some detail by the City Commission who were of the unanimous opinion that the action would assist the merchants. DVS made motion that parking meter fines be reset at 25¢ instead of \$1.00 and that a study be made of parking meter collections as well as the possibility of eventually doing away with parking meters. BMcN seconded the motion and the following vote was recorded.

Voting Aye: EN, DVS, BMcN, ECW, WOR, and BEA.

Voting Nay: CL.

CL stated his reasons for voting negative was due to the absence of any proposal to provide off-setting income or reduction in expenses due to loss in parking meter fines.

4. Mr. Hollis Parrish, visitor present, suggested that this public hearing be postponed due to the fact that representatives of Labor were not able to be in attendance due to not having sufficient notice and made motion to this effect which was seconded by another visitor, Mr. Traylor.

This matter was discussed in some detail and City Attorney stated visitors could not legally make motions from the floor and that this prerogative was entirely a matter for the City Commission.

Mayor declared that the hearing would continue as scheduled.

5. Mr. R. C. Musslewhite, Attorney, appeared before the City Commission to request that the incentive pay for Firemen be reinstated in the Budget. This incentive pay is \$10.00 per month increase after the first 6 months, year, year and a half, and beginning with the second year, making a total of \$40.00 per month which would be in addition to the base pay voted by the people in election of August 5, 1968, of \$450.00 per month for Firemen and Policemen.

William Drew Perkins, Attorney, also was present and requested the same action for Police Officers. Each one gave reasons for the reinstatement of the incentive pay. Mayor stated he had always been in favor of this incentive pay being included in the new Budget.

BEA made motion that the Budget as presented by the City Manager be adopted. However, no second was given to his motion.

ECW stated that he did not desire to approve a deficit Budget and, since the parking meter fines had been reset at 25¢ instead of \$1.00, made motion that the City do away with parking meters and the expense involved with their operations. BEA seconded the motion and the following vote was recorded.

Voting Aye: CL, BMcN, ECW, WOR, BEA.

Voting Nay: EN and DVS.

Mayor declared motion carried by majority vote.

6. CL made motion that Budget be adopted as submitted with the above two adjustments; that is, reducing parking meter fines to 25¢ and the elimination of parking meters and subsequent expenses. BEA seconded the motion. However, before vote was taken, DVS made motion that the above motion be amended to read that Budget be adopted as submitted with the above two changes; that is, reducing parking meter fines to 25¢ and elimination of parking meters and subsequent expenses, and that City Manager be requested to study the tax collection estimate with the possibility of increasing same from 94% to 95% and include estimate of interest on investment of funds. Also, including in the Budget the experience pay of \$40.00 for Firemen and Policemen as previously discussed and not now included in the Budget. BMcN seconded the motion and the following vote was recorded on this amended motion.

Voting Aye: EN, DVS, BMcN, ECW, and WOR.

Voting Nay: CL and BEA.

Mayor declared motion carried by majority vote.

Mayor then called for vote on adoption of the Budget as included in the amended motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

7. Mayor stated two Ordinances had been prepared, one adopting the Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1968 and ending September 30, 1969 and another Ordinance levying taxes for the use and support of the Municipal Government of the City of Lufkin and providing for the Interest and Sinking Fund for the year 1968 and apportioning each levy for the specific purpose.

DW read the first Ordinance adopting the Budget. DVS made motion that this Ordinance be passed on first and final reading. BMcN seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

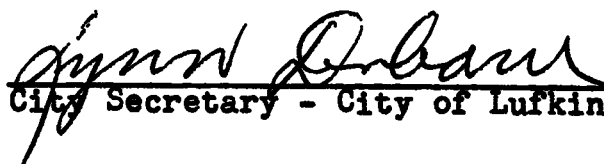
DW read the Ordinance levying taxes as stated above and DVS made motion that this Ordinance be passed on first and final reading. Motion seconded by WOR and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

8. DVS made motion that assessed valuations for real property in the City of Lufkin be set at 50% of fair market value for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1968 and ending September 30, 1969. Motion was seconded by BMcN and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.
9. There being no further business for consideration, meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P.M.



Mayor - City of Lufkin, Texas

ATTEST:



City Secretary - City of Lufkin, Texas