

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON THE 20th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1968, AT 6:00 PM

On the 20th day of February, 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
Gene H. Nerren	Commissioner at Large, Place A
Basil E. Atkinson, Jr., M.D.	Commissioner at Large, Place B
William E. Wolff	City Manager
Lynn Durham	City Secretary
David Walker	City Attorney

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

1. Meeting opened with prayer by Rev. L. D. Bell, Pastor of the New Zion Baptist Church, Lufkin, Texas. He was thanked by the Mayor for his participation.
2. Mayor welcomed a large number from the Citizens Committee for the Improvement of Lufkin who were in attendance to discuss with the City Commission the Downtown Urban Renewal Project that is now under consideration.

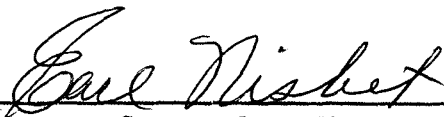
Mr. John Parker, Chairman of this group, along with H. J. Shands, Jr. and Harold E. Kaemmerling, acted as spokesmen and gave details on the proposed project. Mr. Parker introduced his entire committee present and then requested H. J. Shands, Jr., to give the City Commission a briefing on the proposed improvement of Downtown Lufkin.

Mr. Shands stated this Committee formerly known as Downtown Lufkin, Inc. had received donations up to \$5,000.00 and had employed Architects to make a detailed study on the needs for improving the downtown area. These Architects were Harold E. Kaemmerling, and Jerry Hill of Morgan, Wiener and O'Neal. Mr. Shands requested the City Commission give approval to the project and it was the desire of the Citizens for the Improvement of Lufkin for the City Commission to pass a Resolution calling for a referendum on a suggested date of April 9, 1968 for the voters of Lufkin to determine whether the City should participate in a Federal Program which would offer financial assistance in a form of grants and loans for the improvement project.

Mr. Kaemmerling presented plat showing the area involved in the improvement program which covered an area bounded by Third Street, Burke Street, Angelina Street and Grosebeck Street. He went into detail as to proposed future location of the proposed Civic Center, bonds for which were voted by the Citizens of Lufkin in 1965 but as yet have not been sold. Also showed proposed location of the library in place of the present location as well as parking area and Mall. He stated the project would give sufficient parking for any need and the location for the proposed Civic Center and Library was thought to be the best for the City.

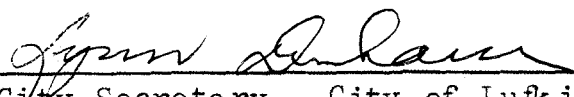
Discussion brought out that the City of Lufkin could qualify for a four and one-half million dollar grant from the Federal Government as well as a credit of one and one-half million dollars for proposed Civic Center, for work done on widening of Angelina, Dozier-Frank and underpass; also new City Hall and Police Station Building. A number of questions were asked by the City Commission members and BEA further inquired if any member of the Committee had read the revised Southern Standard Housing Code which would have to be adopted by the City if a Workable Program was to be had. He read from this proposed Housing Code and stated the Committee should have this information for study.

3. Mayor thanked Mr. Parker and members of the Citizens Committee for the Improvement of Lufkin for presenting their proposed project to the City Commission and stated action would be taken on their request for Resolution to be approved by the City Commission in regular meeting to follow.
4. Their being no further business for consideration, meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.



Mayor - City of Lufkin, Texas

ATTEST:



City Secretary - City of Lufkin, Texas