

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON THE 7th DAY OF OCTOBER, 1969, AT 7:30 PM

On the 7th day of October, 1969, 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:

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
Harvey Westerholm	City Manager
Lynn Durham	City Secretary
Robert L. Flournoy	City Attorney

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

1. Meeting opened with prayer by Rev. Sidney Spain, Pastor of the First Christian Church, Lufkin, Texas. Mayor thanked Rev. Spain for his participation in the meeting.
2. Mayor welcomed a number of visitors who were present in connection with items on the Agenda or as observers.
3. BMcN made motion that minutes of regular meeting of September 16, 1969 and special meeting of September 26, 1969 be approved as written. Motion seconded by BEA and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.
4. HW recommended that Mr. Robert L. Flournoy be appointed City Attorney to replace David Walker who was recently appointed by the Governor as Judge of the 159th Judicial District of Texas. CL made motion that Mr. Flournoy be appointed as City Attorney effective as of October 7, 1969. ECW seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

Mr. Flournoy expressed his appreciation to the City Commission for his appointment as City Attorney and stated he would perform the duties to the best of his ability.

At this point, the Mayor swore Mr. Flournoy in as City Attorney and also swore Mr. Harvey Westerholm in as City Manager, who started his tenure of office as of September 22, 1969. As a matter of record, BMcN made motion later on that Mr. Westerholm be confirmed as City Manager for the City of Lufkin as of September 22, 1969. WOR seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

5. RLF read caption of Ordinance regulating discharge of industrial waste into the sewer system of the City of Lufkin and establishing charges, which was due for second reading at this meeting. ECW made motion that Ordinance be passed on second reading. BEA seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.
6. CL, Chairman, stated that he, BMcN and WOR, Committee appointed by the Mayor to check bids on petroleum products purchased by the City of Lufkin for the fiscal year October 1, 1969 thru September 30, 1970, had gone over the bids and had found Polk Oil Company to be the low bidder and recommended that the petroleum business for the City of Lufkin for the fiscal year mentioned above be awarded to Polk Oil Company and made motion to this effect. BMcN seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

7. Mayor opened and read the following bids on miscellaneous second hand material in the Fire Department which was recently advertised by the City of Lufkin.

Guy Nash, Lufkin, Texas \$ 40.00
O. B. Rice, Lufkin, Texas \$ 100.00
Joe Winthrop, Lufkin, Texas \$ 126.50

CL made motion that City Manager be authorized to check these bids and make recommendation for awarding of same at a later meeting. WOR seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

8. Mr. George Henderson, Jr. President of the Angelina Chamber of Commerce along with Mr. Bayo Hopper and other members of the Large Scale Housing Committee appeared before the City Commission to explain report of such committee and make recommendations to the City Commission on certain provisions necessary to implement a Low Cost Housing-Rent Supplement program of this nature. Mr. Henderson, acting as spokesman for the group, presented report and went into considerable detailed explanation of contents thereof. He called attention to four recommendations contained in report as follows:

"1. It is recommended that the Chamber of Commerce urge the Lufkin City Council to appoint a Lufkin Housing Authority and seek to qualify for, and to apply for, a 500-unit Public Housing Project.

11. It is recommended that the Chamber of Commerce encourage and seek other sponsors for low-cost housing projects such as the 221 (d) (3) rent supplement program and the 235 and 236 Federal programs.

111. It is recommended that the Chamber of Commerce assist home builders in securing land feasible for low-cost housing development; and, further, that the Chamber of Commerce request the City of Lufkin to consider zoning regulations for sub-divisions which will make low-cost housing more feasible.

IV. It is recommended that a standing committee of the Chamber of Commerce on "Housing" be appointed to keep abreast of local housing needs; such Housing Committee to offer assistance to the City of Lufkin and also to any Housing Authority which might be named; and otherwise work on all housing problems of the Community."

Mr. Henderson stated he and his committee would like for the City Commission to take definite action by passing ordinances for Public Housing by next regular meeting of the City Commission.

Considerable discussion was had and questions directed to Mr. Henderson and Mr. Hopper by the City Commission members and especially BEA and WOR regarding the program. Mayor stated that in his opinion a special workshop meeting should be called between members of the Chamber of Commerce Large Scale Housing Committee and the City Commission to iron out any questions that might be necessary before action could be taken by the City Commission.

It was the decision that the special workshop meeting would be held next Tuesday evening, October 14, 1969, beginning at 7:00 P.M. for such discussion.

9. HW stated than an auditing firm to check the City's records for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1969, should be appointed in order that such work could be started. He advised that Axley and Rode performed this work for the past year.

HW was instructed by the City Commission to contact local C.P.A. firms and have information ready by next Tuesday in order that a selection of Auditors might be made for this work.

10. HW presented invoice from Shull Construction Company in the amount of \$22,938.66 covering work on Slack Elementary School sewer line which had been approved by Public Works Director Hayne Stokes and Sewer Superintendent Marvin Flournoy. HW stated that this work was being done under the supervision of the City of Lufkin and that the Lufkin Independent School District would pay the invoice per contract.

DVS made motion that this invoice in the amount of \$22,938.66 from Shull Construction Company be approved for payment and that the Lufkin Independent School District be notified of same in order for funds to be furnished the City of Lufkin for such payment. BMcN seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

11. HW called attention to recommendation for City Planning and Zoning Commission regarding amending present zoning Ordinance to require two off-street parking spaces per apartment unit instead of one and one-half as is now the case.

After some discussion, BMcN made motion that City Attorney prepare Ordinance amending the present zoning ordinance as recommended by the City Planning and Zoning Commission on off-street parking spaces for apartment units. DVS seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

12. HW stated would like authority to advertise for bids to repair Ellen Trout Lake Spillway in order to get started as soon as possible to prevent further deterioration of this dam. DVS made motion that HW be authorized to advertise for bids for opening in regular meeting of November 4, 1969. ECW seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

13. HW requested authority to advertise for bids on automotive units for the Police Department as follows. Four Units with four trade-ins and two units without trade-ins and Alternate of four units with four trade-ins.

BEA made motion that HW be authorized to advertise for bids as requested to be opened in regular meeting of November 4, 1969. BMcN seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

14. HW recommended that he be given authority to advertise for bids on radio equipment for two new units for the Police Department and one unit for the Properties Maintenance Department. CL made motion that HW be granted this authority to advertise for bids as requested with an alternate separate bid for radio equipment for one unit for Properties Maintenance. ECW seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

15. HW requested authorization to advertise for bids on a metallic shelter in Winston Park for opening in regular meeting of November 4, 1969. He stated the funds for such shelter were included in the new budget. CL made motion that HW be authorized to advertise for such bids on this metallic shelter. BEA seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

16. HW presented invoice from D & H Contracting Company covering paving of Mitchell Street in the amount of \$4,730.80 and stated this work was complete. WOR made motion that authorization be granted to pay this invoice. BMcN seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

17. HW stated City had been granted right-of-way easement for extension of Joplin Street in order to allow for adequate drainage on this street which is being paved and requested authorization to accept this easement on the part of the City.

BMcN made motion that this request of HW be granted. BEA seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

18. HW presented up to date report on street improvements covering resurfacing and oiling since September 16, 1969.

19. HW called attention to a proposal to change the operation of the signal light at the Angelina, Denman and Raguet intersection. He stated this signal light had been on flashing operation for some months but since starting of school, the traffic going to the Junior High School had a hard time getting across Denman. HW stated that the Superintendent of the Maintenance Department had given this crossing some study and recommended the following change:

During peak period from 7:30 A.M. to 8:30 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M. the signal be changed to stop and go by using a time clock with the rest of the time being on flash system.

This matter was discussed in some detail and HW was granted authorization to make this change on a trial basis to see how the traffic situation works out.

20. HW presented cost estimate prepared by Hayne Stokes, Director of Public Works, covering 6,000' of 6" force main, one lift station site and one Lift station in the amount of \$19,800.00 as well as an estimate of cost for collection line to serve the complete area surrounding Herty school site that has no sewer at the present time--the cost for such being in the amount of \$56,720.00. This matter was discussed in some detail and the City Commission instructed HW to furnish Mr. Robert Hogan of Henningson, Durham and Richardson the figures in order that he might study to see how the proposal would fit in the over-all program being worked out by the Consulting Engineers.

21. Mr. Robert W. Hogan of Henningson, Durham and Richardson who was in attendance stated that the City should make every effort to determine the following information in order that continuing progress could be made in our proposed sewer improvement program.

- (1) Determine site of proposed sewer plant as soon as possible.
- (2) Agree on the process of sewer plant operation in order that his firm could proceed with detailed plans and specifications.
- (3) Study and arrange for necessary financing of sewer improvements.

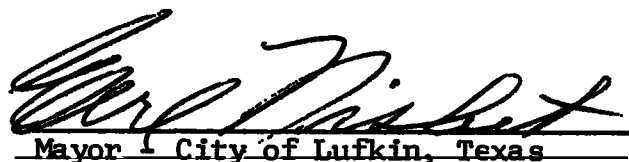
It was the decision that an executive session would be held Friday at noon at Petty's to discuss the above questions by the City Commission.

22. CL mentioned that City Commission members were to be provided with a delinquent tax roll but had not been furnished this information as of this date. HW will handle.
23. CL called attention to an item previously discussed by the City Commission regarding difference in elevation of railroad crossing at Angelina, Denman and Raguet as compared to elevation of concrete paving in street. HW will check into this item.

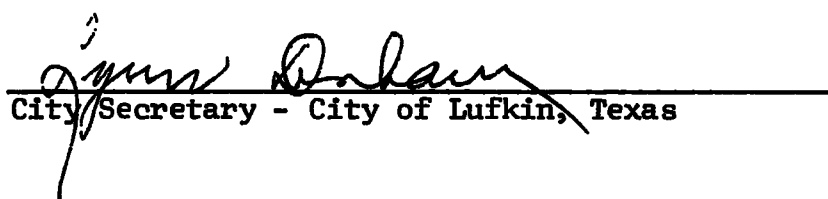
24. WOR stated that City of Lufkin should consider annexing area on each side of U.S. Highway 69 (East) toward Huntington as well as area North of this Highway to State Highway 103 as previously recommended by the City Planning and Zoning Commission.

After some discussion WOR made motion that area on each side of U.S. Highway 69 (East) for certain distance as well as area North of U.S. Highway 69 (East) to State Highway 103 be annexed by the City of Lufkin and that necessary action be started for setting up public hearing, etc. in order that the annexation could be completed prior to January 1, 1970. BEA seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

25. ECW inquired as to progress being made on alleviating traffic condition at Loop 287 and F.M. 58 and if the Highway Department making an additional traffic count. HW stated that the Highway Department had agreed to make this traffic count and would follow through on the item with the Highway Department on proceeding with this work.
26. DVS stated that it was his understanding that Barbara Burke who had been covering our City Commission meetings for the Lufkin News was leaving the employment of the Lufkin News and moving to the West Coast and made motion that the City Commission commend Miss Burke for the fine work she has done in covering the City Hall as well as City Commission meetings. ECW seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.
27. BEA inquired as to the policy of the Fire Department in making emergency calls outside the city limits of Lufkin. HW will determine the policy and advise.
28. BEA called attention to shrubbery at different street corners that create traffic hazards which should be given immediate attention by the Public Works Director. HW will handle this item.
29. BMcN inquired as to why tape recorder was not being used at this meeting. HW stated he thought the cost for operating the tape recorder was prohibitive for the number of times it had been referred back to. However, it was the concurrence of the City Commission members that the tape recorder should be used at regular meetings.
30. BMcN called attention to hanging limbs on a number of streets that should be removed and also a big hole on North Second Street in the 100 Block. HW will handle.
31. ECW stated there was an item in the Budget for a machine to cut limbs and pick up leaves and since this was the time of year for falling of leaves, thought steps should be taken to acquire this equipment. HW was instructed to get detailed information on this machine and advertise for bids.
32. EN suggested that a count be made on traffic flow on Third Street. City Commission was in concurrence with this request and HW will have this count made.
33. There being no further business for consideration, meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M.


Mayor - City of Lufkin, Texas

ATTEST:


City Secretary - City of Lufkin, Texas