

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON THE 13th DAY OF JANUARY, 1969, AT 5:00 PM

On the 13th day of January, 1969, 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
David Walker	City Attorney
Lynn Durham	City Secretary

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

1. Meeting opened with prayer by Herman Brown, Manager of Angelina County Chamber of Commerce, who was in attendance.
2. Mayor stated meeting was called for the purpose of further discussing water rates for large industrial users and welcomed a number of interested visitors in attendance.

Mayor asked WEW if he had a recommendation to make on this subject. WEW stated he had reviewed all operations and then furnished letter to Mayor and members of the City Commission reading as follows:

"I have reviewed the operation of all Departments of the City for the past 90 days and I find that the actual cost of operation is less than the amount allocated in the City budget. For your convenience, I have divided the operational details into four classifications:

Page 1 outlines the amount of money budgeted and the amount of money expended for labor alone and shows that for the first 90 days our manpower shortage was so acute that \$29,214.57 was not spent.

Page 2 is a breakdown of departmental operating expenses for a like period, exclusive of capital outlay and labor. As a result of the manpower shortage and weather conditions, we were not able to perform all of the operational functions which were anticipated and, consequently, the operational expenses were \$26,752.28 less than one-fourth of the total amount approved in the budget. This cannot be looked upon as a saving however, as many of the things left undone still need to be done and will have to be undertaken at a later date.

Page 3 is a breakdown of the expenditures made during the past 90 days for capital outlay in all Departments and it indicates that of the \$125,977.76 allocated, only \$24,688.35 has been spent during this period. Bids have been awarded for certain capital outlay items which, as yet, have not been delivered and, consequently, the amount heretofore mentioned is not an unencumbered balance.

Page 4 compares the actual revenues from all sources for the past three months with the anticipated figures of the budget. There is no way that we can tell at this point just how the final figure will compare with the estimated figure. For example:

All current taxes for 1968 must be paid by February 1, 1969, and as of this time, 79.6% of the anticipated collections have been paid. Water and sewer revenue will decrease during the winter months and will be considerable higher during the summer.

The current budget established the total personnel complement of the City at 236 and, as of this date, only 186 are employed. Our efforts to attract personnel in the various City departments, other than the Fire and Police, have not been too fruitful and it is my belief that this trend will continue for the remaining nine months of this fiscal year.

Taking all of these conditions into consideration, and with a good deal of luck in the form of a dry, hot summer, it is my belief that the City can continue its operation under the present budget if the water rate to industry is returned to the rate in effect in September of 1968.


I, therefore, recommend for your consideration, that the water rates in effect prior to October 1, 1968, be reinstated, beginning February 1st, 1969."

Mayor stated he thought the rate reduction in effect prior to October 1, 1968, should be made retroactive to October 1, 1968. Pitser Garrison, President of Lufkin National Bank, concurred with Mayor and stated he hoped this could be done.

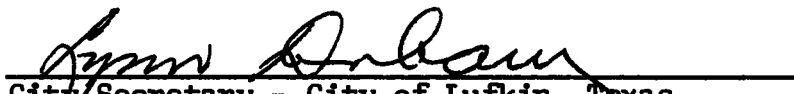
Discussion brought out that City Commission desired to study the matter thoroughly before taking action. DW stated such action would have to be taken at regular meeting and reduction could be made retroactive to October 1st and that Ordinance amending and bringing up-to-date water and sewer rates would be on Agenda for second reading at regular meeting of January 21, 1969, at which time this rate reduction could be incorporated in Ordinance if desired by City Commission.

DVS made motion that recommendation of WEW be studied and no action taken until regular meeting of January 21, 1969, ECW seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

3. There being no further business for consideration, meeting was adjourned at 5:45 P.M.


Mayor - City of Lufkin, Texas

ATTEST:


City Secretary - City of Lufkin, Texas