

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON THE 19TH DAY OF MAY, 1970, AT 7:30 P. M.

On the 19th day of May, 1970, 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:

Pitser H. Garrison	Mayor
Roy L. Leamon, M.D.	Commissioner, Ward No. 1
J. T. Hopson	Commissioner, Ward No. 2
Kenneth R. Crain	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
Robert L. Flournoy	City Attorney
Lynn Durham	City Secretary

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

1. Meeting opened with prayer by Rev. Bob LaGrone, Pastor of Herty Baptist Church, Lufkin, who was thanked by Mayor for his participation.
2. Mayor welcomed a large number of visitors who were present as observers or in connection with items on the Agenda and stated he appreciated their interest in the affairs of the City and any assistance or comments they might have.
3. Mayor stated would entertain motion to approve minutes of regular meeting of May 5, 1970, and special meeting of May 12, 1970, which had been furnished members. WOR stated Item 18 of minutes of regular meeting of May 5 did not contain his objection to not allowing parking on both sides of Third Street nor a record of his "no" vote on the motion and desired minutes be amended accordingly. RLL made motion that minutes of above meetings be approved subject to amendment to minutes of meeting of May 5, 1970, as requested by WOR. JTH seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

4. Parking on Third Street

Curtis W. Fenley, along with A. G. Cromwell, Herman Taylor, Robert Marberry and W. E. (Bud) Woods, appeared before the City Commission regarding parking on Third Street. Mr. Fenley, acting as spokesman for the group, requested that parking be allowed on both sides of Third Street, the same as was recently allowed on First and Second Streets. Considerable discussion developed regarding the narrowness of this street, installation of parking meters, etc. BEA stated there would probably be more accidents due to automobiles now being longer and wider. ECW inquired if businesses Mr. Fenley represented would be interested in absorbing the cost of curb and gutter if Third Street was widened from Lufkin Avenue to Shepherd Street. Mr. Fenley stated he could only speak for himself but thought such an arrangement could be worked out if such widening was done and stated this was a 50' dedicated street. Other City Commissioners expressed the opinion that parking should be allowed on both sides as requested. WOR made motion that parking be restored on both sides of Third Street, covering first three blocks of North Third and first block of South Third. KRC seconded the motion and the following vote was recorded:

Voting Aye: PHG KRC JTH RLL WOR ECW

Voting Nay: BEA

Mayor declared motion carried by majority vote.

5. Authorization for Housing Authority to Function

Mayor requested ECW to give background on item of City Commission authorizing the Housing Authority, which was appointed recently, to function. RLF read Resolution passed by City Commission on October 21, 1969, "finding and declaring that there exists a need for a Housing Authority in the City of Lufkin, Texas". ECW stated there

was definitely a need for housing that was not being provided by builders simply because costs were too high for people needing such housing being able to pay and that the feeling in industry and some of local merchants that help was hard to secure, which was holding back growth, and thought the City Commission should act on this item. ECW made motion that City Commission adopt Resolution authorizing the Housing Authority to function without submitting to referendum at this time. KRC seconded the motion but before vote was taken a considerable discussion developed. WOR thought referendum should be held as called for by City Commission previously, and did not think housing constructed under this program should be exempt from taxation. BEA stated he thought there were other government housing programs more suitable for providing housing. Mayor stated that since no date was set for referendum by City Commission previously, did not think there was an obligation to go through with referendum. RLF stated there was no Ordinance or statute requiring the referendum. Mayor then stated there would always be differences of opinion on matters of this nature but believed City Commission members were in accord that the City must go forward. He stated an exhaustive study had been made by a group from Angelina County Chamber of Commerce who recommended this public housing program. Mayor called for vote on the above motion and second which was as follows:

Voting Aye: PHG KRC JTH RLL ECW

Voting Nay: BEA WOR

Mayor declared motion carried by majority vote. BEA stated he desired the records to show he voted "no" since he thought there were better methods of providing housing for citizens of Lufkin but would work for public housing. WOR stated the above were his sentiments also.

6. Request for Water Service - Outside City Limits (Spence St. area)

Mrs. Franklin and several citizens outside City Limits near Spence Street area appeared before City Commission to request permission to tie onto City water lines, the cost of lines, etc., to be borne by them. After some discussion ECW made motion that these citizens get together with City Public Works Director and City Attorney and present concrete proposal for further consideration at next regular meeting showing number of customers and map showing city lines and proposed customer lines. KRC seconded motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

7. Zone Change Application - Melvin Brock

RLF read Ordinance for consideration on first reading changing zone from R-3 District to A District covering Lots 1, 2 and 3 of the Town of Lufkin, located at Polk, Chestnut and Third Streets, as recommended by City Planning and Zoning Commission, application by Melvin Brock. After brief discussion, BEA made motion that Ordinance be passed on first reading, due to need for additional housing. ECW seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

8. Resolution Honoring Flower Garden Club

RLF read Resolution he had prepared honoring Flower Garden Club of Lufkin for having been named "Garden Club of Year" by Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. KRC made motion that Resolution be approved by City Commission with copy being furnished the Flower Garden Club of Lufkin. BEA seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

9. Time Warrants (Reen & Roseneath Sts. & Right-of-Way Procurement At Loop 287 & FM 58.

Mayor stated nothing definite to report on sale of Time Warrants for financing improvements to Reen and Roseneath Streets and acquisition of right-of-way to proposed overpass at Loop 287 and FM 58.

10. Herty Sewer Line - Tie Ons

HW stated had received request in Herty to tie onto Herty School Sewer line and that additional capacity is available at the Herty School lift station contrary to what had previously been reported. HW recommended this request be granted, along with any other requests by residents in the immediate vicinity, at their expense. BEA made motion that HW's recommendation for tie ons to Herty School Sewer line be approved. JTH seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

11. Increase Milk Permit Fees

HW stated costs necessary to make milk inspections by City-County Health Board representative had increased considerably and it was the recommendation of this Board that milk permit fees be increased from \$5.00 to \$10.00 to help defray this additional cost. RLF stated that present Ordinance would have to be amended. WOR made motion that above fees be increased from \$5.00 to \$10.00 and Ordinance be amended accordingly. RLL seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded. RLL reported on previous meeting of this Board he attended since being appointed a member by the Mayor to represent the City.

12. Statement - SP Transport Co. (Underpass Project)

HW stated had received statement from Southern Pacific Transport Company, San Francisco, California, in amount of \$30,841.20 covering items covered by contract between City of S.P.R.R. Co. in the improvements necessary in connection with Underpass now completed. HW stated total contract price was \$32,946.00 and that \$2,000.00 had previously been paid. HW stated bond funds to cover this expenditure were available and recommended payment. ECW made motion that authorization be given to pay the above statement in amount of \$30,841.20. KRC seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

13. Himalayan Bear (male) for Zoo

HW stated that necessary funds had been donated by an out-of-state individual for the purchase of a male Himalayan Bear as a mate to the City's female Himalayan Bear and requested approval to purchase the male bear. RLL made motion that authority be granted to purchase this male Himalayan Bear. KRC seconded the motion. Before vote was taken BEA stated could not agree with expending money for additional zoo operating expense when so many of City streets were in need of repair. The following vote was recorded:

Voting Aye: PHG KRC JTH RLL ECW WOR

Voting Nay: BEA

Mayor declared motion carried by majority vote.

14. Holiday - May 30th

HW stated that May 30th, Memorial Day, was one of the City's regular holidays, and this date was on Saturday, this year. Stated County Courthouse was observing Friday, May 29th, and some of the local businesses would be closed and others would not. Recommended that City Hall be kept open and allow some employees off on Friday, May 29th, and others on Monday, June 1st. WOR made motion that this arrangement be followed in observing the legal holiday, May 30th. RLL seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

15. Proposed Sewer Improvement Program

Mayor stated that authorization was given at special meeting of City Commission held on May 12, 1970, for City to execute Work Order covering preparation of preliminary construction plans by Henningson, Durham & Richardson, Inc., Consulting Engineers for a new Sewer Treatment Plant, in amount of \$4,305,400.00. Stated had received this pro-

posed Work Order setting out Engineering Fees, etc., and was wondering if City Commission should not now give consideration to withholding execution of this Work Order until after an election on bond issue is held as previously suggested by BEA. City Commission members were in accord and BEA made motion that City Attorney be authorized to prepare Resolution for execution at next regular meeting setting date of June 23, 1970, for bond election covering Improvements to Sewer System, in amount of \$3,100,000.00. JTH seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded. BEA also made motion that action taken by City Commission in special meeting of May 12, 1970, authorizing Mayor to execute Work Order covering preparation of preliminary construction plans by Henningson, Durham & Richardson, Inc., be rescinded. KRC seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

16. Adjustments to Downtown Traffic Flow

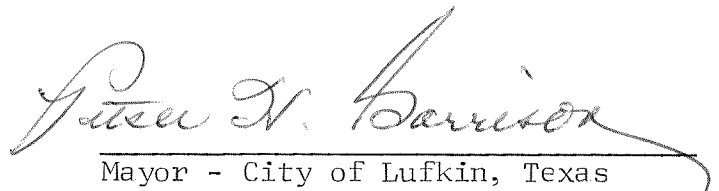
Discussion was had on operations of traffic since changing to two-way on First, Second, Third and Angelina. It was noted that traffic was generally operating favorably with exception that traffic light at Frank and First Streets was not allowing traffic to move fast enough on First Street due to short duration of time for change in directional lighting. This matter will be given study in order to synchronize the traffic signal lights to meet conditions.

17. Vumore TV Cable System

KRC stated he had received numerous complaints on service being rendered by Vumore Company. After some discussion, it was the decision that this item would be placed on Agenda for next meeting and Manager of Vumore Company be invited to be present with latest figures on their operations and that each member of City Commission be furnished copy of franchise agreement in order to become familiar with the data included therein.

18. Adjournment

There being no further business for consideration, meeting was adjourned at 10:00 P. M.


Mayor - City of Lufkin, Texas

ATTEST:


City Secretary - City of Lufkin, Texas