

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON THE 17TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1972, AT 7:30 P.M..

On the 17th day of October, 1972, 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:

R. A. Brookshire	Commissioner, Ward No. 1
J. T. Hopson	Commissioner, Ward No. 2
Joe E. Rich	Commissioner, Ward No. 3
Edgar C. Wareing	Commissioner, Ward No. 4
W. O. Ricks, Jr.	Commissioner at Large, Place A
E. G. Pittman	Commissioner at Large, Place B
Harvey Westerholm	City Manager
Robert L. Flournoy	City Attorney
Roger G. Johnson	City Secretary

being present, and

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

1. Meeting opened with prayer by Rev. Quinton Payne, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Lufkin, Texas.
2. Mayor Pro Tem Wareing welcomed a large group of visitors who were present in connection with items on the agenda or as observers and expressed his appreciation for their interest.

3. Approval of Minutes

Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., made motion that minutes of regular meeting of October 3, 1972, be approved. Motion was seconded by Comm. Joe E. Rich and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

4. Annexations - Approval

Mayor Pro Tem Wareing stated that the following proposed tracts for annexation, as advertised in the Lufkin News on September 17, 1972, should be considered for second reading of ordinance:

Tract #1 - Lufkin Independent School District (Slack School)

City Attorney Flournoy read caption of ordinance for second reading covering the annexation of Tract #1. There were no persons present to speak in behalf of or against annexation of Tract #1. Comm. J. T. Hopson then made motion that ordinance be passed on second and final reading covering annexation of Tract #1, Lufkin Independent School District (Slack School), as read by City Attorney Flournoy and recommended by the City Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion was seconded by Comm. R. A. Brookshire and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

Tract #2 - Brookhollow #6 Addition

City Attorney Flournoy read caption of ordinance for second reading covering annexation of Tract #2. There were no persons present to speak in behalf of or against annexation of Tract #2. Comm. Joe E. Rich made motion that ordinance be passed on second and final reading covering annexation of Tract #2, Brookhollow #6 Addition, as read by City Attorney Flournoy and recommended by the City Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion was seconded by Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

Tract #3 - Brookhollow #7 Addition

City Attorney Flournoy read caption of ordinance for second reading covering annexation of Tract #3, Brookhollow #7 Addition. Mayor Pro Tem Wareing called on Mr. Ben Newsom, a property owner in this area, who asked if this second reading of ordinance would include the annexation of property located 120 feet from North boundary line of FM 1271. Mayor Pro Tem Wareing stated that this final reading of ordinance would include only 120 feet from North boundary line of FM 1271 as recommended at last regular City Commission meeting. There were no other persons present to speak in behalf of or against the annexation of Tract #3. Comm. E. G. Pittman then made motion that ordinance be passed on second and final reading covering annexation of Tract #3, Brookhollow #7 Addition, as read by City Attorney Flournoy and recommended by the City Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion was seconded by Comm. R. A. Brookshire and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

5. "Low Land" Ordinance Discussion

City Attorney Flournoy read caption of ordinance for first reading amending Ordinance #1146 of the existing Zoning Ordinance and establishing a "low-land" ordinance for the City. Mayor Pro Tem Wareing called on Mr. R. H. Duncan who had a question regarding this "low-land" ordinance. Mr. Duncan asked if hydraulic studies would be made for the whole City or would particular areas of the City only be involved. Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., made motion that this "low-land" ordinance be passed on first reading. Mayor Pro Tem Wareing stated that Section H of the proposed ordinance would clarify Mr. Duncan's question. Mayor Pro Tem Wareing further stated that no area would be designated "FP", Flood Plain, until a hydraulic study had been made based on engineering studies. City Attorney Flournoy stated that hydraulic studies would be made in low areas of question when being considered for annexation by the City. Mayor Pro Tem Wareing stated that hopefully one of the City's next major projects would involve a study of storm and drainage problems. Comm. Joe E. Rich inquired as to what the City's legal responsibilities would be if this ordinance was approved. City Attorney Flournoy stated that Item I of the proposed ordinance clarified this responsibility for flooding. Mayor Pro Tem Wareing stated that a complete hydraulic survey with recommendations for certain changes would cost approximately \$100,000. Mayor Pro Tem Wareing further stated that the consideration of a "low-land" ordinance for the City at this time may help reduce some land speculation, especially involving initial purchases of land among home owners. City Attorney Flournoy informed members that this ordinance would only establish "FP" prefixes in certain areas after a hydraulic study had been made; and that these "FP" prefixes would only be placed in areas subject to flooding. City Attorney Flournoy concluded his discussion and stated that the "FP" prefix in a given area could be removed by correcting the low-land situation. Motion made earlier by Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., to approve the "low-land" ordinance on first reading, died for lack of a second. Comm. Joe E. Rich then made motion that this proposed "low-land" ordinance be tabled for consideration at a later meeting. Motion was seconded by Comm. J. T. Hopson and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

6. Zone Change Application - R. H. Duncan from R-1 District to D District

City Attorney Flournoy read caption of ordinance for second reading changing zone from R-1 District to D District on application of R. H. Duncan covering Lots 1 through 6 located South of Turtle Creek Drive and North of Copeland Street on the East side of Crooked Creek Drive in the Wooded Acres Second Addition. There were no persons present appearing in

objection to this zone change application. Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., stated it was his understanding that the "low-land" ordinance would have an effect on the approval of this zone change application by R. H. Duncan. Mayor Pro Tem Wareing stated that since this item had been tabled until this meeting, action should be considered. Mayor Pro Tem Wareing then called on Mr. R. H. Duncan, who was present regarding his zone change application. Mr. Duncan stated that he had maintained a swimming pool and handball court in this immediate area being considered for zone change and flooding had never been a problem. Following considerable discussion, Comm. Joe E. Rich made motion that zone change application by R. H. Duncan from R-1 District to D District be approved on second and final reading as read by City Attorney Flournoy and recommended by the City Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion was seconded by Comm. J. T. Hopson and the following vote was recorded:

Voting Aye: Comms. R. A. Brookshire, J. T. Hopson, Joe E. Rich, Edgar C. Wareing and E. G. Pittman

Voting Nay: Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr.

Mayor Pro Tem Wareing declared motion approved by majority vote of 5 to 1.

Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., expressed his concern for flooding in this area and requested that, as a matter of record, his statement be placed in the minutes of this meeting.

7. Texas Highway Department - "Regulations for Access Driveways to State Highways" - Approval

City Attorney Flournoy read caption of ordinance for second reading amending Ordinance #241 adopting the Texas Highway Department's "Regulations for Access Driveways to State Highways". Comm. E. G. Pittman made motion that ordinance be passed on second and final reading amending Ordinance #241 adopting the Texas Highway Department's "Regulations for Access Driveways to State Highways" as recommended by the City Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion was seconded by Comm. R. A. Brookshire and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

8. Mobile Home Park Ordinance - Approval

City Attorney Flournoy read caption of ordinance for second reading establishing various standards for Mobile Home Parks. Hayne Stokes, Public Works Director, informed members of the Commission that copies of this ordinance had been distributed among various groups of concerned individuals not previously aware of proposed ordinance. Following discussion, Comm. E. G. Pittman made motion that Mobile Home Park Ordinance be passed on second and final reading as read by City Attorney Flournoy and recommended by the City Planning and Zoning Commission in accordance with amendments from last regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Comm. R. A. Brookshire and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

9. Time Warrants - Ordinance - Water & Sewer Departments

City Attorney Flournoy read caption of ordinance for second reading authorizing the City's sale of time warrants for capital improvements in the Water and Sewer Departments in accordance with amendments suggested by the members of the City Commission from last regular meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Wareing stated that the City would probably receive revenue sharing money and inquired as to what amount could be expected for the City. City Manager Westerholm stated that providing final bill is signed by President, the City would receive \$228,000 total and could expect 50% of this figure on first payment with final payment by January, 1973. Mayor Pro Tem

Wareing stated that time warrants may not be a necessity since the City should have over \$200,000 by the end of January, 1973. Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., was concerned that areas throughout the City not previously served with water and sewer should be considered, and suggested that the Commission consider financing these needed extensions. City Manager Westerholm stated that monies received from this proposed sale of time warrants would require approximately nine months of City labor to complete unless a local contractor was employed. Mayor Pro Tem Wareing suggested that City Manager Westerholm prepare a list of additional cost estimates for capital improvements that would go beyond monies appropriated by the revenue sharing bill. Mayor Pro Tem Wareing further suggested that these additional costs for capital improvements could be reconsidered at a later date. Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., made motion that proposed time warrant ordinance not be approved and City Manager Westerholm be authorized to prepare a list of other capital improvement project costs, including areas already qualified for City water and sewer extensions. Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., stated that the City should also consider the possibility of purchasing another container truck for the Sanitation Department. Following considerable discussion, motion made by Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., died for lack of a second, in order to consider action on the proposed time warrants separately. Comm. R. A. Brookshire then made motion that proposed time warrant ordinance to finance capital improvements in the Water and Sewer Departments not be approved. Motion was seconded by Comm. E. G. Pittman and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded. Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., then made motion that City Manager Westerholm be authorized to prepare a list of additional capital improvement project costs within the next 90 days for consideration at a later meeting. Motion was seconded by Comm. R. A. Brookshire and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

10. Lufkin Service League - Request - Restoration of St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church Sanctuary - Museum

Mayor Pro Tem Wareing called on Mrs. Emily Shleton, Lufkin Service League, to speak in behalf of their proposed project for the City. Mrs. Shelton stated that the Lufkin Service League had looked for a project that would instill community pride and benefit the community. Mrs. Shelton also stated that it was their belief that a museum would be a good project toward the preservation of an old building and serve as a place for housing historical items of the City. Mrs. Shelton stated that the old St. Cyprian's Church Sanctuary, located near the proposed Civic Center site, would benefit the Civic Center. Mayor Pro Tem Wareing stated that he assumed this lease request would be for an indefinite period as long as the building was used for museum purposes. Comm. R. A. Brookshire informed Mrs. Shelton that the City had previously leased these facilities to the First Baptist Church. Comm. R. A. Brookshire further stated that the First Baptist Church was willing to settle any conflicts that may be involved in order to provide request made by the Lufkin Service League. Considerable discussion developed regarding the approval date, financial responsibility and utilities. It was concluded that until plans for the Civic Center had been discussed, decision to approve this request by the Lufkin Service League would be withheld. Mayor Pro Tem Wareing stated that City Manager Westerholm and City Attorney Flournoy should work with the Lufkin Service League toward a lease agreement for later use. Comm. Joe E. Rich then made motion that City Manager Westerholm and City Attorney Flournoy be authorized to prepare this lease agreement between the Lufkin Service League, the City of Lufkin, and the First Baptist Church in accordance with recommendation made by Mayor Pro Tem Wareing. Motion was seconded by Comm. E. G. Pittman and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded. Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., stated that the City Manager might consider the City's possible purchase of property adjacent to

this proposed museum site since additional parking facilities may be necessary. Mayor Pro Tem Wareing thanked Mrs. Shelton, and other Lufkin Service League members who were present, for their community concern.

11. Alcoholic Board - DETCo.G - Request Use of Old City Hall Office Space - Resolution

City Manager Westerholm stated that the Deep East Texas Council of Government's Community Alcoholism Program had requested to use office space in the old City Hall building. City Manager Westerholm further stated that this program was designed to rehabilitate DWI probationers and other problems related to alcoholism. The City Manager further stated that a resolution had been prepared and distributed among members of this Commission indicating the City's full support of Community Alcoholism Service. City Manager Westerholm concluded that additional space was available on the first floor of the old City Hall building. Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., was concerned that the Alcoholic Board pay utilities if provided this office space. Considerable discussion developed regarding the cost of utilities and City Manager Westerholm stated that it would be difficult to figure an exact charge since cost estimates would be made on the basis of building square footage. City Manager Westerholm recommended that the request by the Alcoholic Board for office space be granted. Comm. Joe E. Rich then made motion that resolution giving the City's support of Community Alcoholic Service be approved and Community Alcoholic Service be granted authority to use designated office space in the old City Hall with utilities paid by the City for a one-year period in accordance with provisions furnished members of this Commission. Motion was seconded by Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

12. Texas Highway Department - TOPICS Plan - Resolution

City Attorney Flournoy stated that a copy of the Texas Highway Department's TOPICS Plan for the City of Lufkin had been distributed among members of the Commission for consideration. City Attorney Flournoy further stated that he had prepared a resolution accepting the TOPICS Plan as proposed by the Texas Highway Department. Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., made motion that resolution be approved accepting the TOPICS Plan presented by the Texas Highway Department as explained by City Attorney Flournoy. Motion was seconded by Comm. J. T. Hopson and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

13. Curb & Gutter Petitions - Markus Avenue & Moore Street

City Manager Westerholm stated that petitions had been circulated among property owners on Markus Avenue, from Fairfield Street to Franklin Street, and Moore Street, from Bynum Street to Bledsoe Street. City Manager Westerholm stated that property owners within these areas had petitioned for curb and gutter to be installed by the City at a cost not to exceed \$2.50 per linear foot payable by each property owner. City Manager Westerholm stated that these curb and gutter petitions were given priorities in accordance with date submitted to the City Commission. City Manager Westerholm further stated that in order to expedite the construction of these curb and gutter petition requests, the City might consider private contracting. City Attorney Flournoy read caption of ordinance for first reading declaring the necessity for and ordering the construction of curb and gutters on Markus Avenue, from Fairfield Street to Franklin Street, and Moore Street, from Bynum Street to Bledsoe Street. Mayor Pro Tem Wareing suggested that estimated cost for these various curb and gutter projects be included in City Manager Westerholm's study of additional capital improvements. Following discussion, Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., made motion that ordinance on curb and gutters covering areas described by City Attorney Flournoy be

passed on first reading, and City Manager Westerholm be authorized to include cost estimates for contracting curb and gutter projects within his extra capital improvement study. Motion was seconded by Comm. J. T. Hopson and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

14. Garbage Liners - Awarding of Bids

Mayor Pro Tem Wareing stated that bids from various companies on 1,000,000 plastic refuse bags had been tabulated and copies furnished members of this Commission. Mayor Pro Tem Wareing asked City Manager Westerholm the amount budgeted for the purchase of refuse liners. City Manager Westerholm stated that \$35,000 had been budgeted, which was adequate to cover a 2 Mil type plastic liner if desired. City Manager Westerholm stated that the following bids were submitted:

Name of Company	1.75 Mil Printed	2 Mil Printed	1.5 Mil Printed	General Information
Adams Indus.	.02731	.03031		On Roll
Gulf Plastic		(Only Bid Without Printing)		In Box
Mobile Chemical	.02798	.03164	.02634	On Roll
St. Regis	.04830	.05330	.04305	In Box
Marketing Ser.	.04120		.0460	On Roll
Pak Rite	.02800	.03200	.02400	On Roll

City Manager Westerholm recommended the plastic liner refuse bags on rolls. Following considerable discussion, Comm. J. T. Hopson made motion that Adams Industries be awarded the bid for 1,000,000 refuse liners, 2 Mil, printed, on roll, at a cost of .03031 per bag. Motion was seconded by Comm. Joe E. Rich and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded. Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., was interested in the quality of refuse liners provided by Adams Industries. A representative was present who informed Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., that his company would guarantee its liners if factory defects were proved.

15. Water Pollution Abatement Program - Discussion

City Manager Westerholm stated that the Texas Water Quality Board had questioned the City of Lufkin regarding the progress made on the Water Pollution Abatement Program. City Manager Westerholm further remarked that the Angelina County Cities Health District was responsible for this program, but was unable to supply the needed man-power; and as a result, they could only perform a limited amount of monitoring on the local area streams. City Manager Westerholm stated that since the City would be required to begin training new laboratory technicians, and funds were not available, he would recommend that decision and implementation on the Water Pollution Abatement Program be delayed. Following considerable discussion, City Commission members were in agreement with recommendation of City Manager Westerholm and suggested that the State Health Department be so advised.

16. Texas State Department of Health - Fluoridation of City's Water Supply

City Manager Westerholm stated that the City Commission, during a previous meeting, had approved fluoridation of the City's water supply, but this fluoridation project had been removed from the 1973 Budget. City Manager Westerholm made reference to a letter received from the State Department of Health, furnished members of the Commission, requesting information regarding the prospects of the City's water supply being fluoridated. City Manager Westerholm further stated that the cost

for installing this equipment would be approximately \$9,000 and \$1,200 average annual cost for chemical supplies. Comm. Joe E. Rich expressed his concern that the City provide this fluoridation program and was disappointed that it did not receive Budget consideration. Comm. Joe E. Rich stated that he had not been present during the time fluoridation was being considered for the new Budget. Mayor Pro Tem Wareing asked City Manager Westerholm how much money had been set aside for the Contingency Fund. City Manager Westerholm stated that a total of \$114,000 had been budgeted for contingency purposes. Following considerable discussion, Comm. Joe E. Rich made motion that the City's water supply be fluoridated in accordance with costs explained by City Manager Westerholm, and that the budget be amended to allow for this fluoridation project from the Contingency Fund. Motion was seconded by Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

17. Storm Sewer Pipe - Wildbriar Drive - Authority to Advertise for Bids

City Manager Westerholm stated that the City was prepared to advertise for bids to furnish concrete storm sewer pipe on the Wildbriar drainage project. City Manager Westerholm further stated that monies for this project had been budgeted, but authority from the City Commission to advertise for bids was necessary. Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., then made motion that City Manager Westerholm be granted authority to advertise for bids on concrete storm sewer pipe for drainage project on Wildbriar Drive. Motion was seconded by Comm. J. T. Hopson and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

18. Water & Sewer Department - Request to Purchase Equipment

City Manager Westerholm stated that the City had been renting a Case backhoe loader for the past nine months to install water and sewer mains at a monthly lease rate of \$463.00. City Manager Westerholm further stated that this machine sold for \$8,533 and if the City desired to purchase this backhoe, 90% of the lease payments would be credited toward the purchase of this machine for a remaining balance of \$4,782.70. City Manager Westerholm stated that funds for the purchase of this machine had been removed from the 1973 Budget under capital improvements. City Manager Westerholm stated that the City could continue renting this machine, but the capital improvements planned through time warrants or revenue sharing funds were prepared to accommodate the purchase of this equipment. Following considerable discussion, Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., made motion that the City be authorized to purchase this machine at the remaining balance of \$4,782.70 and discontinue the monthly lease rental rate. Motion was seconded by Comm. J. T. Hopson and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

19. Ditching Machine - Approval of Purchase

City Manager Westerholm stated that the City desired to exchange an old used Cleveland type ditching machine for a used Buckeye ditching machine which would better serve the City's needs. City Manager Westerholm informed the City Commission that this machine had been examined and requested authority from the City Commission to offer Browning-Ferris Machine Company a difference of \$3,000. City Manager Westerholm further explained that an additional \$1,200 would be needed for repairs. Following a brief discussion, Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., made motion that City Manager Westerholm be authorized to purchase this machine in accordance with the provisions described by City Manager Westerholm. Motion was seconded by Comm. Joe E. Rich and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

20. Trick or Treat Night - Date Set

City Manager Westerholm stated that Tuesday, October 31, should be designated as Trick or Treat Night in order to eliminate confusion as to the official night of observance on Halloween for local children. Following discussion, Comm. Joe E. Rich made motion that Tuesday, October 31, be scheduled for Trick or Treat Night in accordance with recommendation by City Manager Westerholm. Motion was seconded by Comm. J. T. Hopson and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

21. Dozer - Awarding of Bids

City Manager Westerholm stated that the following bids had been received for the City's purchase of a dozer to be used at the Sanitary Landfill Site:

Name of Company	Base Bid	Base Bid (Air-Cond.) Heater/Defroster
Browning-Ferris Machinery Company	\$26,376.00	\$30,191.90
Mustang Tractor & Equipment Company	\$26,650.00	\$33,170.00
Piney Woods Tractor & Implements, Inc.	\$22,487.60	\$26,662.60
Nichols Machinery Co.	NO BID	
George P. Bane, Inc.	NO BID	

City Manager Westerholm further stated that two other companies, listed above, had failed to submit bids because specifications could not be met. City Manager Westerholm recommended that the City purchase a closed cab dozer with air conditioning, heater and defroster. Hayne Stokes, Public Works Director, also informed members of the Commission that he had prepared a letter regarding the purchase of this dozer. Mr. Stokes stated that copies of this letter had been distributed among members of Commission indicating that Mustang Tractor and Equipment Company, Caterpillar, due to its high re-sale value at the end of a five-year period, be recommended. Comm. R. A. Brookshire inquired if it was imperative to make a decision at this meeting regarding purchase of dozer, since it seemed to be quite a difference in the two machines, and indicated that more consideration might be given. Considerable discussion developed regarding the delay of dozer purchase. City Manager Westerholm stated that if the City decided to purchase a Caterpillar dozer, an additional \$2,700 savings would be subtracted from the bid by Mustang Tractor & Equipment Company in accordance with a current rental contract. City Manager Westerholm also stated that since it would be three more weeks before the next City Commission meeting, purchase of dozer should be considered at this meeting to save rental money. Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., then made motion that Mustang Tractor & Equipment Company be awarded dozer bid in the amount of \$33,170 to include air conditioning, heater and defroster. Motion was seconded by Comm. J. T. Hopson and the following vote was recorded:

Voting Aye: Comms. R. A. Brookshire, J. T. Hopson, Joe E. Rich, W. O. Ricks, Jr., and E. G. Pittman

Voting Nay: Comm. E. C. Wareing

Mayor Pro Tem Wareing declared motion approved by majority vote of 5 to 1. Comm. R. A. Brookshire requested that the City Manager and Public Works Director conduct a more thorough investigation of equipment in the future prior to submitting bid tabulation sheets to the City Commission for consideration.



22. Water Pollution Control Plant - HDR - Discussion

City Manager Westerholm stated that a copy of the final cost estimates for the total project of Sanitary Sewer Improvements by Henningson, Durham & Richardson had been circulated among members of the Commission for consideration. City Manager Westerholm further stated that the environmental protection agency had increased the City's grant to \$2,179,590. City Manager Westerholm further informed members that these cost estimates presented by Henningson, Durham & Richardson were up-dated and reflected current costs.

23. Americans In Action - Harry Castleberry

Comm. R. A. Brookshire stated that Harry Castleberry of Americans In Action had requested to be heard by members of this Commission regarding a recent newspaper article. Mayor Pro Tem Wareing granted Mr. Castleberry permission to speak to the Commission and requested that his comments be non-political. Mr. Castleberry introduced Curtis Carswell, who was also present, as a member of Americans In Action. Mr. Castleberry stated that he had a question regarding the recent arrest of four local girls for tacking up campaign posters, in violation of Penal Ordinance #27. Mr. Castleberry stated that it was a major objective of the Americans In Action to support local governments. Mr. Castleberry further stated that a recent news article appeared to "take a shot at City Hall". Mr. Castleberry explained that the Americans In Action only wanted a clarification of circumstances involved. Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., asked Police Chief A. J. Schamerhorn, who was present, if he was pressured regarding these arrests. Chief Schamerhorn stated that he was not pressured and could not apologize for enforcing the laws of the State. Mayor Pro Tem Wareing asked City Manager Westerholm to also comment on this subject. City Manager Westerholm explained a complete report of events regarding these arrests and stated that the facts show that the arrest and booking was handled routinely. Mr. Castleberry expressed his appreciation in behalf of the Americans In Action and thanked members of the Commission for their consideration toward the clarification of this matter. Mr. Castleberry further remarked that the Americans In Action strongly supported law enforcement. City Attorney Flournoy also added a brief explanation regarding the recent news article indicating that accusations made towards City Hall were made and directed to him. City Attorney Flournoy denied that he had instructed or requested the arrest of the four girls, but that he also did not apologize for enforcing the laws of the State.

24. Water Rates - Discussion

Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., stated that Page 26-19 of the City's Code of Ordinances indicated that water rates for residential and commercial customers outside the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City were two times that rate inside the City Limits. Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., further stated it was his understanding that the charge for residential and commercial customers outside the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City Limits should be two and a half times that inside City Limits and suggested that City Manager Westerholm research this situation.

25. Vumore Cable TV-Discussion

Comm. Joe E. Rich stated that he had received a petition from a group of responsible individuals indicating complaints about their Vumore Cable service. Comm. Joe E. Rich further stated that the last progress report received from the Vumore Cable Company seemed to be quite brief; and Comm. Joe E. Rich requested that City Manager Westerholm contact Vumore officials to include more details in their next report. Comm. Joe E.


Rich further requested that these reports be made available to local news media in order to keep interested citizens updated on current improvement efforts being made.

26. Emergency Highway Signs - Discussion

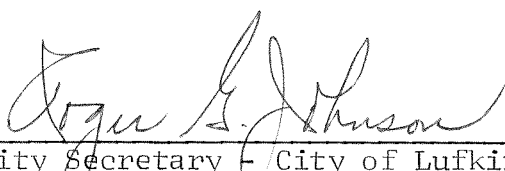
Comm. E. G. Pittman stated that he had noticed other Cities had erected emergency signs to hospital facilities along major thoroughfares. Comm. E. G. Pittman expressed his desire that the City of Lufkin also research the possibility of erecting similar type emergency signs at various locations along State Highway Loop 287. Comm. E. G. Pittman further stated that this addition of signs would be an asset to out-of-town guests in case of emergency.

27. Adjournment

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

  
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Mayor Pro Tem - City of Lufkin, Texas

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City Secretary - City of Lufkin, Texas