

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON THE 16TH DAY OF JULY, 1974, AT 5:00 P. M.

On the 16th day of July, 1974, the City Commission of the City of Lufkin, Texas, convened in regular meeting in the Council Room at City Hall with the following members thereof, to-wit:

R. A. Brookshire	Commissioner, Ward No. 1
Pat Foley	Commissioner, Ward No. 2
Joe E. Rich	Commissioner, Ward No. 3
E. 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. Flourney	City Attorney
Roger G. Johnson	City Secretary

being present, and

Pitser H. Garrison	Mayor
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being absent, constituting a quorum, when the following business was transacted:

1. Meeting opened with prayer by Douglas Bowen, Educational Director of Calvary Baptist 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.
3. Approval of Minutes

Comm. Pat Foley made motion that minutes of regular meeting of July 2, 1974, be approved. Motion was seconded by Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

4. Curb & Gutter Paving Petitions Approved-Bledsoe & Voyle Sts.

Mayor Pro Tem Wareing stated that curb and gutter paving petitions for Bledsoe and Voyle Streets had been approved on first reading of ordinance at last regular meeting at a cost not to exceed \$2.50 per linear foot to be paid by each property owner.

There were no persons present appearing in opposition to curb and gutter paving petitions as presented. Comm. Pat Foley then made motion that curb and gutter paving petitions for Bledsoe and Voyle Streets be approved on second and final reading of ordinance at a cost not to exceed \$2.50 per linear foot for each property owner. Motion was seconded by Comm. Joe E. Rich and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

5. Zone Change Application-Josh Duncan from R-1 to A District

Mayor Pro Tem Wareing stated that zone change application by Josh Duncan from R-1 District to A District covering property located South of Angelina College between Daniel McCall Drive and U. S. Highway 59 South had been approved on first reading of ordinance during last regular meeting.

There were no persons present appearing in opposition to zone change application as presented. Comm. E. G. Pittman made motion that zone change application by Josh Duncan from R-1 District to A District be approved on second and final reading of ordinance. Motion was seconded by Comm. Joe E. Rich. Prior to vote on motion, Comm. Pat Foley recused himself from vote on this application due to his working association with same. A unanimous affirmative vote was then recorded favoring motion with one recussal as stated above.

6. Plumbing Board - Amendment to Plumbing Code Recommended

Mayor Pro Tem Wareing stated that the Commission had been forwarded a copy of a letter from Mr. O. C. Hanks, City Building Inspector, informing council members of the following recent recommendations for amendment to the Plumbing Code as submitted by the Plumbing Board during meeting of June 26, 1974:

1. Article #12.1.5 PVC pipe, John Mansville Co. Standard Diameter Ratio...SDR-35 JM (not as thick as ABS) can be buried 25' deep. Has been approved in Dallas and Palestine for house to street sewer lines. Is used in Nacogdoches for sewer mains, it is 4" in diameter and 12' or 20' long. Proper connections will be made available for hook up SDR-35 or better.
2. Add to Article #9.5.1 - Recommend T & P valve be installed in all replacements of water heaters in accordance with existing code and as provided by manufacturers.
3. Add to Article 19.4.9 - Recommend three fixtures in $\frac{1}{2}$ " copper pipe (hot water) for residence only.

A brief discussion developed and Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., recommended that members of Commission reject above proposal as stated in Article 12.1.5 and accept recommendations 9.5.1 and 19.4.9. Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., stated that the reason for his recommendation to reject 12.1.5 was due to the fact that even though property owners may receive a small savings on initial cost of installation, future problems would be experienced if this pipe was used causing even greater cost inasmuch as it was more susceptible to collapsing. Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., then made motion that recommendations by the Plumbing Board be accepted with the exception of amendment to 12.1.5. Motion was seconded by Comm. Pat Foley.

Public Works Director Hayne Stokes, who was present, informed members of the Commission that he would not recommend the use of this quality pipe as explained in Article 12.1.5. Comm. Pat Foley asked if the life expectancy of this quality pipe was equal to other types being used. Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., stated that this was not as much a question as the collapse factor which had been previously discussed. A unanimous affirmative vote in favor of previous motion by Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., was then recorded.

Comm. E. C. Wareing then recommended that City Attorney Flournoy prepare an amendment to the Plumbing Ordinance in accordance with information as stated above for consideration on first reading of ordinance during next regular meeting.

7. Annexation of Property-Petition Request by Property Owners South of & Adjacent to White House Road

Mayor Pro Tem Wareing explained that the City Planning and Zoning Commission had recently recommended consideration be given by the City Commission for annexation of property located South of and adjacent to White House Road between Brentwood Drive and David Street with a 60-foot ROW on White House Road being secured from the petitioning property owners as a condition of annexation. Mayor Pro Tem Wareing further stated members of Commission should decide as to whether or not they desired to set a hearing date for this annexation.

Following a brief discussion, Comm. Pat Foley made motion that August 6, 1974, at 7:30 P. M., be set as the official hearing date for annexation of this property as described above. Motion was seconded by Comm. E. G. Pittman and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

8. Preliminary City Budget for Fiscal Year 1974-75 - Disc. & Consideration of Proposed Pay Increase for Police Department

Mayor Pro Tem Wareing stated that the preliminary budget for the fiscal year 1974-75 had been prepared by the City staff and made available for review by members of the Commission.

City Manager Westerholm briefly highlighted the preliminary budget indicating the fact that this particular budget was based on the same type of services provided in the 1973-74 fiscal budget. City Manager Westerholm further stated that no items for Revenue Sharing had been listed in the context of this budget, but a separate Revenue Sharing budget would be made available for review at a later date.

Considerable discussion developed regarding the proposed budget as submitted and Comm. Joe E. Rich inquired as to the certainty with which members of the Commission could expect regarding Revenue Sharing funds. City Manager Westerholm explained that Revenue Sharing monies were made available for a five-year period on a guaranteed basis and after 1977, the Revenue Sharing Program made no obligations.

Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., expressed his personal opinion that, from a mechanical speaking standpoint, this particular budget was the best he had seen and represented a considerable amount of detailed work.

Mayor Pro Tem Wareing stated that members of the Commission had until September 26, 1974, to complete the budget as presented.

Mayor Pro Tem Wareing called on Sgt. Amos Lewis of the Lufkin Police Department who introduced Jimmy D. Wells, Gary W. Martin and James D. Wall. Sgt. Lewis requested that each one of these individuals be permitted to speak in regard to report to the City Commission on proposed salary increase and benefit subsidy for the Lufkin Police Department.

Sgt. Lewis read an opening statement involving proposal by the Lufkin Police Department which had been prepared by way of an extensive report previously submitted to members of the Commission for consideration prior to this meeting. Sgt. Lewis stated that the basis of this request was as follows:

- (a) A 15 percent across-the-board salary increase;
- (b) Request for uniform cleaning allowance;
- (c) Request for 1½ days vacation for each holiday;
- (d) Request for graduated pay for ranking officers;
- (e) Request for incentive pay for patrolmen;
- (f) Request for additional pay for intermediate and advanced certification; and
- (g) Request for a breathalyzer instrument.

Considerable discussion developed regarding proposal as submitted and Comm. R. A. Brookshire inquired if the most outstanding problem in the Lufkin Police Department was due to advancement potentials and members of committee representing proposal agreed with this conclusion by Comm. Brookshire.

Each members of the committee representing proposal by the Police Department related his personal view regarding proposal as stated. Sgt. Lewis informed members of Commission that this report had been prepared by the officers in the Police Department with the only outside help being on a point of law regarding right to bargain. Sgt. Lewis further stated that if starting salaries were increased to attract more people and more positions were created for the advancement of patrolmen, most of the problems would be resolved. Sgt. Lewis then thanked members of Commission for their time and consideration concerning this proposal.

Mayor Pro Tem Wareing stated that this request was proper and was in line with budgetary procedures to meet directly with the Commission since it involved a wage and budget matter. Mayor Pro Tem Wareing further stated that members of Commission should consider a meeting date for the following week concerning budget preparation. Following a brief discussion, members of Commission unanimously agreed to consider a budget meeting concerning preparation of the 1974-75 budget for Wednesday, July 24, 1974, at 7:00 P. M., City Hall Council Room.

9. Weiner, Hill, Morgan & O'Neal - Approval of Portion of Invoice for Payment on Civic Center

City Manager Westerholm stated that he had received an invoice from Weiner, Hill, Morgan & O'Neal Architectural Firm, in the amount of \$95,157.11, which represented a 7% fee of the total Civic Center cost and \$50,000.00 of this amount had been requested for payment.

Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., expressed his personal dissatisfaction with present construction conditions involving placement and transfer of soil base at the Civic Center construction site and desired further explanation on the part of Mr. Jerry Hill and engineers before making any final decisions toward payment. Comm. R. A. Brookshire then made motion that \$50,000 of above total invoice in amount as stated be paid and that Mr. Jerry Hill, engineers and any other necessary personnel, appear before the City Commission concerning the question involving foundation construction of the Civic Center during next regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Comm. Joe E. Rich and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

10. Water Pollution Control Plant - Status of Construction

Comm. E. G. Pittman inquired as to the status of construction at the Water Pollution Control Plant. City Manager Westerholm stated that progress was being made and employees were awaiting arrival of the plant control panel. City Manager Westerholm further stated that every effort was being made to meet anticipated completion date.

11. Police Department - Commendation for Use of Radios

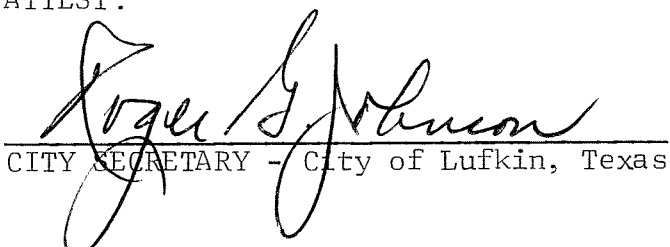
Comm. E. G. Pittman expressed his personal opinion that the Police Department was to be commended for the fine job they do in operation of radio equipment. Comm. Pat Foley was in agreement with information presented by Comm. E. G. Pittman and complimented the professional job of all the men in the department for their role in this regard.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business for consideration, meeting was adjourned at 6:35 P. M.


MAYOR - City of Lufkin, Texas

ATTEST:


CITY SECRETARY - City of Lufkin, Texas