

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON THE 7TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1975, AT 4:00 P.M.

On the 7th day of January, 1975, 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:

Pitser H. Garrison	Mayor
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. Flournoy	City Attorney
Roger G. Johnson	City Secretary

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

1. Meeting opened with prayer by Rev. Raymond Robbins, Pastor of First Congregational Methodist Church, Lufkin, Texas.
2. Mayor Garrison welcomed a small group of visitors who were present in connection with items on the agenda or as observers.
3. Approval of Minutes

Mayor Garrison suggested that Item 10 of minutes from regular meeting of December 17, 1974, be amended to indicate that his negative vote on action by the City Commission to construct four new tennis courts at Civic Club Park was not against the courts but due to the fact that construction of these courts at this location would involve the destruction of many trees within this area. Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., then made motion that Item 10 of minutes from regular meeting of December 17, 1974, be amended as explained by Mayor Garrison and same be approved accordingly. Motion was seconded by Comm. Pat Foley and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

4. Annexation & Permanent Zoning to MH District-Approval of Ordinance-Request by East Texas Service Corporation-Area West of U. S. Highway 69 North

There were no persons present appearing in opposition to annexation and permanent zoning of property located West of U. S. Highway 69 North containing 5.91 acres as requested by East Texas Service Corporation.

Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., made motion that this area be annexed and approved on second and final reading of ordinance. Motion was seconded by Comm. Joe E. Rich and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., made motion that ordinance be approved on second and final reading permanently zoning property located West of U. S. Highway 69 North to MH District as previously advertised. Motion was seconded by Comm. Joe E. Rich and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

5. Annexation & Permanent Zoning-Area North & South of U. S. Highway 69 East

There were no persons present appearing in opposition to annexation and permanent zoning of property located North and South of U. S. Highway 69 East covering area as previously advertised.

Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., made motion that property located North and South of U. S. Highway 69 East covering areas as previously advertised be annexed and approved on second and final reading of ordinance. Motion was seconded by Comm. Joe E. Rich and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., made motion that property located North and South of U. S. Highway 69 East be permanently zoned in accordance with previously advertised zoning and ordinance be approved on second and final reading. Motion was seconded by Comm. Joe E. Rich and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

6. Update of City Limit Population Signs Approved

City Manager Westerholm stated that he had prepared a brief report involving an approximate update of the City's current population as previously requested during last regular meeting by Comm. Pat Foley. The following information was reviewed by members of City Commission.

POPULATION STUDY

1970

Official census showed population of: 23,049

This was comprised of 7,092 living units for an average of 3.25 persons per living unit.

Since 1970 we have added 1,181 living units to the City Limits of Lufkin and demolished 108 for a net increase of 1,072 units.

1,072 additional units times 3.25 persons per unit equals: 3,484

Estimated City of Lufkin population January 1, 1975: 26,533

A brief discussion developed regarding the use of the new estimated population figures to qualify the City for various grant applications and Mayor Garrison explained that the 1970 census population studies were used for grant applications and these new estimates as described above would not be used by the City in this regard.

City Manager Westerholm explained that estimates as indicated above included all new additions to the City of Lufkin since last population analysis.

Comm. Pat Foley then made motion that existing population City Limit signs be revised to indicate new population estimate in the amount of 26,533 as described above. Motion was seconded by Comm. E. G. Pittman and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

7. Water Rate Study Reviewed

City Manager Westerholm explained that Finance Director Royal Dunlap had completed a detailed study on water rates and was of the opinion that this report accurately reflected the current situation. City Manager Westerholm explained that the City would need an additional \$30,000 in coverage to finance bonds with which to match the EDA grant application for 1975.

The following information was discussed containing conclusions and recommendations as a result of this Water Rate Study:

"Our present water and sewer rates are bringing in sufficient revenues to survive, but not enough to allow us to issue new revenue bonds.

Water revenues have been found to be adequate. It is recommended that if any rates are increased in the future, the lower echelon blocks should be raised much more, as a percentage, than the commercial blocks.

The City's present \$2.00 service charge has been found to be inadequate. We need to study our actual cost and raise the service charge accordingly.

A study of sewer costs and rates is in order since total receipts are not covering total disbursements. In effect, water rates are subsidizing sewer rates."

Members of Commission were of the opinion that more time should be allowed to review this report due to its comprehensiveness and members of Commission unanimously agreed that this item be considered during first meeting in February.

8. Zone Change Application-Lufkin Industries, Inc., from R-1 District to R-1 District & Special Use, Item 18 (Parking Lot)

Mayor Garrison stated that zone change application by Lufkin Industries, Inc., from R-1 District to R-1 District & Special Use, Item 18 (Parking Lot) covering property located South of Pershing Avenue and West of T & NO Railroad near Harrell Street and Pershing Avenue intersection had been recommended by the City Planning and Zoning Commission for approval. There were no persons present appearing in opposition to zone change application.

Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., made motion that zone change application by Lufkin Industries, Inc., from R-1 District to R-1 District & Special Use, Item 18 (Parking Lot), covering area as previously described be approved on first reading of ordinance. Motion was seconded by Comm. Joe E. Rich and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

Comm. E. G. Pittman requested that the minutes reflect his voting abstinence due to his working association with Lufkin Industries, Inc., and same be prepared with indication of a recused vote for Comm. E. G. Pittman.

9. Herman Bennett Company-Change Order #3 Approved-Civic Center

City Manager Westerholm explained that he had received a letter from Mr. Jerry E. Hill, architect for the City of Lufkin Civic Center recommending exterior doors exiting to the dock area on the West side of the building be installed with door closers in the amount of \$226.40 as estimated by the general contractor. Comm. E. G. Pittman then made motion that Change Order #3 from Herman Bennett Company be approved in accordance with recommendation submitted by Mr. Jerry E. Hill. Motion was seconded by Comm. Pat Foley and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

10. Criminal Justice Council Grant-Approval of Resolution Appropriating Funds for Radio Communication Equipment-Police Department

City Manager Westerholm presented a copy of a resolution designating the DETCOG as agent for the City of Lufkin-Angelina County for the purchase of certain police radio equipment. City Manager Westerholm explained that providing this resolution was approved, the Criminal Justice Council may be able to secure additional radio communication equipment for the Police Department in accordance with an itemized list as presented at a cost to the City of \$1,522.75. City Manager Westerholm further explained that this was only a 25 percent portion of the total cost of this equipment in the amount of \$6,091, but the existing budget must be amended if resolution is approved to accommodate the City's 25 percent portion.

Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., made motion that resolution be approved designating the DETCOG as agent for City of Lufkin-Angelina County for the purchase of certain radio equipment and further authorizing amendment to the existing budget to accommodate the amount of \$1,522.75 for the City's portion. Motion was seconded by Comm. E. C. Wareing and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

11. City Court Report - Disc.

City Manager Westerholm stated that the monthly City Court Report had been prepared and distributed to members of Commission. Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., expressed his opinion that City Attorney Flournoy and City Judge Cook should be commended for jobs well done as reflected in report of the activities completed in Municipal Court. Comm. R. A. Brookshire made motion that members of Commission commend City Attorney Robert L. Flournoy and City Judge David M. Cook in behalf of progress being made in Municipal Court as reported to members of Commission. Motion was seconded by Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

Comm. E. C. Wareing made motion that a resolution be approved commending the Angelina County Sheriff's Department and his staff expressing the City's appreciation for their assistance to the Municipal Court in all activity phases completed by the Municipal Court. Motion was seconded by Comm. Pat Foley and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

12. Texas Municipal League Technical Advisory Service

Mayor Garrison stated that the City had recently received a letter from the Texas Municipal League requesting support by the City Council of a Texas Municipal League Technical Advisory Service for the City of Lufkin. Mayor Garrison briefly reviewed the general characteristics of this service and explained that the TML only desired to determine whether or not the City Commission would be willing to support this type activity at the present time.

A brief discussion developed and Comm. R. A. Brookshire made motion that the City of Lufkin vote in favor of supporting the TML Technical Advisory Service on the basis of information furnished this Commission. Motion was seconded by Comm. Pat Foley and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

13. Community Development Act - Disc.

City Manager Westerholm stated that he had recently obtained information regarding the Community Development Act through which the City could obtain considerable funds on an annual basis, if qualified. City Manager Westerholm further stated that an agreement was available for consideration by members of Commission from Consultant Thomas E. Barber who would agree to process applications for HUD funds at a rate of 5% per contract.

Considerable discussion developed regarding whether or not to consider an agreement with Mr. Barber for the processing of these applications or obtaining information for same from professional engineering sources offered by HDR representatives. City Manager Westerholm explained that an advantage to the agreement proposed by Mr. Barber would provide an opportunity for a full-time effort in processing separate applications.

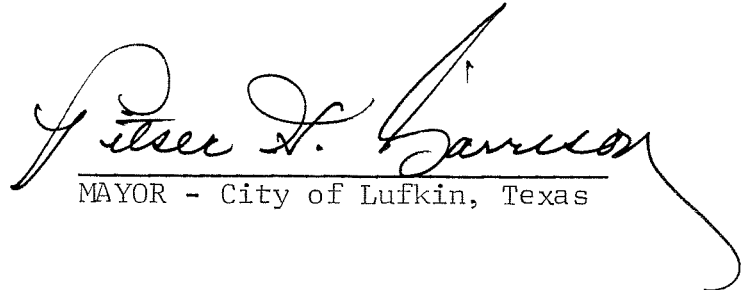
Mayor Garrison expressed his concern that an experienced individual must be selected to process these applications if selected. City Manager Westerholm reviewed a resume of Mr. Barber's qualifications in this regard and Mayor Garrison reviewed proposed agreement involving service to be provided by Mr. Barber if agreement was finally approved.

City Manager Westerholm expressed his concern that members of Commission conclude their decision in this regard as soon as possible due to the time factor involved. Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., made motion that City Manager Westerholm discuss this proposal by Mr. Barber with HDR representatives prior to making final decision in this regard. Motion was seconded by Comm. E. C. Wareing and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

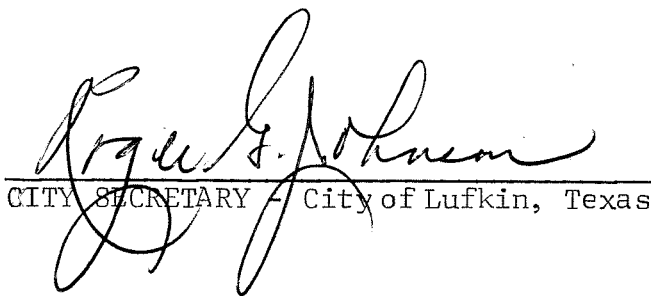
Comm. Pat Foley suggested that a special meeting be called, if necessary, due to the crucial time involved on behalf of this decision. Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., then made motion that City Commission meet in a special session at Petty's Restaurant on Friday, January 10, 1975, at 7:00 A. M., to consider participation in the Community Development Act. Motion was seconded by Comm. Pat Foley and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

14. Adjournment

There being no further business for consideration, meeting adjourned at 4:55 P. M.


MAYOR - City of Lufkin, Texas

ATTEST:


CITY SECRETARY - City of Lufkin, Texas