

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON THE 24TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1977, AT 5:00 P.M.

On the 24th day of August, 1977, 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
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
Roger G. Johnson	Asst. City Manager

being present, and

Jack McMullen	Commissioner, Ward No. 3
Robert L. Flournoy	City Attorney

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

1. Budget Workshop Disc. - City Budget 1977-78

Mayor Garrison stated that City Manager Westerholm had prepared a revised position summary for general water and sewer revenue funds as requested during last budget workshop meeting on August 23, 1977. City Manager Westerholm then reviewed the following information as requested by members of Commission:

Ending Balance As Shown In Preliminary Budget.....	\$127,771.20
Add Additional Receipts From Alternative "B".....	<u>58,000.00</u>
Equals Total Available For Use Before Salary Adjustments....	\$185,771.20
Less Salary Adjustments At 6%.....	<u>176,300.00</u>
Equals Revised Ending Balance.....	\$ 9,471.20

Comm. R. A. Brookshire stated his personal opinion that \$106,000 in Revenue Sharing monies should go to the completion of sewer extension in old areas annexed by the City. Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., expressed his opinion that the City should know the costs of these extensions prior to making commitments for completion of same. Comm. Ricks stated he was of the opinion that the spending of \$6,000 to \$8,000 for the extension of sewer to some individuals was too high. Comm. Brookshire stated that sewer extensions to these old areas were a matter of principle and should be completed by the City as soon as possible.

Comm. E. G. Pittman stated that many individuals in these areas did not desire to have sewer and may not find extension of same essential. Comm. E. C. Wareing stated that the City should consider tentatively committing the \$106,000 for extension of sewer in the old areas annexed by the City, but review information with regard to cost distribution analysis prior to making final commitment in an effort to extend sewer to serve the greatest number of individuals on a priority basis.

Comm. R. A. Brookshire stated that he desired to label \$110,000 out of the available revenue sharing money for extension of sewer during the coming fiscal year to as many individuals as possible in the old areas of the City. Comm. Ricks contended that some of the revenue sharing money should remain untouched for emergency purposes.

Mayor Garrison expressed his opinion that the City should not use revenue sharing on consumable items. Comm. E. G. Pittman stated that the City should serve all areas desiring sewer and complete its commitments, but he personally desired to recommend the City complete as much work as possible on Angelina Street extension. Mayor Garrison stated that the City should not commit all of the revenue sharing money in the event of an emergency.

Comm. Pat Foley suggested that the City consider approximately \$25,000 in revenue sharing for a contingency fund to serve for emergency use.

Mayor Garrison stated it appeared that \$156,000 in revenue sharing money was available and if \$110,000 was used for extension of sewer services, a balance of approximately \$47,000 would remain uncommitted. Comm. Pat Foley suggested that the City consider appropriating \$45,000 for construction on Angelina Street, \$85,000 for extension of sewer in old areas annexed by the City, with the balance of this \$156,000 to remain in the revenue sharing fund for a contingency figure. Comm. R. A. Brookshire made motion that the revenue sharing budget be recommended for approval in accordance with these expenditures as stated above. Motion was seconded by Comm. E. G. Pittman and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

Comm. Pat Foley inquired as to the use of \$201,300 for development of Morris Frank Park and whether or not this was the City's share of construction costs in this area. City Manager Westerholm reported that this was the amount available for use on a matching fund grant for development of Morris Frank Park. Comm. Foley stated he was of the opinion that the tennis association should also be assisted with respect to development of their new tennis court complex. Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., stated that the amount appropriated by the City for the development of Morris Frank Park was a good opportunity to capitalize on an investment opportunity in this area and the tennis association should wait until the following year.

Comm. R. A. Brookshire suggested that the City Commission consider either certificates of obligation or a possible bond issue for the financing of proposed tennis court complex and extension of Angelina Street, to include possible covered arenas for sport activities as previously discussed. Comm. Brookshire stated that the City desperately needed another North and South artery which the extension of Angelina Street would provide and an all-season covered recreational area would certainly be an asset to the community. Comm. Brookshire suggested that the next general election of the City should provide a place on the ballot to determine whether or not individuals desired to have a bond election for financing of these activities. Comm. E. G. Pittman suggested that the City Manager review the possibility of the City working with the college or school to develop certain tennis court areas.

City Manager Westerholm reported that a request had been submitted by the Retired Senior Volunteer Program for \$1,000 in accordance with information furnished members of Commission to include a letter from the Angelina County Humane Society requesting financing of \$3,000 to pay one-half the salary of an extra individual to be used at the animal shelter. City Manager Westerholm stated that money was available from the revised ending balance to provide for these services if members of Commission desired.

Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., made motion that the RSVP program be furnished the \$1,000 as requested and budget be amended to provide for this activity. Motion was seconded by Comm. Pat Foley and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

Discussion developed with regard to the request by the humane society for financing of \$3,000 for one-half of the salary of an employee to be used at the animal shelter. City Manager Westerholm stated that the City had spent approximately \$8,000 to \$9,000 excluding the salary of animal shelter control officer on an annual basis. Comm. Pat Foley suggested that the City Commission hold in abeyance the opportunity to finance one-half of this individual's salary until more information could be made available. Members of Commission were in agreement with this suggestion and were of the opinion that the budget could be amended at any time in the future to provide for this activity if decided.

Comm. Pat Foley then requested that he personally be furnished information with regard to new employees that had been hired under the new City Budget for fiscal year 1977-78 and a percent of money increase per department as a result of this activity. Asst. City Manager Royal Dunlap explained that approximately five or six individuals had been added and this information could be made available if members of Commission desired.

Comm. E. G. Pittman inquired about long-range projects and proposed water plan. City Manager Westerholm stated that this information had been furnished members of Commission in a separate list and his recommendation was that items listed be financed through certificates of obligation or bond issue, as the needs arose in the next three to five years. Comm. Pat Foley was of the opinion that the City should consider financing of these projects through whatever means were necessary, due to their importance to the community.

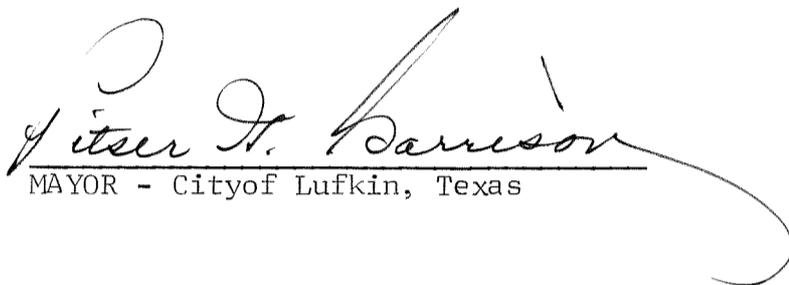
Comm. R. A. Brookshire made motion that the proposed revenue sharing budget, as discussed, to include the regular City Budget for fiscal year 1977-78, be recommended in accordance with previous decisions as stated and advertised for public hearing on September 6, 1977, as determined by this Commission. Motion was seconded by Comm. E. C. Wareing and the following vote was recorded:

Voting Aye: Mayor Garrison, Comms. R. A. Brookshire, E. C. Wareing, W. O. Ricks, Jr., and E. G. Pittman

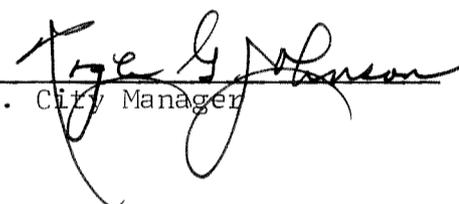
Voting Nay: Comm. Pat Foley

Mayor Garrison declared motion approved by majority vote of five to one.

2. There being no further business for consideration, meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.


MAYOR - City of Lufkin, Texas

ATTEST:


Asst. City Manager