

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON THE 6TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1981, AT 7:30 P.M.

On the 6th day of January, 1981, 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
Percy A. Simond, Jr.	Commissioner, Ward No. 1(new plan)
Don E. Boyd	Commissioner, Ward No. 2(new plan)
Bob McCurry	Commissioner, Ward No. 3(new plan)
Pat Foley	Commissioner, Ward No. 4(new plan)
E. C. Wareing	Commissioner, Ward No. 4(old plan)
Richard Thompson	Commissioner at Large,Place B(old plan)
Harvey Westerholm	City Manager
Roger G. Johnson	Assistant City Manager
Robert L. Flourney	City Attorney
Ann Griffin	Assistant City Secretary

being present when the following business was transacted.

1. Meeting opened with prayer by Rev. Dewey Underwood, Chaplain, Memorial Hospital, Lufkin, Texas.
2. Mayor Garrison welcomed visitors present.
3. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of regular meeting of December 16, 1980, and special meeting of December 30, 1980, were approved on motion by Commissioner E. C. Wareing. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Don Boyd, and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

4. OPEN HEARING - Annexation and Permanent Zoning Request - Sabine Investment Co., Crown Colony Subdivision - Ordinance Set for First Reading

Mayor Garrison officially opened hearing on Annexation and Permanent Zoning request by Sabine Investment Company covering property located in Crown Colony Subdivision to include Section 9, 5B, 6A, and additional properties in Golf Course Area. There was no opposition present. Mayor Garrison closed hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Percy Simond and seconded by Commissioner Don Boyd that first reading of ordinances be considered at next City Commission meeting on January 20, 1981, at 5:00 p.m. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

5. Ordinance Approved - Second Reading - Zone Change Application - Lottie Hook - RL to C

Mayor Garrison stated that zone change application by Lottie Hook covering property located on Medford Drive between Teer Street and Moffett Road from Residential Large to Commercial was approved on first reading at last meeting of City Commission. There was no opposition present.

Motion was made by Commissioner Richard Thompson and seconded by Commissioner Don Boyd that application be approved on second and final reading. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

6. Ordinance Approved - Second Reading - Zone Change Application - Lester Adkison - RL to C

Mayor Garrison stated that zone change application by Lester Adkison covering property located at 1900 Lufkin Avenue between Ridge Street and Renfro Drive from Residential Large to Commercial was approved on first reading at last meeting of City Commission. There was no opposition present.

Motion was made by Commissioner Richard Thompson and seconded by Commissioner Don Boyd that application be approved on second and final reading. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

7. Townhouse Ordinance Amendment - Approved - Second Reading

Mayor Garrison stated that amendment to Townhouse Ordinance had been approved on first reading at last meeting of City Commission. There was no opposition present.

Motion was made by Commissioner Richard Thompson and seconded by Commissioner Don Boyd that amendment be approved on second and final reading. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

8. Curb & Gutter Paving Petition - Approved - Burton Avenue

Mayor Garrison stated that Curb & Gutter Paving Petition for Burton Avenue had been presented to City Commission by property owners for consideration. Mr. Julius Atkinson appeared in representation of the petition and stated that all property owners had signed the petition with the exception of the Homer Thrash Estate. Mr. Atkinson further stated that the water from Feagin Drive was a real problem for the people on Burton Avenue, and property owners were willing to pay their portion for the work to be completed on their street. Mr. Atkinson further stated that if the water could be diverted in any way the residents would benefit, and he felt the culvert was in the wrong place which forced the water up Burton Street.

Commissioner Pat Foley stated that when the petition was considered in September, 1980, the possibility of receiving funds from the State or Federal Government was discussed, and he asked if the City had received any further information in this regard. City Manager Westerholm stated that J. L. Beaird of the Texas Highway Department had informed him that if Congress made more urban funds available the drainage structure could be included in the project on Feagin, and 80% would be funded with the City paying 20% of \$26,600 needed to complete the storm sewer project on Burton Avenue.

In reply to a question by Commissioner Richard Thompson, it was stated that there were no projects ahead of Burton Avenue, but funds were not in the budget. Commissioner E. C. Wareing stated that he would be in favor of approving the project for a later date and obtaining assistance from some other source which would allow Burton Avenue to be placed on the curb & gutter paving list.

Mayor Garrison stated that the project was too expensive for six (6) residences, but he would agree with approving the project, and holding same in abeyance until the City could obtain funds. Mayor Garrison further stated that if the cost of work done on Feagin would be reduced by completing work on Burton Avenue first; then the cost would be worthwhile.

Mr. Julius Atkinson stated that another culvert under Roger Street would help the water problem, which at present, frequently washes out Burton Avenue. Dwayne Humphrey, Public Works Coordinator stated that a storm sewer is the only thing that would help the drainage problem.

Motion was made by Commissioner E. C. Wareing to approve curb & gutter paving petition for first consideration, if and when, Feagin Drive is improved, and that some relief work to help during interim be considered. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Pat Foley. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

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Commissioner E. C. Wareing stated that this would give first preference to the people on Burton Avenue when work is begun on Feagin Drive. Commissioner Wareing further stated that he would go with the City Manager and Public Works Coordinator to review the situation with hopes of bringing a report on the type of relief work to the City Commission at next meeting.

9. City Cab, Inc. - Request for Extension of Time for Installation of Meters & Radios - Approved

Mayor Garrison stated that on November 4, 1980, the City Commission authorized City Cab, Inc. to begin operation without installation of meters, and a second request had been received for another 60 day extension to obtain and install the meters and radios.

Commissioner Percy Simond stated that the meters should be installed as soon as possible because he had received reports of charges that seemed excessive. Commissioner Pat Foley stated that it appeared the owner of City Cab, Inc. is trying to make progress and has to obtain the equipment from the State which was a slow process.

Motion was made by Commissioner Pat Foley and seconded by Commissioner Percy Simond that a 60 day extension be granted. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

10. Approval of Bid - 1981 Four Door Sedan - Inspection Department

Mayor Garrison stated that the following bids had been received on the purchase of a 1981 four door sedan for the Inspection Department:

Ralph New Motor Co.        \$7,470.30  
Greater Lufkin Ford Sales \$7,213.56

City Manager Westerholm stated that Greater Lufkin Ford was low bidder, but the price stated was \$413 over the budget amount. City Manager Westerholm further stated that the additional money would be obtained from the unencumbered money in the General Fund.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bob McCurry and seconded by Commissioner Pat Foley that bid be awarded to Greater Lufkin Ford and the Inspection Department Budget be amended to reflect receipt of funds from the general fund. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

11. Storm Sewer Installation - Tabled - Culverhouse Street

Mayor Garrison stated that the street and drainage improvements on Glenn & O'Quinn Streets under the Community Development Block Grant have created two (2) large drainage ditches on either side of Culverhouse Street.

City Manager Westerholm stated that the ditches are a safety hazard because of their depth and should have a storm sewer installed.

Mayor Garrison stated that the problem should have been foreseen by the engineers on the project and the storm sewer could have been included in the total picture.

Commissioner Percy Simond stated that if a motorist had an accident in these ditches the City would be open to lawsuits.

Several residents of Culverhouse Street were present and indicated that because of drainage improvements on Glenn & O'Quinn Street the depth of the ditches on Culverhouse is causing their yards to erode, property owners stated that this condition is dangerous to children playing in the area, and because driveways are narrow, there is a danger of cars backing into the deep ditches.

Commissioner E. C. Wareing stated that he had viewed the area, and felt the engineers were trying to stay within the funds allocated to the project, therefore, they chose to use smaller drains under the driveways along Culverhouse Street. Commissioner Wareing further stated that 30" culverts were used under driveways and 36" culverts were used at O'Quinn Street, which would necessitate the ditch being very deep to carry all the water. Commissioner Wareing further stated that the Culverhouse ditch is blocked off by construction and yards are eroding into the ditch. Commissioner Wareing stated that the problems are being caused by the construction, and the City needs to consider some action.

Commissioner Richard Thompson stated that the work is being financed by the Community Development Block Grant, and any work not authorized by same and initiated before the project is complete might cause problems. Commissioner Thompson stated that the City should let Griffith Engineers make a recommendation and incorporate same into the project.

Commissioner Pat Foley stated that he concurred with Commissioner Thompson's suggestion, and it should be ascertained if funds are available to handle problems that have developed from the project.

Motion was made by Commissioner Richard Thompson and seconded by Commissioner Bob McCurry that Engineers be requested to review the problem and make a recommendation at next meeting. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

12. Improvements to Water Well #9 - Approved - Layne Texas Company

Mayor Garrison stated that Water Well #9 was constructed in 1965 and maintenance is now needed to preclude a breakdown in the summer months. City Manager Westerholm stated that the pump bowls should be lowered 40 feet, and he would recommend accepting the quotation from the Layne Texas Company for the repair work.

Motion was made by Commissioner Pat Foley and seconded by Commissioner Bob McCurry that Layne Texas Company be chosen to complete maintenance on Water Well #9. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

13. Amendment to Traffic Ordinance - Approved - First Reading - Speed Zones Established on Hill, Angelina, and Feagin Streets

Mayor Garrison stated that speed surveys had been conducted on Hill, Angelina and Feagin Streets to establish speed zones.

Motion was made by Commissioner Pat Foley and seconded by Commissioner Don Boyd that amendment be approved on first reading establishing new speed zones on Hill, Angelina and Feagin Streets. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

Commissioner E. C. Wareing stated that he would be interested in learning how well Angelina Street is being used.

14. Portable Signs - Abandoned Vehicles - Accidents on West Loop - Railroad Crossings

Commissioner Pat Foley stated that he had received some information from the City Planner, Edward Richie, in regard to portable signs in Lufkin. Commissioner Foley stated that some portable signs are blocking intersections, and he was concerned if Lufkin should establish a moratorium on their use.

Mayor Garrison stated that the City Commission was concerned when portable signs were first introduced to Lufkin, and there had been some discussion about blinking lights and wires being enclosed in conduit. Commissioner Foley stated that the report indicated 130 signs were in Lufkin and only 70 permits had been issued.

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Mayor Garrison stated that he was pleased to see the work being done on abandoned vehicles in Lufkin, and that in November a large number of cars were removed. Mayor Garrison further stated that the same energy might be concentrated on portable signs to make sure they conform to the City Code. Commissioner E. C. Wareing stated that the Inspection Department could review this information and report back to the City Commission.

Commissioner Don Boyd stated that a number of accidents had taken place on the West Loop with the opening of the four (4) lanes, and he was concerned. Dwayne Humphrey, Public Works Coordinator, stated that the City had been considering the installation of median lights for better visibility in the area.

Commissioner Percy Simond stated that he had noticed work being done on the railroad crossing at Bremond Street and wondered when the Abney Crossing would be improved. City Manager Westerholm stated that he understood the Abney Crossing would be started when the Bremond Crossing is finished.

15. There being no further business for consideration, meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.



*E. C. Wareing*  
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E. C. Wareing, Mayor Pro Tem

*Ann Luffin*  
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Assistant City Secretary