

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY
COMMISSION HELD MAY 6th, 1919.

Be it remembered that on this the 6th day of May, A. D. 1919 there was held a regular session of the City Commission at their office in Lufkin, Texas, the following members thereof being present, to-wit:

G. A. Kelley, Mayor presiding, S. R. Parker, E. E. Woods, C. B. Edwards and W. B. Treadwell, Commissioners, and J. T. Maroney, Secretary. Non Binion, City Marshall, C. E. Brazil, City Attorney and Bayne Satterfield, Fire Marshall, were also present.

The position of City Secretary being vacant, it was moved by Commissioner Edwards and seconded by Commissioner Woods that T. L. Dunn be appointed Temporary Secretary pending the arrival of the City Manager and subject to his approval, and the proposition be put to a vote of the Commission, same was unanimously adopted, and T. L. Dunn was duly and legally declared appointed to the position of City Secretary as aforesaid.

The minutes of all former meeting of the Commission were read and approved with corrections as follows: The salary of City Marshal is hereby fixed at \$150.00 per month.

It appearing that there are considerable delinquent taxes due the city, it was moved by Commissioner Wood and seconded by Commissioner Edwards ^{that} the City Attorney be instructed to proceed with proper steps to enforce collection of such taxes, which question was put to a vote of the Commission and was unanimously adopted, and the City Attorney is hereby instructed to begin proceedings to enforce payment of all delinquent taxes of every nature.

The question of a settlement with R. P. Walker, City Tax Assessor and Collector, for assessing taxes for the year 1917, was discussed by the Commission, and it was moved by Edwards and Seconded by Woods that R. P. Walker be allowed 50% of the fees for assessing taxes for said year 1917, amounting to \$285.36, and G. A. Medford, Ex-City Assessor and Collector, the remainder, amounting to \$285.35, making a credit above what was allowed by Auditors report of \$117.46. This amount being charged to the said G. A. Medfords account. Also an additional credit of \$45.06 covering G. A. Medford's personal taxes for 1917, same amount being charged to Medford's account, leaving net balance due City of Lufkin by R. P. Walker \$206.61. The question being put to a vote of the Com-

mission, same was adopted by a unanimous vote.

Upon calling for reports of officers of the City, the following reported: The City Attorney reported that he had notified W. H. Willis to refrain from stopping drainage ditch near his house, also notified Mr. Mott not to close alley which he was attempting to close; that neither of said parties had made any response to his notice.

It having been made known to the Commission that the Traffic ordinance now a law of the City was, in some respects in conflict with the State laws governing same, the City Attorney is instructed to draft an amendment to the Traffic Ordinance of the city so that same will in all respects comply with State laws governing same.

It was moved by Edwards and seconded by Treadwell that the Secretary be instructed to write State Fire Marshall instructing him that reports required to be made from the City would be promptly made in the future. Same having been put to a vote of the Commission, same was adopted unanimously, and the Secretary was instructed to perform such duty.

The City Marshall asked for instructions relative to the enforcement of an ordinance relative to keeping hogs in enclosures as set forth in said ordinance. After discussing same by the Commission, it is ordered that said ordinance be enforced until same is revised or amended.

The April reports of W. L. Jones, Water Commissioner and J. T. Maroney, Corporate Judge were presented to the Commission, and after examination of same, it was moved by Parker and Seconded by Treadwell that said reports be accepted and approved. By a vote of the Commission the said reports were accepted and approved.

It was moved by Treadwell and seconded by Woods that the April report of Pound Master be looked into by the Secretary and report at next meeting. Unanimously adopted by a vote of the Commission.

The report of C. B. Edwards as a committee of one who was appointed to open up and install a set of books for the City was heard. He reports having bought one desk for the city, an adding machine and a typewriter and that books were bought, but had not yet arrived, but as soon as they did arrive he would proceed to install them.

G. A. Kelley, Mayor, reports having employed a City Manager in the person of Mr. L. Mitchell at a salary of \$2400.00 per annum for first year, subject to a raise in salary for the second year, amount to be

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mutually agreed upon. It was moved by Woods and seconded by Parker that the Mayors action in this matter be confirmed, which motion having been put to a vote of the Commission same was unanimously adopted.

The following accounts against the City were presented and properly proven:

W. L. Jones, Water Commissioner-	\$ 17.25
Lufkin Ice Company-	109.55
R.P. Walker, for assessing taxes, 1919-	430.76
Rankin Audit Co. Bal. Auditing Books	888.16
Burke Drug Co. Fees Advertising	3.63
The Western Union Tel. Co.	8.75
Houston Printing Co.	.95
Lufkin Foundry & Mach. Co.	199.08
Lufkin Elec. Light & Power Co.	97.50
Burroughs Adding Mach. Co.	294.00
Citizens Guar. State Bank. For Typewriter	102.50
	<u>\$2152.13.</u>

By move and second and vote of the Commission each of the above accounts were ordered paid, and Secretary ordered to issue warrants for same.

Bids having been called for to be appointed depository for the City funds, the following were received. Bid of Guaranty State Bank and Trust Co? $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ on daily balances. Bid of Lufkin National Bank 2% on daily balances. By move and second and vote of the Commission the Guaranty State Bank & Trust Co. was unanimously chosen as Depository for City Funds, said bank to pay $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ on daily balances.

The question of investing a portion of the Interest and Sinking Fund of the City in United States Government Bonds was discussed, and it was moved by Woods and Seconded by Treadwell that \$10,000.00 of the Interest and Sinking Fund of the City be invested in United States Victory Liberty Bonds, which question having been put to a vote of the Commission same was unanimously adopted and the investment so ordered made.

It appearing to the Commission that the services of P. A. McCarthy, City Engineer is not needed further, it is ordered that that office be and is hereby declared vacant, and the City Secretary is hereby ordered to notify the said P. A. McCarthy of the action of the Commission, and to further notify him, the said McCarthy, to forthwith deliver all papers, maps and files Etc. that is property of the City to the said City Secretary and to take his receipt therefor.

City Fire Marshall, Bayne Satterfield reports that Dr. B. F. Gibson is repairing, or attempting to repair, a building belonging the said Dr. B. F. Gibson, which said building is of such a character, that repair is

prohibited by an ordinance of the City of Lufkin, Texas, By move and seconded and vote of the City Commission, the City attorney is hereby ordered to notify the said Dr. B. F. Gibson to cease repairing said building and to refrain from so doing under penalty of law.

It is ordered by the Commission that the salaries of officers be and is hereby fixed as follows:

City Secretary at a salary of \$125.00 per month.
City Attorney at a salary of \$35.00 per month.
Corporation Judge at a salary of \$35.00 per month.
Water Commissionr Deferred.

The question of appointing a City Health Officer was discussed by the Commission, and it was moved by Parker and seconded by Woods that Dr. W. W. Dunn, be appointed City Health Officer for the City of Lufkin, Texas, and the said motion having been voted upon by the Commission, the said Dr. W. W. Dunn, was unanimously chosen to the position aforesaid.

By move and second and vote of the Commission this meeting is adjourned, and other regular business to be transacted at this regular meeting of the Commission is hereby continued until May 14th, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

May 14th, 1919, 8 O'clock P.M.

Pursuant to adjournment of this Commission on May 6th, 1919, same met at the City Hall on this the 14th day of May, 1919, at 8'oclock P.M., and the following business transacted.

Upon call of roll the following members of the Commission were present, to-wit: G. A. Kelley, Mayor, presiding, E. E. Woods, C. B. Edwards, and W. B. Treadwell, Commissioners. Commission S. R. Parker being Absent. T. L. Dunn, Secretary, C.E. Brazil, City Attorney and Non Binion, City Marshall being present.

The question of enforcing ~~what~~ is known as the dog Ordinance of the City was discussed by the Commission, and it was moved by Treadwell and seconded by Woods that said be enforced, beginning May 20th, 1919, which having been voted upon by the Commission same carried unanimously. The Secretary was instructed to have published in Newspaper a notice giving warning to parties interested setting forth therein the date said ordinance would be enforced.

A communication of date May 8th, 1919 from Mr. C. J. Moore, Texas Representative of the Brown-Grummer Company, asking that the Commission allow the cost of printing the warrants to be issued on behalf of the

City was read and discussed by the said Commission, and it was decided that such request be refused, and the Secretary instructed to write to C. J. Moore, and inform him of such refusal, as it was previously understood that such expense would not be borne by the City.

It was moved by Edwards and seconded by Woods that an account to be known as "Petty Cash Account" be opened on the books of the City, which account is for the purpose of paying small cash items on behalf of the City ~~which~~ for which no charge is made against the said City, and a warrant in the sum of \$100.00 was ordered issued, payable to T. L. Dunn, City Secretary, and he is hereby instructed to open up said "Petty Cash Account" and charge same with the sum of \$100.00, and he is further instructed to pay out of said sum such small cash accounts against the city as could not be charged against the said City, taking receipts from parties to whom such payment is made, and to present them at each meeting of the Commission for re-embursement to said account as aforesaid.

An Ordinance "Prohibiting the keeping within the City Limits of the City of Lufkin any animals of the Hog Species except where an acre of land or more can be provided for each head of hogs, and providing a penalty" was presented by the City Attorney, and it was moved by Edwards and seconded by Woods that same be adopted, which having been voted upon by the Commission same was unanimously adopted and finally passed, and declared to be an emergency.

An Ordinance Amending Sections 6, 13 and 22 of Ordinance No. 19, entitled: "An Ordinance to regulate traffic and the use and conduct of animals in and along the streets and ways of the City of Lufkin and establishing rules of the road; providing penalties" was presented by the City Attorney, and it was moved by Woods and seconded by Treadwell, that said Ordinance be adopted, which having been voted upon by the Commission same was unanimously adopted and finally passed and declared to be an emergency.

An Ordinance Amending Sec. 11, and Par. 4 of Sec. III, and adding thereto Par. 4a; and amending Sec. VII of "An Ordinance regulating the running of automobiles and motor vehicles, and requiring the owner of such machines to register his name and the number of his machine with the City Assessor and Collector of Taxes and providing a penalty", was presented by the City Attorney, and it was moved by Edwards and Seconded by Woods that said ordinance be adopted, which having been voted upon by the Commission, same was unanimously adopted and finally passed, and declared to be an emergency measure. Adjourned until next day, May 15th, 1919 at 3 o'clock P.M.