

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON THE 3RD DAY OF OCTOBER, 1978, AT 7:30 P. M.

On the 3rd day of October, 1978, 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
Pat Foley	Commissioner, Ward No. 2
Jack McMullen	Commissioner, Ward No. 3
E. C. Wareing	Commissioner, Ward No. 4
W. O. Ricks, Jr.	Commissioner at Large, Place A
Richard Thompson	Commissioner at Large, Place B
Harvey Westerholm	City Manager
Robert L. Flournoy	City Attorney
Roger G. Johnson	Asst. City Manager

being present, and

R. A. Brookshire	Commissioner, Ward No. 1
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being absent, constituting a quorum, when the following business was transacted:

1. Meeting opened with prayer by Rev. Bill Fowler, Pastor of First Church of the Nazarene, Lufkin, Texas.
2. Mayor Garrison welcomed visitors present.
3. Approval of Minutes

Comm. Pat Foley made motion that minutes of regular meeting of September 19, 1978, be approved. Motion was seconded by Comm. Richard Thompson and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

4. Mossfield Road Annexation-Ord. Approved 1st Reading

Mayor Garrison stated that hearing had been held at last regular meeting for annexation of property in the Mossfield Road area located between Southridge Subdivision and Loop 287 West.

There were no persons present appearing in opposition to annexation as requested. Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., inquired as to whether or not members of Commission desired to not include the J. F. Burris property inasmuch as he had received a phone call earlier from Mr. Burris requesting that his property not be included.

Mayor Garrison recognized Samuel D. Griffin, Chairman of the City Planning and Zoning Commission who was present. Mr. Griffin stated that this property had been recommended for annexation to only include the North half of the J. F. Burris property to follow an existing tract line in this area. Mr. Griffin also explained that members of the City Planning and Zoning Commission had not considered the South half of the Burris property or the R. W. Carnes property inasmuch as additional engineering work had not been completed for establishment of ROW on Gobbler Knob Road which was being reconstructed in this area.

Comm. Pat Foley then made motion that annexation of this property be approved in accordance with recommendation of the City Planning and Zoning Commission with the exception of the Burris property. Motion was seconded by Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr.

Prior to vote on motion, Comm. E. C. Wareing inquired as to whether or not a cul de sac street being considered for location in this area had been reviewed by property owners present. It was explained by Mr. Jimmy Griffith of Griffith Engineering that property owners in the Gobbler Knob Road area had proceeded with the ROW acquisition for this street and same would be engineered prior to final reading of this annexation.

A unanimous affirmative vote was then recorded to previous motion and second to annex this property on first reading of ordinance.

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5. Water Works Improvements-Selection of Griffith Engineers

Mayor Garrison made reference to a letter from City Manager Westerholm regarding engineering costs for water works improvements. Mayor Garrison then requested that City Manager Westerholm report regarding these water works improvements. City Manager Westerholm stated that he had negotiated with Griffith Engineers concerning a fee if members of Commission selected Griffith Engineers for the City's water works improvements project. City Manager Westerholm stated that the results of these negotiations were set forth in a letter from Mr. Jimmy Griffith which had been furnished members of Commission for consideration. City Manager Westerholm stated that the fee would be approximately 4.25 percent of the total project cost with the maximum fee being 5.1 percent. City Manager Westerholm stated that subsequent to this letter, another letter had been submitted by Griffith Engineers indicating a flat fee of \$93,000. City Manager Westerholm also made reference to various fee schedules for engineering consulting work of this type for members of Commission to review.

Mr. Jimmy Griffith who was present stated that the billing of these fees could be submitted on a monthly basis and members of Commission would receive an itemized account of work completed during these periods of billing. Mr. Griffith also explained many problems with intangibles in completing a project of this type at this particular stage.

Comm. Richard Thompson then made motion that Griffith Engineers be employed for this water works project on a per diem basis as indicated in first letter, with a maximum fee not to exceed \$102,000. Motion was seconded by Comm. Pat Foley and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

6. Development Plans Reviewed-New City Service Center

City Manager Westerholm reported that at a previous meeting members of Commission had requested that the City staff develop an overall plan for the new City Service Center to be located off Hill Street adjacent to the rodeo grounds in the Morris Frank Park area. City Manager Westerholm stated that drawings had been submitted for members of Commission to review to include the estimated cost for the development of the project, as outlined below:

Building	8750 S.F. @ \$13.50	\$118,125
Fuel Station	Per Job	20,000
Fencing	1760 L.F. @ \$7.50	13,200
4½" Hot Sand	15,130 S.Y. @ \$3.60	54,468
1½" Type "D"	15,130 S.Y. @ \$1.75	26,477
Curb & Gutter	1,100 L.F. @ \$4.50	4,950
Clearing	7 A.C. @ \$1,000	7,000
Earthwork	5,000 C.Y. @ \$1.00	5,000
Total Estimated Construction		\$249,220
Contingencies		25,000
Est.Engineering & Surveying		<u>23,000</u>
Total Estimated Other Cost		\$ 48,000
Total Estimated Project Cost		\$297,220

Comm. Pat Foley inquired as to the timing of this project. City Manager Westerholm stated that for the first year, he would propose this area be cleared with all dirt work being completed and possibly erection of fence around the area. City Manager Westerholm stated that he preferred the development of this project be made over a period of years with certain amounts of work being budgeted annually.

Comm. E. C. Wareing inquired as to the plans for protecting the beauty of this area along Hill Street. City Manager Westerholm stated that inasmuch as space was available at the rear of this property, it would be possible to move the entire project 30 or 40 feet off Hill Street and leave trees along Hill Street to protect the beauty of the area.

Mayor Garrison requested that members of Commission review plans submitted by City Manager Westerholm and discuss same at a later meeting. Members of Commission were in agreement with suggestion by Mayor Garrison and further consideration of same was deferred until a later meeting.

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7. Zone Change Approved 1st Reading-Edgar Casper, Jr., from RL to RM Dist.

Mayor Garrison stated that zone change application by Edgar Casper, Jr., from RL to RM District covering property fronting on West side of Casper Street, South of McMullen Street, East of North Raguet Street, had been recommended by the City Planning and Zoning Commission for approval.

There were no persons present appearing in opposition to zone change as requested. Comm. Jack McMullen made motion that zone change application by Edgar Casper, Jr., from RL to RM District be approved on first reading of ordinance. Motion was seconded by Comm. E. C. Wareing and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

8. Hearing Date Set-Annexation & Permanent Zoning-Wickes Lumber Company, Home Savings & Loan Association and Texas Power & Light Company

Mayor Garrison stated that the City Planning and Zoning Commission had recommended establishment of hearing date for annexation and permanent zoning of property owned by Wickes Lumber Company, Home Savings & Loan Association and Texas Power & Light Company located between U. S. Highway 59 South and Brentwood Drive. Mayor Garrison also stated that the zoning of this property had been recommended in accordance with adjacent zoning and request by property owners concerned.

There were no persons present appearing in opposition to establishment of this hearing date. Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., made motion to set hearing date for annexation and permanent zoning of this property at next regular meeting on October 17, 1978. Motion was seconded by Comm. Pat Foley and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

9. Ambulance Service-Adjustment in Charges Approved

City Manager Westerholm stated that charges for ambulance service had not been adjusted since 1966 and he was personally recommending only a very minor increase for services within the county to our local taxpayers. City Manager Westerholm stated that transfer costs out of the county did not allow the City to recover its costs and he was of the opinion same should be self-supporting.

City Manager Westerholm referred to recommendations from Fire Chief Billy Stephens which had been furnished members of Commission for review. City Manager Westerholm stated that of the two proposals recommended by Chief Stephens, he would personally recommend Proposal No. 2. City Manager Westerholm stated that the City had approximately a 65 to 70 percent collection rate at the present time.

Mayor Garrison stated that it appeared many ambulance runs were being made through convenience instead of necessity. Information was reviewed by members of Commission and Mayor Garrison expressed his opinion that the ambulance service was providing citizens a good service and a rate increase from \$30 to \$35 would not be unreasonable. The following rates and charges were reviewed:

Inside City Limits	\$35.00
Outside City Limits	\$40.00
Outside County	\$40.00 + \$1.00 Per Mile, 1-way from Lufkin

Long Distance Transfers to Houston:	\$160.00
Galveston:	\$212.00
Beaumont:	\$150.00
Dallas:	\$230.00
Nacogdoches:	\$61.00
Apple Springs:	\$58.00
San Augustine:	\$85.00
Jasper:	\$99.00

Increase in base rate, \$5.00, would generate \$13,000 in new revenues with 100% collection. Increase in mileage, 50¢ per mile, would generate \$35,000 with 100% collection.

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Comm. Pat Foley made motion that Proposal No. 2 be adopted as recommended by Fire Chief Stephens which would provide inside City Limit rate of \$35.00, Outside City Limit of \$40.00, and outside County \$40.00 plus \$1.00 per mile one way from Lufkin, with these rates to become effective October 15, 1978, and that all inter-city transfer charges be adopted as recommended under Proposal No. 2. Motion was seconded by Comm. Richard Thompson and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

It was decided by members of Commission not to presently establish increases for incidental charges of oxygen and waiting time.

10. Lufkin Adult Learning Center-Time Extension Provided for Use of Recreation & Parks Building

City Manager Westerholm made reference to a letter received from the Lufkin Adult Learning Center to use the upstairs portion of the downtown Recreation & Parks Building to accomodate this program under the present contract with the City of Lufkin for the year 1978-79 effective October 1, 1978, with the same agreement as previously approved.

There were no further comments by members of Commission. Comm. Jack McMullen made motion to extend this facility to the Lufkin Adult Learning Center for the 1978-79 fiscal year beginning October 1 as requested. Motion was seconded by Comm. Pat Foley and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

11. Bids Awarded-Petroleum Products & One Half-Ton Pickup

City Manager Westerholm reported that bids had been tabulated for petroleum products for the new fiscal year and also for one half-ton pickup to replace one truck in the City Sanitation Department. The following bids were received for purchase of petroleum products for the new fiscal year:

<u>Company</u>	<u>No-Lead Gas</u>	<u>Prem.Gas/#2</u>	<u>Diesel Fuel</u>	<u>Auto.Engine Oil</u>	<u>Hydraulic Oil</u>
Gulf Oil	\$.5120/Gal.	\$.5320/Gal.	\$.4130/Gal.	\$1.74/Gal.	\$1.41/Gal.
Polk Oil	\$.5125/Gal.	\$.5200/Gal.	\$.3950/Gal.	\$1.80/Gal.	\$1.33/Gal.
Hughes Oil	\$.535/Gal.	\$.548/Gal.	\$.410/Gal.	\$1.75/Gal.	\$1.48/Gal.
Polk(Pres)	\$.53/Gal.	\$.54/Gal.	\$.3950/Gal.	\$1.80/Gal.	\$1.33/Gal.

Following review of above listed bids for petroleum products, City Manager Westerholm stated that he would recommend low bid submitted by Polk Oil Company. City Manager Westerholm stated that bids had not been recently considered for petroleum products due to price controls and this was the first year the City was provided the opportunity to again consider the bidding process. City Manager Westerholm reminded members of Commission that the prices quoted were only good until price adjustments up or down were made, and that the bidding process only determined what source of supply the City would use.

Comm. Richard Thompson made motion that low bid submitted by Polk Oil Company for all of above stated products be approved. Motion was seconded by Comm. Jack McMullen and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

City Manager Westerholm stated that inasmuch as City staff had been unsuccessful in obtaining enough bids for the purchase of a one-half ton pickup truck, same had been advertised county wide in an effort to obtain more bids. The following bids were reviewed:

<u>Name of Company</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Angelina Chevrolet-Cadillac Co.	\$5,273.39
Greater Lufkin Ford Sales	\$5,264.00
Clifton-Duke Chevrolet, Corrigan	\$5,094.00
Bailey's Chevrolet Station, Wells	\$5,437.00

City Manager Westerholm stated that low bid submitted was from Clifton-Duke Chevrolet Company in Corrigan, Texas, and the next lowest bidder was Greater Lufkin Ford Sales.

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Members of Commission reviewed above stated bids and Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., made motion that Greater Lufkin Ford be awarded next lowest bid inasmuch as the difference was very little and Greater Lufkin Ford was a taxpayer. Motion was seconded by Comm. Pat Foley and the following vote was recorded:

Voting Aye: Mayor Garrison, Comms. Pat Foley, Jack McMullen and W. O. Ricks, Jr.

Voting Nay: Comms. E. C. Wareing and Richard Thompson

Mayor Garrison declared motion approved by majority vote of four to two.

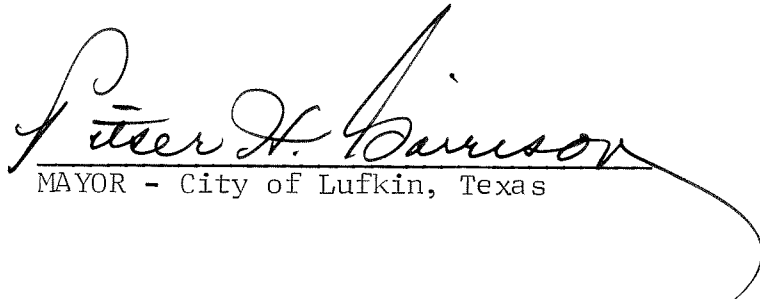
Comms. E. C. Wareing and Richard Thompson expressed their negative votes to this motion based on their personal opinion that the lowest bidder should be awarded bids inasmuch as same were solicited outside the county.

12. City Planning & Zoning Commission-Replacements Disc.

Comm. Richard Thompson inquired of City Manager Westerholm as to plans for replacing members of City Planning and Zoning Commission. Mayor Garrison stated that members of Commission should select names of individuals and report same at next regular meeting, at which time members of Commission could personally select individuals to fill these vacancies.


13. Adjournment

There being no further business for consideration, meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.


MAYOR - City of Lufkin, Texas

ATTEST:




Assistant City Manager