

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON THE 7TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1989 AT 5:00 P.M.

On the 7th day of February, 1989, the City Commission of the City of Lufkin, Texas, convened in regular meeting in the Council Chambers of City Hall with the following members thereof, to wit:

Louis A. Bronaugh	Mayor
Don Boyd	Commissioner, Ward No. 2
Bob Bowman	Commissioner, Ward No. 4
Jack Gorden	Commissioner, Ward No. 5
Paul Mayberry	Commissioner, Ward No. 6
Harvey Westerholm	City Manager
Brian Boudreaux	Assistant City Manager
Ron Wesch	Public Works Director
Bob Flournoy	City Attorney
Atha Stokes	City Secretary

being present, and

Percy Simond	Commissioner, Ward 1
Danny Roper	Commissioner, Ward 3

being absent when the following business was transacted.

1. Meeting opened with prayer by Rev. Charles McIlveene, Minister, First Baptist Church.

2. Mayor Bronaugh welcomed visitors present.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of regular meeting of January 17, 1989, special meeting of January 24th, and workshop minutes of January 27th meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Don Boyd and seconded by Commissioner Bob Bowman. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

4. RECOGNITION OF GIRL SCOUT TROOP #9108 - RESCHEDULED

Mayor Bronaugh stated that members of Girl Scout Troop #9108 would be unable to attend tonight's meeting due to the weather conditions and had requested to be rescheduled for the February 21st meeting.

5. PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDED BUDGET - FISCAL YEAR 1988-'89

Mayor Bronaugh opened Public Hearing to consider an amended budget for fiscal year 1988-'89.

Notice of the Public Hearing and the proposed amended budget were advertised in the local newspaper.

Walter Borgfield, member of the Board of Directors for Kurth Memorial Library, expressed appreciation to the City Commission for the City's support of the library.

Jimmy Griffith expressed admiration to the City staff and City Commission for their work on the amended budget. Mr. Griffith stated, however, that he was concerned about specific cuts to areas that contribute very heavily to the education of the youth of Lufkin and it's environs. Mr. Griffith suggested that these items be placed back in the budget if funds become available later in the year. Mr. Griffith stated that he would personally contribute \$100 to the library, zoo and fireworks display and would encourage other citizens to do the same.

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the Jaycees will fund the fireworks display as a project for this year's club activities.

Mayor Bronaugh closed Public Hearing.

6. BUDGET AMENDMENT - APPROVED - FISCAL YEAR 1988-'89

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the Commission would now consider the budget amendment for the Fiscal Year 1988-'89.

City Manager Westerholm stated that adjustments totalling \$266,858 had been made to the budget, leaving an additional contingency of \$3,238.44.

Motion was made by Commissioner Paul Mayberry and seconded by Commissioner Bob Bowman approving the amended budget for fiscal year 1988-'89. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

7. ORDINANCE - APPROVED - FIRST READING - ZONE CHANGE REQUEST - MURRY BROWN/BOBBY BASHAM - HUBBARD STREET BETWEEN PAUL AND CURRY - RESIDENTIAL LARGE TO RESIDENTIAL SMALL

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was First Reading of zone change request by Murry Brown and Bobby Basham covering property located on Hubbard Street between Paul and Curry from Residential Large to Residential Small.

Mr. Brown stated that he and Mr. Basham planned to sell this property to a developer who will build small three-bedroom brick homes on the lots. Mr. Brown stated that these homes will be an improvement to the neighborhood.

There was no opposition present.

Motion was made by Commissioner Don Boyd and seconded by Commissioner Jack Gorden that Ordinance be approved on First Reading as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

8. ORDINANCE - APPROVED - FIRST READING - ZONE CHANGE REQUEST - TEXAS 59 SOUTH DEVELOPMENT - 4306 SOUTH FIRST - COMMERCIAL TO COMMERCIAL, SPECIAL USE (PRIVATE CLUB)

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was First Reading of an Ordinance for zone change for Texas 59 South Development covering property located at 4306 South First from Commercial to Commercial, Special Use (Private Club).

Joe Standley, manager of Best Western Inn, stated that he was requesting the Private Club Permit so that patrons of the restaurant would be able to have an alcoholic drink with their dinner. Mr. Standley stated that there are no plans at the present time to open a club in the restaurant.

Commissioner Bob Bowman stated that he would like to recuse himself because he had been retained by the restaurant for advertising work.

There was no opposition present.

Motion was made by Commissioner Don Boyd and seconded by Commissioner Jack Gorden that Ordinance be approved on First Reading as presented. Motion carried with six affirmative votes.

9. PURCHASES - APPROVED - POLICE DEPARTMENT - SPECIAL GUN SALE PROCEEDS

City Manager Westerholm stated that Police Chief Sherman Collins had submitted a list of items to be purchased for the Police Department and funded from the special gun sale proceeds.

Commissioner Paul Mayberry suggested that the Chief purchase only those items that were necessary at this time, retaining the balance of funds for other more vital equipment as it is needed. Chief Collins

stated that the two most important items to the Department at this time were the surveillance equipment and a replacement chair for the dispatcher.

Motion was made by Commissioner Paul Mayberry and seconded by Commissioner Don Boyd authorizing purchase of items as needed out of money received from the sale of seized weapons. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

10. SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD - TABLED - RAIL AND CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS

Mayor Bronaugh stated that Mr. Larry Mahon, District Engineer for the Houston Office of Southern Pacific Railroad, had telephoned to say that he would be unable to attend tonight's meeting due to the weather conditions.

Mayor Bronaugh stated that this item will be rescheduled for the February 21st meeting.

11. BY-LAW AMENDMENTS - APPROVED - PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was changes to the Planning & Zoning Commission By-laws as recommended by the Chairman and members.

City Manager Westerholm stated that in accordance with the Ordinance, all changes to the By-laws must be approved by the City Commission. City Manager Westerholm stated that the major change had to do with Article V, Section A; 3E, which called for Commissioners to remove themselves totally from contact with applicants on planning and zoning matters except on very general terms.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jack Gorden and seconded by Commissioner Bob Bowman to approve all changes to the Planning & Zoning Commission By-laws as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

12. REPLACEMENT OF PERSONNEL - APPROVED - CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was authorization for replacement of secretary in the City Secretary's office.

City Manager Westerholm stated that the secretary in the City Secretary's office had resigned, and at the present time no one was filling that position. City Manager Westerholm stated that it was suggested at the Budget Workshop meeting that future vacancies in personnel be subject to City Commission approval.

Commissioner Paul Mayberry suggested a realignment of personnel within City Hall rather than advertising for the position. City Manager Westerholm stated that he would start immediately to follow through on this suggestion, and if no one was available in City Hall he would be in contact with each of the Commissioners.

13. BID - APPROVED - PIPE & MATERIAL - FULLER SPRINGS - GOLDEN TRIANGLE PIPE

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was bids for pipe and material to be used in the Fuller Springs project.

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the low bid in the amount of \$40,546.75 had been received from Golden Triangle Pipe.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bob Bowman and seconded by Commissioner Paul Mayberry that bid of Golden Triangle Pipe in the amount of \$40,576.75 be accepted as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Bronaugh recessed formal open meeting at 5:42 p.m. to enter into Executive Session. Mayor Bronaugh reconvened meeting of the City Commission at 5:45 p.m. and stated that appointment to the Plumbing Appeals & Advisory Board had been discussed.

15. APPOINTMENT - APPROVED - PLUMBING APPEALS & ADVISORY BOARD

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was appointment to the Plumbing Appeals & Advisory Board.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bob Bowman and seconded by Commissioner Don Boyd that Joseph Oliver be appointed to the Plumbing Appeals & Advisory Board for a four-year term. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

16. COMMENTS

In response to question by Commissioner Don Boyd, Public Works Director Ron Wesch stated that the North Lufkin waterline project is 25% complete at this time and that he anticipated completion of the project in 30-40 days.

Commissioner Bob Bowman suggested that Mayor Bronaugh write a letter of appreciation to City employees who worked through the ice storm.

City Attorney Bob Flournoy stated that he had been working with Asst. City Manager Brian Boudreaux and City Planner Nick Finan on the Tax Abatement Program and had reached a point where he needed input from the City Commission. Mr. Flournoy suggested that this item be discussed at a future workshop meeting.

City Manager Harvey Westerholm stated that TML Region 16 would be presenting a workshop on economic development Thursday afternoon in Beaumont.

17. There being no further business for consideration, meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.


Louis A. Bronaugh, Mayor

ATTEST:


Atha Stokes, City Secretary