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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COMMISSION HELD MAY 7th,  
A. D. 1929.

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Be it remembered that on this the 7th day of May A. D. 1929, there was begun and holden a regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Lufkin, Texas, at the Municipal Office there-of in said City: Present and presiding the following officers of the City, to-wit:- Joe C. Denman, Mayor, C. E. Brazil, Commissioner of Ward No. 1, C. A. Burke, Commissioner of Ward No. 2, R. C. Jordan, Commissioner of Ward No. 3, and W. A. Abney, Commissioner of Ward No. 4, V. R. Smitham, City Manager, W. O. Seale, City Attorney and T. L. Dunn, City Secretary, when the following proceedings were had, to-wit:-

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Minutes of former meetings of the City Commission read, and on motion duly made and carried were approved as read.

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There came up for discussion and consideration the question relative to the purchase of a tract of land from the Lufkin Independent Schoold District for Park purposes. It was pointed out in the discussion that at a previous date an order was entered by a unanimous vote of the City Commission to purchase said tract of land, and the price to be paid was agreed upon, but that when the deed of transfer was drawn up conveying said land to the City, certain paragraphs were incorporated therein that were objectionable to the City Commission, especially that paragraph that reserved to the Lufkin Independent School District the right to control relative to maintenance of said tract of land for park purposes only, and denying the city any rites in court concerning the matter of whether or not same was being maintained for park purposes. On motion made by C.E.Brazil and seconded by C.A.Burke that the trade heretofore agreed upon be carried out with the understanding that the objectionable paragraph above mentioned be stricken from the deed of conveyance. The motion carried by the following vote: AYES- Joe C. Denman, C.E.Brazil, C.A. Burke and W.A. Abney. NOES- R.C.Jordan.

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The matter of accepting the new FIRE STATION and settling with the contractor for same came up for consideration. The City Manager reported that with the exception of the construction of the Ground Floor and a few minor things connected with the building he would recommend acceptance of same. The Contractor was present and stated

that a few minor things were to be done to complete the contract, but took issue with the City Manager on the proposition of the Ground floor work, he contending that same be accepted. After much discussion of the question it was moved by C. A. Burke and seconded by W. A. Abney that the said work be accepted and settlement be made on the bases of deducting from the contract price the cost of the steel going into the ground floor, and on condition that the different minor things be done to complete the job according to contract to the full satisfaction of the City Manager and that an amount be withheld from the contract price to cover such minor things until same was completed. The motion carried unanimously.

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The matter of paving Burke Avenue from its intersection with the West line of S. Angelina Avenue across the tracks of the Southern Pacific Railroad or (T & N O Ry) to connect with the paving on South Bonner Street at its intersection with Kiln Avenue, came up for consideration. It was pointed out by the City Manager that no funds were available for such paving, but suggested that money could be borrowed to do such work. R. C. Jordan made a motion which was seconded by C. A. Burke that such connection be paved and that funds be borrowed to have same done. The motion carried unanimously.

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County Judge B. Ralston appeared and asked co-operation by the City with the County in the bearing of the necessary expense for the installation of a clock on the dome of the Courthouse. It was suggested that before any action was taken on the matter that prices be obtained for such clock installation, after which same would be again taken under consideration.

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The matter of straightening out and paving N. Raguet Street from its intersection with Weiner Street to intersect with the present Highway at a convenient point North of the T. S. E. Railway tract was brought up for discussion and consideration, after which it was moved by R. C. Jordan and seconded by W. A. Abney that said street be straightened as aforesaid and that same be paved, using borrowed money for the purpose. The motion carried unanimously.

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It appeared that a water line was needed in the neighborhood of the Miller-Hoskins Addition on what is known as the Red's Ferry or Sullivan's Ferry road and the City Manager recommended the installation of a two inch line. W. A. Abney made a motion which was seconded by C. E. Brazil that such two inch galvanized water line be installed as aforesaid. The motion carried unanimously.

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The report of the Annual Audit of the City books as made and prepared by Jas P. Coulter & Co was presented for approval and acceptance. Same having been examined it was found to be satisfactory and on motion made by W. A. Abney and seconded by C.A. Burke same was accepted.

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A note heretofore executed by Boss (W.E.) Goodwin and endorsed by W. A. Abney, K Hoskins and R.J. Shearer and payable to the City of Lufkin for cost of placing on Abney Avenue Iron ore or gravel adjacent to property formerly owned by the said W.E. Goodwin, came up for consideration as to whether same should be collected or cancelled. After discussing the matter it was moved by C.A. Burke and seconded by R. C. Jordan that same be in all things cancelled. The motion carried unanimously.

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All accounts and bills due by the City to various parties, firms and corporations were presented for payment and it appearing that such of said bills as had been properly approved by the City Manager for payment should be paid, on motion duly made and carried, same were allowed.

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There being no further business to come before the meeting, on motion duly made and carried same adjourned.

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The above and foregoing minutes read and approved on this the 4th day of June. A. D. 1929.

Joe C. Denman  
Mayor, City of Lufkin, Texas.

Attest:-

J. L. Lunn  
City Secretary