MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COMMISSION HELD IN COUNCIL ROOM AT CITY HALL ON THE 15th DAY OF MARCH, 1966, AT 7:30 P.M.

On the 15th day of March, 1966, the City Commission of the City of Lufkin, Texas, convened in regular meeting in the regular meeting place of said City, with the following members thereof, to-wit:

Jim Waters	Mayor
William F. Prince	Commissioner, Ward No. 1
Dayle V. Smith	Commissioner, Ward No. 2
Byron McNeil	Commissioner, Ward No. 3
H. E. Rowin	Commissioner, Ward No. 4
Reagan Parker	City Manager
Lynn Durham	City Secretary
David Walker	City Attorney

being present, constituting a quorum, when the following business was transacted:

1. Meeting opened with prayer by Rev. Henry Keahey, Baptist Minister, Lufkin, Texas.

2. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved as written.

3. Mr. Bob Burchard, representative of Bernard Johnson Engineers, Inc., Houston, Texas, appeared before the City Commission and gave a detailed outline of work to be done in preparation of a plan to place the Sewer Treatment Plant in accordance with recommendations made by the State Health Department. Mr. Burchard and his Company had been previously invited by the City Commission to appear and discuss such plan. Mr. Burchard presented chart outlining scope of work proposed in preparing the plan and the information that would have to be developed before any definite action could be taken by the City Commission.

   Commissioner Dayle V. Smith was concerned with cost that would be incurred due to the necessity of voting a new Bond Issue by the Citizens of Lufkin and that the City of Lufkin would be unable to sell such bonds even if they were voted for some time to come.

   Mr. Burchard advised the City Commission that detailed information would be included in the report as well as recommended methods of financing.

   Mayor and City Manager recommended that Bernard Johnson Engineers, Inc., be instructed to proceed with this plan since the Sewer Treatment Plant should be brought up to standards recommended by the State Department of Health.

   Commissioner William F. Prince made motion that Bernard Johnson Engineers be authorized to prepare application form to the Community Facilities Division, Department of Housing and Urban Community Development Administration for loan to make study of our Sewer Treatment Plant, but before submitting same to the above Agency, that it be submitted to the City Commission for further study and approval. Commissioner Byron McNeil seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

4. Mr. Burchard stated a Resolution had been prepared by his firm for City Commission approval covering the above work as well as a letter that had been written to the State Health Department advising them of action that was being taken.

   It was the decision of the City Commission that action be withheld on these two items until next meeting.

5. City Attorney read Ordinance for first reading changing zone from R-1 District to R-1 District and Special Use by Texas Forestry Association covering 2.315 acres situated at the intersection of State Highway 103 (Atkinson Drive) and Oleta Street, being on the north side of Atkinson Drive.

City Secretary stated that this application for zone change was considered by the City Planning and Zoning Commission in regular meeting held on February 24, 1966, and it was the unanimous recommendation of this body that City Commission approve the zone change. Mayor inquired if anyone present to object to change and there were none.

Commissioner Byron McNeil made motion that Ordinance be passed on first reading, seconded by Commissioner William F. Prince and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

6. City Attorney read Ordinance for first reading changing zone from R-1 District to NR District by J. T. Odom covering property located on north side of Old Union Road (Pershing Street) across from Magnolia Service Station.

City Secretary stated this zone change application was also considered by the City Planning and Zoning Commission in regular meeting held on February 24, 1966, and it was their unanimous recommendation that this zone change be approved by the City Commission. Mayor inquired if anyone present to object to this zone change and there were none.

Commissioner Byron McNeil made motion that Ordinance be passed on first reading, motion seconded by Commissioner H. E. Rowin and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

7. City Manager stated that at last meeting he was requested to make recommendation on request of Solomon Riley for damages claimed to his water and gas lines on his property on Lake Alley and City Manager stated that since City has an injunction against Solomon Riley in connection with this case he had no recommendation to make.

Commissioner Dayle V. Smith made motion that City deny any claim Solomon Riley might have. Motion was seconded by Commissioner H. E. Rowin and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

8. City Manager read letter from A. W. Cockrell, Jr., State Highway Department, advising that City's portion of cost for widening Denman Avenue from Timberland Drive to South Third Street was estimated to be $16,500.00. City Manager stated that City Commission had already authorized the City to participate in this cost but was bringing it to their attention for information only. He further stated this cost included curb and gutter and storm sewer.

9. City Manager read letter signed by several property owners on West side of Ward Street to Mayor requesting that same be closed and property deeded to them. The City Engineer, who was present, recommended that this request be granted.

City Attorney stated it was the customary practice that cost of preparation of such deeds be handled by property owners.

Commissioner H. E. Rowin made motion that Mayor be authorized to sign quit-claim deed to this property to those who request same. Commissioner William F. Prince seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

10. City Manager advised that Mr. R. B. Thompson, Developer, was about ready to begin paving of streets in Carmel Addition on Atkinson Drive and the City's portion of the cost is estimated to be from $3,000.00 to $4,000.00. City Manager stated that funds allocated in the budget for such paving had already been depleted and provisions would have to be made if this paving was carried out. He also stated that Englewood Terrace Subdivision paving was 99% complete and that it was now estimated the total cost would be approximately $183,000.00, and was estimated that the City's portion of balance to be paid was approximately $11,000.00. City Manager recommended that consideration be given to paying for such paving out of bond money for Street Improvement recently voted and requested a legal opinion thereon.

City Attorney suggested that consideration be given to paying for paving of Shepherd Street out of this bond money since this expense was born entirely by the City and was not a participation program.

City Manager stated that $5,894.83 had already been paid out of the General Fund covering Shepherd Street paving and that we now owe approximately $7,000.00 to complete the cost of this paving.

Commissioner H. E. Rowin made motion that General Fund be reimbursed for the amount previously paid for paving on Shepherd Street, $5,894.83, from bond money and that the approximate balance of $7,000.00 be paid out of bond money. Motion was seconded by Commissioner William F. Prince and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

11. Open items were gone over and status developed.

a. It was the decision of City Commission to delete the item regarding warning signal lights at railroad crossing on Hwy. 94.

b. Commissioner Dayle V. Smith made motion that the City refuse request of Mr. R. H. Duncan, Developer, to annex certain portions of his property at this time since it the recommendation of the City Planning and Zoning Commission that such action be taken by the City Commission due to not being economically feasible to do so. Commissioner William F. Prince seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

12. Invoices for the month were discussed and Commissioner H. E. Rowin made motion that same be authorized for payment. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Byron McNeil and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

13. Benton Musslewhite, Attorney, representing the City Firemen along with approximately ten of these Firemen were present and requested the following consideration:

(1) That the City Commission recognize elected spoksmen of International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 1356, as official representatives of the Firemen for the purpose of discussing grieviences with City Manager, and (2) that the City Commission review the vacation policy for City Employees with respect to Firemen. Mr. Musslewhite stated that the City Commission had recently passed a motion that employees after ten years continuous service would be allowed one additional day to their vacation for each year over ten years worked, up to a maximum of three weeks.

City Manager stated he had worked on this vacation problem and the only way he could figure in order to equalize vacation time for Firemen with other City Employees would be on a percentage basis. On this percentage basis the Firemen would get three additional working days after 15 years service. The Firemen desired five additional working days because of their longer and unusual working hours.

It was the Mayor's suggestion and concurred in by the City Commission members that the above request be given further study.

14. City Manager very forcefully called to the City Commission's attention the economic conditions of the City and stated that serious consideration should be given to financing of future requirements and needs due to growth of the City. The present water and sewer rates, as well as tax structures was not producing income in sufficient proportions to take care of such needs.

15. City Attorney presented each City Commission member with a copy of revised ordinance covering Liquified Petroleum Gas and requested that action be taken on this ordinance at next meeting.

16. City Attorney read ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1164, whereby the Southern Standard Building Code for the City of Lufkin was adopted with certain amendments, changes and deletions, for the purpose of up-dating ordinance. This amended ordinance provides for the inclusion of all amendments and changes which have been adopted by the Southern Standard Building Inspectors Congress and that the same may be amended thereafter.

    City Attorney recommended passage of this Ordinance in line with request of Building Inspector. Commissioner Byron McNeil made motion that Ordinance be passed on first reading, seconded by Commissioner H. E. Rowin and a unanimous affirmative vote recorded.

17. There being no further business for consideration, meeting was adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Jim Waters

Mayor - City of Lufkin, Texas

ATTEST:

Lynn Graham

City Secretary - City of Lufkin, Texas