MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD 21st DAY OF APRIL, A. D. 1959, at 7:30 P. M.

On this the 21st day of April, A. D., 1959, the City Commission of the City of Lufkin, Texas, convened in regular session, in the regular meeting place in said City, with the following members thereof, towit:

Jim Waters, Mayor

E. Kurl Shirey, Commissioner, Ward No. 1

W. C. Royle, Commissioner, Ward No. 2

Bayo Hopper, Commissioner, Ward No. 3

H. E. Rowin, Commissioner, Ward No. 4

Harold Schmitzer, City Manager

Lynn Durham, City Secretary

Dan Brazil, City Attorney

being present, and the following absent: None, constituting a quorum when the following business was transacted:

1. Meeting opened with Prayer by Mayor Jim Waters.

2. Minutes of previous Meeting were read and approved.

3. Mayor Jim Waters welcomed Mrs. Vernon O. Darby, High School Teacher, and her Civic Class who visited with the Commission to observe proceedings. Mrs. Darby introduced the individual members of her class and stated it was a great pleasure to have the opportunity to visit with the City Commission and especially while it was officially in action.

4. Mayor Jim Waters called attention to fact that second and final reading of ordinance amending Lufkin Building Code as to moisture content of lumber and the effective date thereof was up for consideration at this meeting. Messrs. Falcor Perry, Earl Handley and Attorney Charles Ruth were present and protested against final passage of this ordinance, giving their particular reasons for it. Mr. Millard Zeagler spoke in favor of final passage of the Ordinance. Mayor Jim Waters stated he was glad to have the opinions voiced for and against the ordinance but felt that since he and Commissioners Bayo Hopper and E. Kurl Shirey had not had proper time to study the Ordinance, action should be postponed until some future meeting. Commissioner E. Kurl Shirey made motion to this effect, which was seconded by Commissioner Bayo Hopper with a unanimous ensuing vote.

5. After some discussion Commissioner H. E. Rowin moved that second and final reading be given to Ordinance covering zone change of Lot 6, Block 2, Parkview Second Addition from "A" to "F" District, this being original application of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Haygood. Commissioner W. C. Royle seconded motion and vote was unanimous.

6. City Attorney, Dan Brazil, read in its entirety proposed Ordinance authorizing City Commission to create a City Planning Commission. Commissioner W.C. Royle moved that Ordinance be passed on first reading. Commissioner Bayo Hopper seconded motion and ensuing vote was unanimous.

7. Mayor Jim Waters advised the Commission that one of its members should be appointed Mayor Pro Tem in order to perform in absence of the Mayor. Commissioner Bayo Hopper made motion that Commissioner W.C. Royle be appointed Mayor Pro Tem, since he was senior member of the Commission. Commissioner E. Kurl Shirey seconded the motion and unanimous vote was given.

8. Mayor Jim Waters read letter from Honorable Jimmie P. Cokinos, Mayor of Beaumont, calling attention to meeting of Golden Pine and Oil Regional Meeting of Texas Municipal League, Region 16, to be held at Jasper Country Club in Jasper, Texas, on the evening of April 23, beginning at 6:00 P.M. Mayor Jim Waters asked all eligible officials to attend who possibly could, since municipal problems of mutual interest would be discussed.

9. City Manager requested Commission approval to advertise for bids on a 75' aerial fire truck, a 750 gallon per minute pumper and a two-ton cab and chasis upon which a booster truck would be built locally. City Manager further stated these units were included in the $110,000.00 Fire Station Bonds recently voted and which have been sold and the money delivered to City. Commissioner W.C. Royle made motion that City Manager be authorized to advertise for bids on this equipment. Commissioner H.E. Rowin seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

10. City Manager requested approval of Commission to proceed with construction of new fire station and drill tower in accordance with plans submitted to Commission, and stated these projects would be constructed under supervision of City Building Inspector, A.K. Anderson, which would give the City a considerable saving over having to contract the entire job. Commissioner W.C. Royle stated it was his understanding, and concurred in by City Manager, that no tax increase would be necessary to finance the bonds which have been sold for this construction, and made motion that City Manager be granted approval to proceed with plans. Commissioner Bayo Hopper seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

11. City Manager read letter from Mr. G.W. Kelley, General Manager of Southern Pacific Railroad of Houston, which was in reply to recent letter, he, City Manager, had written to Mr. D. R. Kirk, Superintendent, regarding traffic,conditions in Lufkin caused by their long trains, switching, etc. and their inability or slowness in trying to work with the City in relieving such conditions. Mr. Kelley stated in his letter that this situation was being given careful study by their proper officials, and was very sorry for any ill will that has arisen in Lufkin over this problem. He further stated would be able to discuss these problems at an early date with City Officials.

12. City Manager read letter from Mr. R.E.L. Johnson of Freese, Nichols, Turner & Collie, requesting Commission's authority to proceed with plans of Sewer Improvement Program to cover Phase 1, 2 and 4. Commissioner W.C. Royle made motion that Manager write letter to Mr. R.E.L. Johnson authorizing them to proceed on Phase 1, 2 and 4 as requested. Commissioner H.E. Rowin seconded motion and same voted unanimously.

13. City Manager submitted the names of Messrs. H.T, Bowers, Walter Still and Jeff Butler for consideration by Commission for appointment as members of City Tax Equalization Board. Said our Tax Assessor-Collector had discussed the matter with these men and with Mayor Waters and they were willing to serve. City Manager stated these men were also acting as equalization board for Lufkin Independent

School District. Mayor Jim Waters felt they could and would do a good Job for the City. Commissioner W.C. Royle made motion that these three gentlemen be appointed. Commissioner E. Kurl Shirey seconded the motion and a unanimous vote was given.

14. City Manager read letter from David Curry, Secretary-Treasurer of Lufkin Tennis Club, thanking the City for the fine work that had been done to the Tennis Courts in Chambers Park, and stating that these much needed improvements would be of great value to the large number of people who will use these courts and would be a credit to Lufkin, due to fact tournaments would be held here in years to come.

15. City Manager called Commission's attention to fact that sign directing traffic to "Downtown Lufkin", which was installed during early part of 1958 at Chestnut and Timberland, was removed recently when Highway Department made improvements at this street intersection; and desired to know if Commission wanted sign put back. After some discussion it was the feeling that sign should be reinstalled and Commissioner W. C. Royle so moved. Commissioner H.E. Rowin seconded motion and vote was unanimous.

16. Dan Brazil, City Attorney, advised that he had received three applications for zone changes for publication for hearing in meeting of May 19th. Stated each application had been approved by Zoning Board and $25.00 check accompanied each application. These applications are as follows:

    John Winston, Jr. requests zone change from "A" to "F" District Lots 8 and 9, Block 3, of J.C. Smith Addition.

    Lufkin Foundry and Machine Company requests zone change from "B" to "F" District, Lot 6 and SW 1/2 of Lot 5, Block 82 of Original Townsite of Lufkin.

    Mrs. Mattie English and Mrs. Mary Ayres request zone change from "B" to "F" District, Lots 5 and 6, Block 2 of Denman Addition.

    Commissioner H.E. Rowin moved that applications be ordered published for hearing on May 19th. Commissioner Bayo Hopper seconded motion. Vote was unanimous.

17. Open Items were gone over. The item requesting Sullivan Packing Company to vacate property belonging to the City was discussed. City Manager wanted to know if Commission desired to press our claim. Commission instructed Manager to take necessary action through our City Attorney to get matter cleared up.

18. City Manager's Progress Report for month of March was gone over.

19. Commissioner W.C. Royle moved that invoices for month of March be ordered paid. Commissioner H.E. Rowin seconded motion and vote was unanimous.

20. There being no further business for consideration, the meeting adjourned.

Jim Waters
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Lynn Durham
CITY SECRETARY