

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON 1st DAY OF MAY, 1962, AT 7:30 P.M.

On the 1st day of May, 1962, 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
Victor V. Bruce	Commissioner, Ward No. 1
Beamon S. Cook	Commissioner, Ward No. 2
S. Harry Kerr	Commissioner, Ward No. 3
A. G. Welch	Commissioner, Ward No. 4
Granville Wright	Acting City Manager
Lynn Durham	City Secretary
William Drew Perkins	City Attorney

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

1. Meeting called to order with prayer by Paul Green, Minister of Education of First Baptist Church, Lufkin, Texas. Mayor Jim Waters expressed appreciation to Mr. Green for his participation in the meeting and invited him to remain for entire meeting or to feel free to leave when he so desired.
2. Minutes of previous meeting were approved as written.
3. Mayor Jim Waters welcomed a large number of visitors who were present in connection with items on the agenda or as observers.
4. Commissioner Victor V. Bruce made motion that ordinance eliminating one of two clerks in the Corporation Court be passed on first reading. Commissioner Beamon S. Cook seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.
5. Commissioner Beamon S. Cook made motion that notice of public hearing for meeting of June 5, 1962, on zone change application of Dale Culwell, et al, from "A" to "F" District covering portion of property adjoining Woodcrest Addition on West Side Loop, be published in newspaper. Commissioner Victor V. Bruce seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.
6. Commissioner Beamon S. Cook made motion that ordinance covering zone change from "C" to "F" District covering Lot 1-A, being a portion of Block 112, located at Laurel and Chestnut, by K. H. Duncan, be approved on first reading. Motion seconded by Commissioner A. G. Welch and the vote was unanimous.
7. Commissioner Victor V. Bruce made motion that ordinance covering zone change from "C" to "F" District covering West one-half of Lot 2 and all of Lot 1, Block 108, Original Townsite of Lufkin, Texas, located on Laurel Street next to Rudd Cleaners, by L. E. Caraway and wife, Dorothy, be approved on first reading. Motion seconded by Commissioner Beamon S. Cook and the vote was unanimous.
8. Mayor Jim Waters stated that the two year contract with David Walker, Attorney, to collect delinquent taxes for City, expires on May 5, 1962, and recommended it be renewed. All were in agreement that same should be renewed after some modifications. Mayor Jim Waters stated he would confer with Acting City Manager, City Attorney and Mr. Walker and new proposed contract would be presented at next meeting for approval.
9. Acting City Manager stated that pipe for Inwood Terrace Addition by Bryan-Stewart and Westbury Addition by R.B. Thompson should be ordered in order not to hold up on developments. In the past City ordered pipe, installed it and Developer paid for material and labor involved. City Engineer suggested we develop prices on C.I. and asbestos cement pipe from Companies who bid low on recent advertisement. City Commission members were in agreement and Acting City Manager was instructed to handle as suggested by City Engineer.

10. Acting City Manager stated that we need to get adequate water supply for fire protection on Lock Street from Paul to Laurel. At present, in case of fire, have to connect hose to hydrant across Timberland Drive and detour traffic to prevent passing over fire hose. He said this condition has existed for some time but felt it should be rectified and suggested we advertise for adequate supply of pipe to do the job. Also advertise for sufficient pipe to extend water line on Lotus Lane to afford protection. Commissioner Victor V. Bruce made motion that Acting City Manager be authorized to advertise for bids on this pipe. Commissioner Beamon S. Cook seconded motion and the vote was unanimous.
11. Acting City Manager stated he had discussed the water line extension on Ellis Avenue from Franklin to "Y" with City Engineer and City Engineer recommends that, instead of laying a 12" line from Franklin Street to "Y" and 6" line on to the new loop, that it would be more economical to eliminate any new pipe between Franklin and "Y", making use of existing 6" line in that location and lay a 12" line from the "Y" to the new loop with the intention of connecting this line with Franklin Avenue 12" main at later date when condition warrants. Discussion developed as to pressures in line in emergencies, etc., and Mayor Waters requested Acting City Manager to furnish figures on City Engineer's suggestion and also contact Arthur Temple to see if he will participate as agreed to previously and report at next meeting.
12. Open items were gone over and discussed.
13. W. O. Ricks, Jr., who was present, advised there was a definite hazard at Hoskins and Timberland Drive due to limbs on trees obstructing vision when entering Timberland Drive and suggested these limbs be trimmed. Acting City Manager will check into this matter.
14. Commissioner Beamon S. Cook made motion that Dr. Granville Wright be named City Manager for two year period. Commissioner Victor V. Bruce seconded the motion and before vote was taken, Mayor Jim Waters stated that he knew Dr. Wright would do a good job; however, he had received several applications and asked if Commission members desired to know who they were. Commissioner A. G. Welch asked Mayor Waters to read their names, which Mayor Waters did. There being no other applicants on which action was requested, Mayor Waters called for vote which was as follows:

Voting Aye:

Mayor Jim Waters
Commissioner Victor V. Bruce
Commissioner Beamon S. Cook
Commissioner A. G. Welch

Voting Naye: Commissioner S. Harry Kerr

Mayor Jim Waters declared motion carried by majority vote.

15. Mayor Jim Waters stated that since he was not consulted on the firing of Police Chief Walter Billingsley from Police Department, he would like to know the reasons. Commissioner S. Harry Kerr concurred in Mayor Waters request in that he was not consulted.

Commissioner Beamon S. Cook stated that this action was taken by majority of Commission members and, under Civil Service Law, charges would be prepared in writing and furnished the Chief of Police who has stated he would request a hearing before Civil Service Board. He stated that since this was the case, the hearing would disclose the charges.

16. Commissioner Victor V. Bruce made motion that Mr. L. D. Barrett be replaced as member of Civil Service Board due to his tenure of office for one year having expired and that Mr. J. O. Fallis be appointed to this board for three year term beginning October 1, 1901. Commissioner Leamon S. Cook seconded the motion. Mayor Kerr vigorously protested the action, as well as Mayor Jim Waters, each stating that Mr. Barrett had done and was doing a good job as member of board. Mayor Jim Waters called for vote on motion with following recorded:

Voting Aye:

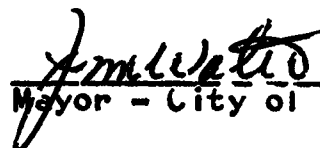
Commissioner Victor V. Bruce
Commissioner Leamon S. Cook
Commissioner A. G. Welch

Voting Naye:

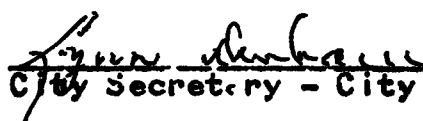
Mayor Jim Waters
Commissioner S. Harry Kerr

Mayor Jim Waters declared motion carried by majority vote.

17. Commissioner Victor V. Bruce made request that ordinance be prepared by City Attorney for consideration at next meeting to eliminate the position of Sgt-Detective in Police Dept. This request brought on considerable discussion and City Secretary was requested to get copy of job description covering this job and read same. Commissioner S. Harry Kerr asked, after hearing reading of the duties of this job, if it was still the feeling that it should be eliminated. Commissioner Victor V. Bruce desired the ordinance prepared as requested for consideration at next meeting.
18. Commissioner Victor V. Bruce made motion that \$75.00 monthly car expense allowance for Chief of Police be discontinued and that Chief use one of the Police units. Commissioner Leamon S. Cook seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.
19. Commissioner Leamon S. Cook made motion that \$75.00 monthly car allowance for Parking Meter Attendant be discontinued. Motion seconded by Commissioner A. G. Welch and vote was unanimous.
20. There being no further business for consideration, meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.


Mayor - City of Lufkin, Texas

ATTEST:


City Secretary - City of Lufkin, Texas