

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON MARCH 7,
1961, AT 7:30 P.M.

On this the 7th day of March, A.D. 1961, the City Commission of the City of Lufkin, Texas, convened in regular session in the regular meeting place in said City, with following members thereof, to wit:

Jim Waters	Mayor
E. Kurl Shirey	Commissioner, Ward No. 1
Beamon S. Cook	Commissioner, Ward No. 2
Bayo Hopper	Commissioner, Ward No. 3
A. G. Welch	Commissioner, Ward No. 4
Harold Schmitzer	City Manager
Lynn Durham	City Secretary
William D. Perkins	City Attorney

1. Meeting opened with prayer by Father John Caskey, Rector of St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church, who left immediately after being thanked by Mayor Waters.
2. Minutes of regular meeting of Feb. 21, 1961, were read and approved and minutes of special meeting of Feb. 28, 1961, were read and approved after two minor corrections.
3. Several visitors were present and welcomed by Mayor Waters.
4. City Manager read letter from Secretary of Zoning Board and City Planning Commission recommending that "F" District be granted by variance to property of Buford Maddux, being part of R. V. Welch tract between Atkinson Drive and Laurel Street. The recommendation is that 100' extending north of the Maddux business property be changed to "F" and the 80' abutting Laurel Street to remain in "A" District. This was the second hearing held by Zoning Board and the second time to come before City Commission for action. The previous recommendation of Zoning Board was that request be turned down and City Commission in meeting of Dec. 20, 1960, followed this recommendation and took such official action.

Mr. David Walker, attorney, appeared before City Commission in meeting of Jan. 3, 1961, and presented additional information on zone designation of property adjoining the Maddux property and requested reconsideration of zone change application by Zoning Board. By vote of 3 to 2 City Commission failed to sustain motion that no further action be allowed on this request and Mr. Maddux was instructed to bring before Zoning Board for rehearing. Mr. A. E. Mantooth appeared before City Commission to protest change and stated he was not in agreement with change. Mr. Buford Maddux appeared before City Commission and spoke in favor of change. Considerable discussion developed and Commissioner Beamon S. Cook made motion that this request be again rejected by City Commission as was originally done. Commissioner Bayo Hopper seconded motion and following vote was recorded:

Voting Aye:

Commissioner Beamon S. Cook
Commissioner Bayo Hopper
Commissioner E. Kurl Shirey

Voting Nay:

Mayor Jim Waters
Commissioner A. G. Welch

Mayor Waters declared motion carried by majority vote.

5. R. C. Musslewhite, attorney, appeared before the City Commission to follow up on his previous appearance on Feb. 21, 1961, regarding settlement of delinquent taxes on Dr. Arrington property on Bremond Street by reducing such taxes 25% if same arrangement could be worked out with Lufkin Independent School District and County. Mr. M. F. Braden, Tax-Assessor Collector, was called before City Commission and he stated that a precedent might be set if this arrangement followed, and difference in valuations between City and School might work a hardship on City. Considerable discussion developed between City Commission and Mr. Musslewhite and Commissioner Beamon S. Cook made motion that City authorize reduction of 25% in taxes to be paid provided Lufkin Independent School District and County did likewise and proper arrangement worked out. Commissioner E. Kurl Shirey seconded motion and vote recorded as follows:

Voting Aye:

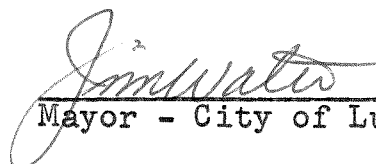
Mayor Jim Waters
Commissioner Beamon S. Cook
Commissioner E. Kurl Shirey
Commissioner A. G. Welch

Voting Nay:

Commissioner Bayo Hopper

Mayor Waters declared motion carried by majority vote.

6. Commissioner Bayo Hopper brought up question of collecting taxes on personal property and felt matter should be given serious study and followed through vigorously. This brought on considerable discussion and Mayor Jim Waters stated he would discuss with City Manager, City Attorney, and Tax Attorney, and recommendation would be made to City Commission later on specific plan to follow.
7. Open items were gone over and discussed and definite instructions issued on following two items:
- a. City Engineer to furnish City Attorney sketch of work city proposes to do on covering sewer pipe on E. L. Callahan property in order that agreement may be presented to Mr. Callahan's attorney for execution.
 - b. City Attorney to talk to Collins heirs and Mayor Waters to talk to Stroud heirs regarding opening of Jackson Street from First to Second Street.
8. There being no further business for consideration, meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M.



Mayor - City of Lufkin, Texas

ATTEST:



City Secretary - City of Lufkin, Texas