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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD JANUARY 5,
1950 AT 1:15 P. M.

On this the 5th day of January, A. D. 1950,
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, to-wit:

_____, Mayor
Joe Stegall, Commissioner, Ward No. 1
D. M. Thrash, Commissioner, Ward No. 2
Lee B. Zeagler, Commissioner, Ward No. 3
L. C. Martin, Commissioner, Ward No. 4 Mayor Pro Tem
J. B. Early, City Manager
Joe McClendon Act. City Secretary
C. E. Brazil, City Attorney

being present, and the following absent: Mayor Granville Wright & R. A.
Courtney, City Secretary
constituting a quorum when the following business was transacted:

1. Mr. Early discussed Traffic Lights and Speed Zone Regulations for Timberland Drive, and read a report from the State Highway Department recommending the installation of Flashing Red and Amber caution lights at six intersection on Timberland Drive. The following speed zones were adopted, by the Commission, for Timberland Drive, U. S. Highway 69 and Chestnut Street;

On Timberland Drive:

50 miles per hr. from North City Limits to a point near Banks Street, 40 m.p.h. to a point 400 ft. north of S.P. RR. crossing, 30 m.p.h. to a point 400 ft. south of St. S.W. RR. crossing, 40 m.p.h. to a point 300 ft. south of the intersection of South First St. and Timberland and 50 m.p.h. to South City Limits

On U. S. Highway 69 (East):

50 m.p.h. from East City Limits to a point 1300 ft. east of intersection of Chestnut St. and Denman Ave., 40 m.p.h. to the intersection of Chestnut St. and Denman Ave. and 30 m.p.h. into town.

On U. S. Highway 69 (West):

40 m.p.h. from West City Limits to a point 300 ft. north of Commerce Ave. and 30 m.p.h. into town.

On U. S. Highway 103 (East):

50 m.p.h. from east City Limits to a point 300 ft. east of Warren St., 40 m.p.h. to a point 300 ft. east of Timberland Drive and 30 m.p.h. from that point into town.

2. Mr. Early stated that the caution lights would cost approx. \$400.00 each, in place. L. B. Zeagler made motion that the lights be purchased now and the cost included in next years budget. Second by Joe Stegall. All voted "aye".

3. E. J. Conn was present in behalf of Mr. Love a resident on the Old Union Road who has requested a water connection outside the present City Limits. Mr. Conn was informed by the Commission that since Mr. Love's Residence was outside the City Limits no water connection could be made. Mr. Conn also requested that the City construct an extension to the present concrete culvert on Timberland Drive at its intersection with Denman Ave. In return for this work Mr. Conn stated that he would convey an easement to the City to cover drainage ditch along the South side of Denman Ave. from Kerr Ave. to Timberland Drive. Commission stated they would consider this matter and give him decision later.

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4 Mr. Leon Caver, jewelry store owner was present and requested that action be taken to prevent the stacking of soft drink cases in front of his show window by the employees and salesmen serving Trevathan Drub. Mr. Caver also stated that Police Officer Alderman had been very rude to him on one occasion and had not permitted him the same privileges being shown other merchants. Mr. Early informed Mr. Caver that this situation would be corrected.

5 Mr. Wallace was present with regard to Zone Classification for washaterias. When the Zone Ordinances were adopted by the City of Lufkin, there was no classification for washaterias. Before setting a precedent for zoning of washaterias, Commission asked Mr. Early to contact other Cities and determine what zone this type of business should be placed in.

6 Mr. G. T. Mohan^{ughan}, locomotive engineer for the S.P. Railroad explained to the Commission that he was attending this meeting as a citizen and not as a railroad representative. Mr. Mohan informed the Commission that on several occasions cars had almost hit his trains at night at the Timberland Drive crossing due to high rate of speed motorists were driving and because there was no light at this crossing. Mr. Early informed Mr. Mohan that both the Speed and lighting problems on Timberland were now being discussed and as soon as this plan was put in operation the conditions existing at this railroad crossing would be greatly improved.

7 Mr. Gordan Meece of Houston, Bill Currey of Nacogdoches and J. D. Perdue of Lufkin all representatives of the United Gas Co. requested the Commission's permission to increase their gas rates for the City of Lufkin. Mr. Meece stated that the company had operated under the maximum rate set in its original contract with the City and had voluntarily reduced its rates two or three times. Mr. Meece stated that had costs not risen so high an increased rate would not be necessary.

After much discussion Joe Stegall made motion that rate increase be granted. Second by D. M. Thrash. All voted "aye."

8 L. J. Loving, Jr., his father, L. J. Loving, Sr., J. D. Oates and John Rogers were present and stated that Chief George Powell had used City trucks and city personnel on city time in his own private business. Rogers and Oates claimed to have worked for Willie Williams, a city employee, who they said was working for George Powell building a fence around Powell's pasture - they were uncertain whether this work was done in the summer of 1948 or 1949.

9 L. J. Loving recently discharged from the police force asked that he be reinstated on the force declaring that there was no reason for his discharge.

10 Mr. Early was instructed, by the Commission, to make an investigation of these accusations and give them a report as soon as possible.

11 Gux Boesch and Jennings Parrish of the Lufkin National Guard Unit asked the Commission for a five acre tract of land out of a twenty-six acre tract located at the intersection of timberland Drive and Tuland Road. Mr. Boesch stated that if this tract could be obtained the state would construct an armory building, at a cost of \$18,000 of \$20,000, that could be used as a community center bldg. when not being used by the guard. Commission advised Mr. Boesch that they favored this project and to proceed with his plans.

12 Mr. Scott of Orange, a representative of the American Federation of Labor was present to discuss recognition of a labor union for City Employees. Scott was informed that under the state law the City could sign no labor contract, but that the Commission is open for any citizen to bring problems and that although no formal recognition could be given the union, the Commission would discuss all problems presented.

13 Howard Walker right-of-way agent for the City informed the Commission that the right-of-way for U. S. Hwy 69 (North) would cost between \$37,000 and \$40,000. All land except one tract can be purchased for about \$20,000.

14 Commission instructed Mr. Early to have notices mailed to all persons involved of a zone hearing on the application of Dude Schuller

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to change zone A to C a lot on Kiln Ave. and the application of Curtis Fenley and V. G. Koch to change from A to F a lot located at the North east corner of the intersection of Timberland and Jack St.

15 Commission agreed to pay insurance on Fenley and Pyle houses out of the General Fund.

16. Mr. Early asked Commission for a ruling on fees for permits for Churches. Commission agreed that no fee be charged.

17. Commission approved water and sewer amortization projects for O. L. McFadden, H. C. Polk, L. R. Beam and Mrs. A. Stroud.

18 Commission authorized the Mayor to sign a Quit Claim Deed to that portion of Persimmon Ave., from Raguet St. to Bynum, that is outside the dedicated width of Persimmon Ave. according to plat of this Addition.

19. Mr. Early asked Commission ^{to} ~~at~~ approve payment of a \$2.00 fee to be paid Junior Brookshire for each examination held by him for electrician lisencc. This fee was approved by Commission.

Motion carried to adjourn.