

MINUTES OF Regular MEETING OF THE CITY
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS,
HELD December 4, 1951, at 7:30 P. M.

On this the 4th day of December, A.D., 1951, 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:

<u>Granville Wright</u>	Mayor
<u>Joe Stegall</u>	Commissioner Ward No. 1
<u>J. M. Snell</u>	Commissioner Ward No. 2
<u>L. B. Zeagler</u>	Commissioner Ward No. 3
<u>H. A. Treadwell</u>	Commissioner Ward No. 4
<u>Harry Steenson</u>	City Manager
<u>Barney Bradshaw</u>	City Secretary
<u>C. E. Brazil</u>	City Attorney

being present, and the following absent: None

constituting a quorum when the following business was transacted:

1. Minutes of November 20th meeting approved, motion of Commissioner Stegall, second Commissioner Zeagler.
2. November bills approved for payment, motion Commissioner Treadwell, second Commissioner Zeagler.
3. Application to close an alley extending from Alton Street Westward between Lot 3, Block 5, and Lot 1, Block 6, of the Johnson Addition, approved, motion Zeagler, second Treadwell.
4. Zone change application as submitted by R.S. Gibson, Lot 9, Block 3, J. S. Moore Addition, District "A" to "F", approved to be advertised, motion by Commissioner Stegall, second by Commissioner Zeagler.
5. George Kelly DuPuy and Dr. J. H. Wade proposed to the Commission a strict regulation of traffic on Highway 94 from North Raguet to the intersection of old Highway 94 by the designation of a Hospital Zone, a reduced speed, and stop signs at street intersections. On motion of Commissioner Zeagler, second by Commissioner Snell, a proposal to designate Ellis Avenue as a truck route beginning at the point of the intersection of Ellis Avenue with Highway 94, was approved. All voted Aye except the Mayor who voted No. The City Manager was instructed to request the cooperation of the Highway Department in the designation of Ellis as an alternate to Highway 94.
6. The zone change as requested by J. H. Purvis was turned down at the request of objectors. Mrs. Eli Bynum's objection was expressed in a letter addressed to the Commission. Mrs. Earl Carter, Harold Bynum and Helen Stewart appeared in person to object.
7. Dr. J. H. Wade requested that the Commission cancel the accrued penalty and interest on 1945 and 1946 taxes on a piece of property owned by him. Dr. Wade contended he was never billed for the taxes until this year. Permission to cancel such penalty and interest was granted. The Commission

instructed the City Manager and City Attorney to work together in granting relief to tax payers in similiar cases in the future.

8 On motion of Commissioner Stegall, second by Commissioner Snell, the Volunteer Firemen were given authority to rebuild and use the old NYA house at the City Lake.

9 The Commission discussed the need for better lighting at railroad crossings and the need for some control of train blocked crossings.

10 Commissioner Snell recommended a lighting program for Timberland Drive wherein the lighting standards would be placed at 225 foot intervals, requiring the use of 42 additional lights. Also, an increase from 85 to 100 in the number of lights previously approved for the City. Commissioner Stegall specifically requested the use of a part of these 100 units on the Frank Avenue extension of Highway 94. Approved on motion of Commissioner Snell, second by Commissioner Zeagler.

11 The Commission discussed the increase in complaints by water customers due to a poor reading of meters.

12 The City Manager requested permission to have the ditching machine repaired. Permission granted on motion of Commissioner Zeagler, second by Commissioner Stegall.

13 The City Manager requested authority to increase the share of property taxes allocated to the interest and sinking fund from \$0.60 per \$1.75 to \$0.75 per \$1.75. Approved on motion Commissioner Snell, second Commissioner Zeagler.

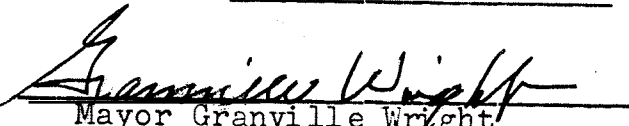
14 An ordinance regulating the type of sewer drain used by service stations was passed on first reading on motion of Commissioner Stegall, second Commissioner Zeagler.

15 Christmas bonuses were approved, to be determined as follows:

Those employed for less than six months prior to December 1st, 1951 - - - - - None

Those employed for at least six months prior to December 1st, 1951, but less than one year----- 10% of 1 Month's Salary

Those employed for one year or longer -- 20% of one month's Salary


Mayor Granville Wright

ATTEST:

City Secretary