MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON THE 17th DAY OF JUNE, 1969, AT 7:30 P. M.

On the 17th day of June, 1969, 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:

Earl Nisbet	Mayor
Carl Liese	Commissioner, Ward No. 1
Dayle V. Smith	Commissioner, Ward No. 2
Byron McNeil	Commissioner, Ward No. 3
Edgar C. Wareing	Commissioner, Ward No. 4
David Walker	Acting City Manager - City Attorney
Lynn Durham	City Secretary

being present, and

W. O. Ricks, Jr.	Commissioner at Large, Place A
Basil E. Atkinson, Jr., M.D.	Commissioner at Large, Place B

being absent, constituting a quorum, when the following business was transacted·

1. Meeting opened with prayer by Rev. Melvin Sharry, Pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Lufkin, Texas. Mayor thanked Rev. Sharry for his participation in the meeting.

2. Mayor welcomed a number of visitors who were present in connection with items on the agenda or as observers.

3. BMcN made motion that minutes of regular meeting of June 3, 1969, be approved as written. CL seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

4. DW read caption of Ordinance changing zone from R-1 District to D District covering all of Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, Block 9, South End Addition to the City of Lufkin; also West 41' designated as Park (Stadium) Street, application by Joe Frank Leediker.

   DVS made motion that Ordinance be passed on second reading. BMcN seconded the motion, however, before vote was taken, Mayor inquired if any persons present to object to the change and there were none. The following vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

5. DW read Ordinance in its entirety for second reading granting to Herty Water Co. a franchise to operate its water system in and to purchase water from City of Lufkin. There were several changes recommended by City Commission members and concurred in by officials of Herty Water Co., who were present, as the Ordinance was read and discussed, as follows:

   Section 2 Change wording beginning with fifth line to read ....."within the City of Lufkin (or in any area which Grantee is presently providing service which may hereafter be annexed by the City of Lufkin)...."

   Section 4 Remove wording "one month in advance" from fourth line.

   Section 8 Rewrite to read "The Grantee agrees to furnish water to its customers at the present rate and will increase the rate only after a public hearing and adequate notice has been given in advance of such public hearing and with the approval of Grantor. Any rate increase by Grantor, under Section 4, would allow comparable increase for Grantee".

   Section 9 Change the word "Grantor" to "Grantee" in first line.

After the above changes were agreed upon, ECW made motion that Ordinance be passed on second reading as revised. CL seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

6. No action was taken by the City Commission in appoint members of the Tax Equalization Board for the coming year in order that further study could be given to this matter. Definite action was agreed to be taken on these appointments at next regular meeting.

7. Mr. W. F. Soules of W. F. Soules and Associates Engineering Co., Waco, Texas, was present to request the City Commission give consideration to providing sewer services for area outside city limits known as Cedar Grove. He stated that there will be a normal flow of 30 GPM of sewage and a peak flow of 50 GPM of sewage which the people in Cedar Grove Community would like to have handled by the City of Lufkin if arrangements could be worked out for such handling. Mr. Soules stated that Cedar Grove Community would like to have some point mutually agreeable to deposit this sewage in order that the City of Lufkin could pick it up from that point and transport it to their treatment facilities and for such services to the Cedar Grove Community, the residents would be willing to pay the same sewage charge as if they were residents of the City of Lufkin.

   This matter was given some discussion and no definite action was taken. CL was sympathetic in providing the Cedar Grove Community with water services but was opposed to extending sewer services beyond the city limits, particularly in view of some of the problems which have arisen in recent annexation hearings wherein some of the opposition claim they already had City services. ECW stated that he did not have any particular objections to serving this Cedar Grove Community if the City of Lufkin was assured that the system would pay its own way without expense to the City of Lufkin, but would take additional study of our proposed facilities.

   Mr. Soules thanked the City Commission for the opportunity of appearing before them and requested that if any action was taken on this matter to advise Mr. C. W. Fenley, Jr., who would in turn advise him.

8. Mr. Richard Plunk of the local Jaycees, along with 2 or 3 other representatives appeared before the City Commission to request permission for the Jaycees, Angelina Ski Club and City Zoo to participate in a water ski show on July 4, at Ellen Trout Lake on the same basis as was handled last year, and that the necessary insurance would be provided with the City paying the first $100.00 of such cost.

   DVS made motion that the request for this water ski show be granted. ECW seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

9. Mayor opened and LD read in their entirety bids for the City Depository for the two year period beginning July 1, 1969, from Lufkin National Bank and Texas National Bank, Lufkin, Texas.

   Mayor appointed ECW, Chairman, CL and DVS to study bids as soon as possible and a special meeting was set for 10:00 Friday, June 20th, to hear recommendations for naming the Depository Bank for City.

10. DW stated that we have recently ordered two new ambulances and one was delivered today and that the second one would be delivered within next week or ten days. DW recommended that he be given authority to sell two of the three old ambulances and retain one for our own use. After some discussion ECW made motion that DW be given authority to advertise for bids covering the sale of the two ambulances that the City desired not to keep. BMcN seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

    In connection with ambulances, DW stated that Roscoe Gibson has been placed in charge of the ambulances, their up-keep and see that they are properly equipped at all times and keeping a list of the equipment in each of the ambulances. This was in accordance with the City Commission.

11. DW called attention to a tour that had been arranged for the two new fire stations for Wednesday, June 18th, at 10:00 A.M. and requested the City Commission members to be present and inspect these fire stations if at all possible.

12. DW stated that the City was continuing to resurface streets within the city limits and that in the past two weeks had resurfaced a total of 7,447' of City streets as follows:

Jones (Cunningham to Lufkin Avenue)	2,026'
Pershing (Pierce to Loop 287)	1,100'
Pierce (Russell to Deadend	567'
Russell (Duren to Southwood)	1,226'
Henderson (N. Raguet to Old Mill Road)	1,900'
McMullen (N. Raguet toward Kurth Drive)	1,628'

DW requested the City Commission to look over these streets as they are completed and would appreciate any suggestions they might have in regard to this paving program.

13. DW also stated that in connection with our street work was going to oil a number of streets in order to cut down on the dust and possible maintenance of such streets. He stated that Loop Lane from Raguet to Loop 287 had now been oiled and called attention to a number of other streets that he proposed to oil unless the City Commission objected.

CL stated he thought it would be good information to have some idea how much the cost of oiling will be offset by the reduction of maintenance and blading of such streets before oiling. DW stated this information would be developed.

14. DW gave an account of employees hired by the City and stated that although our turnover was still high, we were in fairly good shape with a total number of employees. He stated that 13 high school, and college boys had been hired for summer work.

15. DW stated he contacted the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department regarding the stocking of the City lake and Jones Lake with fish in order to upgrade the fishing in these lakes and had been advised that a Biologist could be assigned to conduct a survey on these two lakes in order to make recommendation to improve such fishing. DW stated would recommend that a Biologist be assigned but would take approval by the City Commission before he could request the services of a Biologist.

CL made motion that approval be given to request a Biologist from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department be assigned for the above stated survey. DVS seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

16. DW stated had prepared a resolution as requested in last City Commission meeting commending the Ambulance Service Study Committee for the work they did on ambulance survey recently completed. He read the resolution in its entirety. DVS made motion that same be approved. BMcN seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

Mayor requested that each member of the above Ambulance Study Committee be furnished with copy of this Resolution which will be handled by DW.

17. DW stated he had two resolutions prepared in connection with the application for federal grant for City sewer plant and requested adoption of these two resolutions and also an authority for the Mayor to sign necessary papers in order to proceed with Application 660. He stated Mr. Frank Rasor of Henningson, Durham and Richardson would be here Thursday to go over these application papers as well as Mr. Tom Wolf, Fiscal Agent of Longview, and was asking the Mayor to be available all that day for signing the necessary application papers for federal grant under the Federal Water Polution Control Act Public Law 660.

DVS made motion that the above Resolution as read by DW be approved. ECW seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

18. DW presented invoice in the amount of $4,576.53 from Henningson, Durham & Richardson which added to $5,423.47 previously paid, completed the $10,000.00 for the sewer study that they have been making. No action was taken on this invoice and it is to be considered at next meeting.

19. DW called attention to the serious necessity to complete installation of the sewer line to the college of approximately 1 mile to be tied into City sewer system in order to treat the effluent from the Colle te.

DW stated that figures had been received from several contractors for installing this line and the cost was from $26,000.00 to $42,000.00 which was more money than the City has. DW recommended that the City rent the necessary equipment and hire extra men and install the line with own forces and would like authority to procedd along these lines.

DVS made motion that the recommendation proposed by DW of installing the lines by renting equipment and using City forces be approved. BMcN seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

20. DW called attention to caution lights proposed by the Highway Department at intersection of Loop 287 and Highway 59 and Loop 287 and FM 58. He stated had received prints from the Highway Department copies of which were passed out to the City Commission members. No action was taken on these caution lights at this meeting.

DW further stated he had received letter from Mr. A. W. Cockrell, Jr. of the Highway Department regarding speed limits at the intersection of the new loop which will be from Highway 69S to 103 E. The Highway Department requested that speed limits in this area be 40 mph. DW recommended that the Highway Department's proposal be approved and that a Resolution be passed setting such speed limits as recommended by the Highway Department.

CL made motion that this request by the Highway Department of 40 mph in this area be approved. ECW seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

21. DW recommended that final approval be given to the purchase of the crawler type tractor from Browning-Ferris Machinery Co., Houston, Texas, at a price of $21,030.00. CL made motion that this crawler type tractor be purchased from Browning-Ferris Machinery Co. as recommended by Committee appointed by the Mayor composed of WOR, BMcN and himself as Chairman, which is the second low bid. ECW seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

CL inquired if this was all the equipment that would be necessary to be purchased in connection with the land fill operation and DW stated it was. CL recommended that letter of City Manager William E. Wolff, dated February 21, 1969, to Mayor and members of City Commission estimating the cost for compaction equipment of between $65,000.00 and $75,000.00 be made a part of the record and same is quoted below:

"Enclosed is a copy of a letter I received this morning from the Texas Municipal League regarding refuse disposal workshop to be held in Austin on March 24th.

I particularly want to call your attention to the first paragraph of this letter which stated the intention of the Air Control Board to take action against cities who continue to burn refuse after July 1, 1969.

I feel that we can safely assume that this agencies inforcement procedure will be to begin with the larger cities.

You may recall that when we prepared last years budget I mentioned that suitable compaction equipment to operate a sanitary land fill in a City of our size would cost between $65,000.00 and $75,000.00. Even though this equipment would have a life span of 10 to 12 years the initial cost will be quite a burden.

I am not sending this information to alarm you but merely to point out what will probably be necessary for the operation of the City's garbage disposal in future years.

Since the City has never operated a sanitary land fill, I feel that we should be represented at this workshop."

22. DW presented invoice from Moore Brothers Construction Co., Lufkin, Texas in the amount of $16,693.55 covering paving of Card Drive and Courtney Street and called attention to the fact that the estimate for such paving was $17,000.00. DW recommended approval be given to pay this invoice. CL made motion that invoice be approved for payment. BMcN seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

23. DW stated that it would be necessary for the City to proceed immediately in obtaining permanent water rights from the State Water Rights Commission in Austin, since the City now has a contract with the U. S. Corps of Engineers for storage space in Sam Rayburn Reservoir. He stated the City now has temporary water rights contract but same should on a permanent basis.

    ECW made motion that DW be instructed to proceed to obtain permanent water rights from the State Water Rights Commission in Austin as recommended. CL seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

24. DW furnished the City Commission copy of letter from Public Works Director setting out water and sewer line projects in the City of Lufkin which the City should begin to install as soon as possible.

25. DW stated that the paving of Hanks Street should be included in an assessment ordinance in that an adequate amount of money had now been collected from property owners to proceed with the work. The paving of this street will be of soil cement or asphalt sand type paving.

    CL made motion that Hanks Street be included in a paving Assessment Ordinance as recommended by DW. BMcN seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

26. DW stated that numerous advertisement had been run in papers throughout the State as well as trade-papers in Texas Municipal League Town & City Magazine for a City Engineer but no definite inquiries had been received from this source. He stated he was going to contact several of the Cities in Texas to see if he might interest an assistant Engineer from such Cities for this job.

27. DW requested the City Commission to consider applications for the position of City Manager as soon as possible. Mayor stated would discuss this item at special meeting called for 10:00 AM Friday, June 20, 1969.

28. CL stated was proud to see the use of a striping machine throughout the City on streets.

29. CL stated would like to have City pick up St. Regis Paper Co. garbage container and sacks recently furnished City Commission members on trial basis. The discussion brought out that DVS and EN desired to retain their container and sacks until used up. However CL, BMcN, and ECW requested equipment furnished them be picked up.

30. DVS inquired if water problem of John Shoffner had been cleared up. DW stated he and Water Department had done everything he knew to solve this problem.

31. There being no further business for consideration, meeting was adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Earl Nisbet
Mayor - City of Lufkin, Texas

ATTEST:

Lynn Graham
City Secretary - City of Lufkin, Texas