

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON THE 3RD DAY OF OCTOBER, 1989, AT 5:00 P.M.

On the 3rd day of October, 1989, the City Commission of the City of Lufkin, Texas, convened in regular meeting in the Council Chambers of City Hall with the following members thereof, to wit:

Louis A. Bronaugh	Mayor
Percy Simond, Jr.	Commissioner, Ward No. 1
Don Boyd	Commissioner, Ward No. 2
Bob Bowman	Commissioner, Ward No. 4
Jack Gorden	Commissioner, Ward No. 5
Paul Mayberry	Commissioner, Ward No. 6
Harvey Westerholm	City Manager
Brian Boudreaux	Assistant City Manager
Robert Flournoy	City Attorney
Ron Wesch	Public Works Director
Atha Stokes	City Secretary

being present, and

Danny Roper	Commissioner, Ward 3
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being absent when the following business was transacted.

1. Meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. John Zebelskas, Minister, St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

2. Mayor Bronaugh welcomed visitors present.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of regular meeting of September 19, 1989 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Don Boyd and seconded by Commissioner Bob Bowman. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

4. RESOLUTION - APPROVED - LIMITED POLICE RESERVE UNIT

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the first item for consideration was a Resolution authorizing limited Police Reserve Unit.

Chief David Kirkland stated that occasionally people leaving the Police Department wish to maintain their certification, and this Resolution would allow them to do so by serving in a police reserve unit. Chief Kirkland stated that in order to form a police reserve unit the City Commission must pass a Resolution authorizing same.

In response to question by Commissioner Boyd, Chief Kirkland stated that the Police Reserve Unit would be comprised of former members of the Lufkin Police Department who have left the Department in good standing and wish to continue their association with the Department.

Chief Kirkland stated that at the present time there is only one person who will be affected by the formation of the Unit and that policeman is being changed over to a computer position, which is a civilian position.

Chief Kirkland stated that the Police Reserve is guided by laws administered by TCLOSE, with a local requirement of donating 16 hours of service with the Police Department per month.

Chief Kirkland stated that a member of the Police Reserve Unit would not receive any pay but would be covered under the City's liability insurance and Worker's Comp, and would receive uniforms.

Commissioner Boyd stated that he would like to see the Police Reserve Unit opened up to citizens who are interested.

Chief Kirkland stated that each person leaving the Police Department would not automatically be added to the Reserve Unit, but would have to make application with the Chief of Police.

Commissioner Bowman suggested that Chief Collins take into consideration other former law enforcement officers that would like to serve in the Police Reserve Unit and broaden this proposal.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jack Gorden and seconded by Commissioner Bob Bowman to approve Resolution as presented and that the Resolution be placed on a future agenda for further discussion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

5. RESOLUTION - APPROVED - PROPOSITION NO. 8

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was a Resolution supporting Proposition No. 8.

Mayor Bronaugh stated that Senate Joint Resolution 24 will appear on the November 7th general election ballot as Proposition No. 8 providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds for acquiring, constructing, or equipping new correctional facilities.

Motion was made by Commissioner Don Boyd and seconded by Commissioner Bob Bowman that Resolution be approved as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

6. COMMERCIAL SANITATION RATES - ADJUSTED - COLONY APARTMENT HOMES

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was a request from The Colony Apartment Homes business manager concerning sanitation rates.

City Manager Westerholm stated that Ms. Gandy expressed concern in her letter that she was being charged residential rates for garbage pickup, but was not receiving residential service.

Ms. Gandy stated that she was requesting commercial rates for commercial service.

City Manager Westerholm suggested that all apartment complexes be given a 15% discount, and if they use the compactor roll-off a 30% discount.

Commissioner Simond suggested that the City Manager and Public Works Director look into Mrs. Gandy's complaint of poor service.

Public Works Director Wesch stated that the sanitation driver works by himself, and does not have time to stop and pickup garbage on the ground at each stop.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jack Gorden and seconded by Commissioner Bob Bowman that residential rates for garbage pickup at apartment complexes using dumpsters be discounted by 15% and those using compactor roll-off units be discounted 30%.

Commissioner Paul Mayberry recused himself from voting.

Mayor Bronaugh stated that motion passed with five affirmative votes.

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the discounted sanitation rates for apartment complexes will become effective November 1, 1989.

7. AGREEMENT - APPROVED - TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION - MAINTENANCE OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SIGNALS

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was an Agreement with the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation concerning maintenance of highway traffic signals.

City Manager Westerholm stated that the City has an agreement with the Highway Department for the maintenance of highway traffic signals within the City limits and this agreement authorizes the addition of new units to the system.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bob Bowman and seconded by Commissioner Paul Mayberry that revised agreement and resolution with the Highway Department for maintenance of highway traffic signals be approved as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

8. FINAL TAX ROLL LEVY - APPROVED

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was approval of the final tax roll levy.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bob Bowman and seconded by Commissioner Jack Gorden that final tax roll levy be approved as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

9. AMBULANCE RATE ADJUSTMENT - APPROVED

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was adjustment in ambulance rates.

City Manager Westerholm stated that Chief Snyder has explained in his letter to the Commissioner's that the EMS service has been working with Medicare for some time to get them to pay a greater portion of the ambulance bill. City Manager Westerholm stated that the Chief was suggesting a change in the rates to be able to qualify for an adjudication hearing. City Manager Westerholm stated that Medicare is presently paying 80% of \$52.90, which is \$42.32.

Chief Snyder stated that if EMS can get their rate changed to \$125 they will be eligible to collect 80% of that amount from Medicare. Chief Snyder stated that his staff has been negotiating with Medicare for over a year in an effort to get the EMS profile of current charges increased to an equitable amount. Chief Snyder stated that although these adjustments represent an increase in charges, a reduction in cost is anticipated to the county, as well as to the majority of patients served.

Motion was made by Commissioner Paul Mayberry and seconded by Commissioner Jack Gorden to approve ambulance rates as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the City Commission would adjourn to Executive Session at 5:57 p.m. Regular session was reconvened at 6:12 p.m. and Mayor Bronaugh stated that members of the Commission had discussed dilapidated houses, pending litigation, and three member of various Boards whose terms had expired.

Motion was made by Commissioner Percy Simond and seconded by Commissioner Don Boyd that Robin Mercer be reappointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission, Charlie Caver be reappointed to the Examining and Supervising Board of Electricians and Tom Paxson be reappointed to the Air Conditioning, Mechanical, Refrigeration and Heating Board, contingent upon their willingness to serve in this capacity. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

11. COMMENTS - REVISION OF CITY CHARTER - FIRST FRIDAY LUNCHEON

Commissioner Boyd stated that since the City Charter had been written twenty-three years ago and is now outdated, he would like to see the City Commission consider rewriting it. Commissioner Simond stated that he had recently suggested appointing a committee for this purpose.

City Manager Westerholm reminded Commissioners of the First Friday luncheon October 6th.

12. There being no further business for consideration, meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.


Louis A. Bronaugh, Mayor

ATTEST:


Atha Stokes, City Secretary