

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON 5th DAY OF JUNE, 1962, AT 7:30 P.M.

On the 5th day of June, 1962, 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:

Jim Waters	Mayor
Victor V. Bruce	Commissioner, Ward No. 1
Beamon S. Cook	Commissioner, Ward No. 2
S. Harry Kerr	Commissioner, Ward No. 3
A. G. Welch	Commissioner, Ward No. 4
Granville Wright	City Manager
Lynn Durham	City Secretary
William D. Perkins	City Attorney

being present, constituting a quorum, when the following business was transacted:

1. Meeting opened with prayer by Rev. Raymond Dunkin, pastor of Parkview Baptist Church. Mayor Jim Waters expressed appreciation to Rev. Dunkin for his participation and invited him to remain for the entire meeting or to feel free to leave when he so desired.
2. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.
3. Mayor Waters welcomed a large number of visitors who were present in connection with items on the agenda or as observers.
4. Bids on water and sewer pipe, as well as fittings, from following concerns were opened by City Manager:

Texas Vitrified Pipe Company Mineral Wells, Texas
Johns-Manville Company Houston, Texas
Rehan Company Waco, Texas
Mabry Foundry Beaumont, Texas
W. S. Dickey Clay Mfg. Company .. Texarkana, Texas

City Manager requested and was granted sufficient time to go over and analyze bids with City Engineer and others before recommendation was made on the bid to accept.

5. Commissioner Beamon S. Cook made motion that notice of hearing on zone change application of R. B. Thompson from "A" to "F" District covering east one-half of Lot 27 and all of Lots 28, 29 and 30, Southland Addition, be ordered published in newspaper for meeting of July 3, 1962. Commissioner A. G. Welch seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.
6. Dale Culwell appeared before the City Commission and requested passage on first reading, ordinance covering zone change from "A" to "F" District on portion of Dale Culwell, et al, property adjoining Woodcrest Addition on west side of Loop No. 287 and described by metes and bounds in application. Mr. Culwell went into detail regarding his application, especially his efforts to get the change approved after the property was annexed by the City in 1960.

A large group of property owners, some within 200' of the property on which change is requested, and others in the nearby vicinity, appeared before the City Commission and vigorously protested passage of Ordinance approving the change. A number of these people, namely, Cooper Richards, James E. Clark, J. B. Cauthen, James E. Richardson, Robert Sims, Fred Jacobs, John R. Peavy and J. R. Murphy, Jr., spoke against the proposed zone change, stating their property would be decreased in value, traffic would be increased making conditions more hazardous for children, and also

stating that when they purchased their property, no mention was made of a commercial zone being contemplated in this area.

The City Commission members directed several questions to Mr. Culwell, as well as the visitors, in order to clarify points that were brought out. Commissioner Victor V. Bruce made motion that Ordinance not be passed approving this change in zone. Commissioner Beamon S. Cook seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

7. H. E. Franklin appeared before the City Commission and requested passage of Ordinance on first reading changing zone from "A" to "H" District on east one-half of Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 of W. S. May Subdivision on which City Commission had previously authorized the issuance of building permit to Mr. Franklin for a portable foundry to be operated at this location. Mr. Franklin stated that all property owners within 200' of the property had no objection to the change and signed notice to this effect.

Mr. J. T. Maroney, attorney, representing a large number of citizens who were also present to protest the change, made a plea to the City Commission to not approve the change.

After some discussion, Mayor Jim Waters suggested, and was agreed to by other members of the City Commission, that action on the request be postponed until the City Commission members could personally survey the situation on the ground.

8. Ordinance covering zone change from "E" to "F" District on east one-third of Lot No. 7, Block 1, Garrett Addition, as requested by Claude C. Hill, was considered for passage on first reading. Discussion brought out the fact that owner desired to construct a small office building on the property. Commissioner Beamon S. Cook made motion that Ordinance be passed on first reading allowing the change by variance. Commissioner A. G. Welch seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.
9. Commissioner S. Harry Kerr made motion that Ordinance amending present traffic ordinance to allow the issuance of courtesy parking tickets to persons visiting Lufkin from outside the County be passed on first reading. Commissioner A. G. Welch seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.
10. In connection with Ordinance for passage on second and final reading covering zone change from "H" to "L" District on Lots 14, 15 and 16, Block No. 1, Clark Addition, Commissioner A. G. Welch made motion that instead of granting the zone change by final passage of the Ordinance, an extension of 12 months be granted to present 2 year permit for portable concrete mixing plant, in that applicant for the zone change, W. S. Hanover, requested this action. Commissioner Beamon S. Cook seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.
11. Commissioner Victor V. Bruce made motion that ordinance covering elimination of classification of Sergeant-Detective in the Police Department be passed on second and final reading. Commissioner Beamon S. Cook seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.
12. City Manager presented for approval renewal of contract with David Walker, attorney, for collection of delinquent taxes, for a two year period. This new contract covers certain provisions agreed on by Mr. Walker, Mayor Jim Waters, City Manager and City Attorney. Commissioner A. G. Welch made motion that new contract be approved and that Mayor Jim Waters be authorized to execute on part of City. Commissioner S. Harry Kerr seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.
13. City Manager requested approval by City Commission of the appointment to Tax Equalization Board to serve this year, Harry T. Bowers, Walter Still and Jeff Butler, who will hold hearings for three

days during the month of June. City Manager stated that Tax Assessor-Collector M. F. Braden recommended these three men be appointed and he concurred with recommendation. Commissioner Beamon S. Cook made motion that the above three men be appointed as recommended by City Manager. Commissioner Victor V. Bruce seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

14. City Manager advised he had employed Paul B. Higgins, attorney, as Corporation Court Judge at \$250.00 per month on part-time basis. Stated the new Judge would have a regular schedule of work each day and would set aside one day per week for trial purposes in order to prevent the further accumulation of cases on the docket and to clear out present cases.

City Manager requested official approval of the City Commission on this action. Commissioner Beamon S. Cook made motion that City Manager's employment of Mr. Higgins as Corporation Court Judge be approved. Commissioner Victor V. Bruce seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

15. City Manager stated that Mr. E. L. Callahan came by his office and requested City Commission approval to cover sewer pipe on his property to a depth of 3 feet and sloped off on each side for a distance of 50 feet. Discussion brought out that City had previously made final offer through Mr. Callahan's attorney to settle this claim and were still awaiting reply from Mr. Callahan's attorney and that this offer still stands. City Manager will so advise Mr. Callahan.

16. City Manager presented statement showing present financial position of City which indicates an immediate need of a \$50,000.00 loan from bank to operate until present budget year ends September 30, 1962.

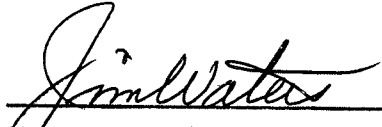
City Manager stated he had discussed this proposed loan with Lufkin National Bank officials and would be able to secure the loan at reasonable interest rate and recommended City Commission authority for Mayor and City Secretary to sign note on part of City for loan in amount of \$50,000.00 and that Resolution be approved to cover.

After some discussion, Commissioner Victor V. Bruce made motion that Resolution be approved authorizing Mayor and City Secretary to sign note in amount of \$50,000.00 with Lufkin National Bank as recommended by City Manager. Commissioner Beamon S. Cook seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

17. Open items were gone over and City Attorney was instructed to handle to conclusion action on zone change violations and to also write letter to owner of old building (Arrington property on Bremond) to have same removed within 30 days.
18. Mayor Jim Waters stated he would be on his vacation during the next two weeks and would not be back in the City on June 19, 1962, the next regular meeting date and if City Commission so desired, could schedule our next meeting on Thursday, June 21, 1962, City Commission was in agreement with this date and next regular meeting will be scheduled accordingly.
19. Mayor Jim Waters read letter from Assistant Director of Houston-Harris County House for the Blind requesting permission for a group of blind door-to-door distributors to sell products for this organization, this being their only source of making a livelihood. Commissioner Beamon S. Cook made motion that this request be granted. Commissioner Victor V. Bruce seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.
20. Mayor Jim Waters inquired as to whether or not City Commission desired to furnish to the press a copy of report of investigation by Bradley, Wilson & Associates of Houston, Texas, covering certain departments of the City of Lufkin.

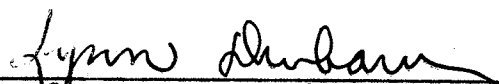
After considerable discussion, decision was reached that report be studied by City Attorney as to possible libel action that could be taken if same was published in its entirety and City Attorney was instructed to advise City Manager of his opinion.

21. There being no further business for consideration, meeting was adjourned at 11:15 P. M.



Mayor - City of Lufkin, Texas

ATTEST:



City Secretary - City of Lufkin, Texas