

MINUTES OF CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR TERM, NINEth, 1920.

On this day a regular term of the Hon. City Commission of the City of Lufkin, Texas, was held at the Municipal Office with following members of said Commission Present: G. A. Kelley, Mayor, S. R. Parker, Commissioner Ward No. 1, E. E. Woods, Commissioner Ward No. 2 and W. B. Treadwell, Commissioner Ward No. 4; Commissioner B. L. Zeagler of Ward No. 3 was absent. L. Mitchell, City Manager and T. L. Dunn, City Secretary, were present:

The following proceedings were had, to-wit:-

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Minutes of former meetings of the city Commission, dated May 4th, 1920, May 11th, 1920 and May 20th, 1920, were read, and by move and second duly made and carred were adopted.

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The question of employing or retaining competent attorney or attorneys to represent the city upon all questions demanding the services or an attorney were thoroughly discussed by the Commissioner, after which E. E. Woods, Commissioner of Ward No. 2 made a motion to retain Denman & Collins a law firm composed of Kester W. Denman and J. J. Collins, as attorneys for the city at a salary of \$150.00 per month, beginning June 1st, 1920, which said motion was seconded by S. R. Parker, Commissioner of Ward No. 1, the question being put before the Commission by Mayor G. A. Kelley, the following members voted "Aye"- E. E. Woods, S. R. Parker and W. B. Treadwell. The Mayor declared the motion carried and said Denman & Collins aforesaid duly chosen or retained as attorneys for the city.

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The question of working and grading a proposed street running from road leading from the east end of Chapman Street, which said Chapman Street runs between the Chapman and Milam Additions to the town of Lufkin, and said road is known as Road leading to Brookshire Lake, to intersect with road leading East from intersection of Third Street and Pole Avenue on Chesnut Street. Commissioner E. E. Woods made a motion to work said Street and put same in passable condition as soon as the citizens interested make proper dedication of said street by giving specific boundaries etc.

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Certain accounts due by the city to various persons, firms and corporations were presented for payment, and it appearing that same had been

duly audited by the City Manager and O.K'd by him, by move and second duly made and carried same were allowed and City Warrant ordered issued in payment of same.

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There being other business to transact at this meeting, by move and second duly made and carried, adjournment was taken until Tuesday, June 8th, 1920 at 3 o'clock P. M.

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On this the 8th day of June, A.D.1920, the City Commission met in adjourned session with the following members present, to-wit:-

G. A. Kelley, Mayor, S.R.Parker, Commissioner Ward No. 1, E. E. Woods, Commissioner Ward No. 2, B. L. Zeagler, Commissioner Ward No. 3 and W. B. Treadwell, Commissioner Ward No. 4, L. Mitchell City Manager and T. L. Dunn, City Secretary, when the following proceedings were had, to-wit:-

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An ordinance appointing a Board of Equalization for the City of Lufkin, Texas, for the year 1920, was presented, with the following named persons named as such Board: D. A. Singleton, N. D. Shands and J. E. Walker. By move and second duly made and carried said ordinance was passed and approved on its first reading.

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An ordinance making tax levy for the City of Lufkin, Texas, for the year 1920, was presented, and by move and second duly made and carried was passed and approved on its first reading.

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Certain bills and accounts due by the city to various parties, firms and corporations were presented for payment and it appearing that same had been duly audited by the City Manager as required by Charter, by move and second duly made and carried, were ordered paid, and city Warrant ordered issued in payment of same.

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Lufkin, Texas, June 8th, 1920.

Hon. Mayor and Board of Commissioners,
City of Lufkin,
Lufkin, Texas:
Gentlemen:

1. I take this method of tanking you very kindly for your hearty

co-operation and support which has made my work a pleasure while serving as City Manager.

2. I want to congratulate the City of Lufkin on having a Mayor and Board of Commissioners that work in absolute harmony and to the interest of the people at all times, and on account of the fact that I feel that my remaining in the office of City Manager may cause some friction or cause the City Commission some criticism, I ask that you accept my resignation to take effect thirty days from this date, or as soon as the Commission may feel justified in allowing me to terminate my service, provided I receive the full thirty days salary from date as provided by the Charter.

3. Again thanking you for the favors shown me in the past and assuring each and every one of you that I stand ready and willing at all times to do anything in my power to lighten your burden or assist you in handling of the City affairs, I am,

Very truly yours,

L. Mitchell,
CITY MANAGER.

The above resignation was read to the City Commission, and Commissioner B. L. Zeagler made a motion that same be accepted to take effect at once on condition that the said City Manager, L. Mitchell remain in office in an advisory way for thirty days from the date of said resignation. Said motion was seconded by Commissioner E. E. Woods. The question was put by Mayor G. A. Kelley, and all members of the City Commission voted "Aye", Whereupon the Mayor declared said motion unanimously carried and the resignation of L. Mitchell, City Manager, accepted as aforesaid.

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It being necessary to have meeting at some future date for the purpose of passing ordinance on second reading, creating Board of Equalization and ordinance appointing Board of Equalization for the year 1920, and an ordinance making tax levy for the year 1920, by move and second duly made and carried, adjournment was taken until Friday, June 11th, 1920 at 3 ~~00~~ o'clock P.M.

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Pursuant to adjournment of date June 8th, 1920, the City Commission met on this the 11th day of June, with the following members present: G. A. Kelley, Mayor, S. R. Parker, E. E. Woods and W. B. Treadwell, Commissioners, Commissioner B. L. Zeagler being absent, L. Mitchell, City

Manager and T. L. Dunn, City Secretary, when the following proceedings were had, to-wit:-

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The question of purchasing 590 feet of sewer already constructed, and which is owned by Mrs. C. W. Cole, which said line of sewer runs from a point 160 feet from the residence of the said Mrs. C. W. Cole and across the H.E.& W.T. railroad track and right-of-way; thence through Pole avenue and intersects the main line of sewer on North First Street. Commission W. B. Treadwell made a motion that the city purchase same at a price of \$295.00. Said motion was seconded by Commissioner E. E. Woods. The question was put by the Mayor, and was unanimously carried by a vote of the Commission, and the mayor declared same carried, and ordered City Warrant in the sum of \$295.00 issued in favor of Mrs. C. W. Cole, in payment of said sewer line, payable out of the Sewer Bond Fund of the City.

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"An Ordinance creating a Board of Equalization in and for the City of Lufkin, Texas, defining the duties of said Board and fixing the compensation of the members of thereof and their qualifications", and "An ordinance appointing the members of the Board of Equalization in and for the City of Lufkin for the year A. D. 1920", and "An ordinance prescribing the taxes to be levied, assessed and collected by the City of Lufkin, Texas, for the year 1920, and for each year thereafter until otherwise provided".

Each of said ordinances were placed upon second reading to the City Commission.

Commissioner E. E. Woods made a motion that each of said ordinances be passed and approved upon second reading, which said motion was seconded by Commission W. B. Treadwell. The Mayor put the question as aforesaid and requested all those members of the City Commission who favored the passage of said ordinances to vote "Aye" and those members of the City Commission who opposed the passage of said ordinances to vote "No".-

The following Members of the City Commission voted "Aye"- S. R. Parker, E. E. Woods and W. B. Treadwell. The following members voted "NO"- None. Whereupon the Mayor declared the motion carried, and said ordinances passed and approved upon second reading.-

The ordinances as aforesaid are as follows:-