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MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
of the
CITY OF LUFKIN.

Be it known that on this the Fourth, (4th.) day of January A.D. 1916 there came on and was held a regular meeting of the City Council in the Chamber Hall of said City there being present the following Officers.

Mayor, T. C. Mantooth,	Alderman, W. D. Price,
Alder. S. W. Hawthorne,	Alderman, T. A. Behanon,
Alder. W. D. Price,	Alderman I. D. Fairchilds,
Alder. J. F. Davis,	Engineer, P. A. McCarthy,
Marshall, B. F. Neppen,	San. Insp. Perkins.
Sec'y. H. B. Satterfield.	

The following business was had to-wit:-

The proceedings were opened with prayer by Mayor Mantooth invoking Divine assistance.

There being a number of citizens attending the meeting, Mayor Mantooth invited those, if any, who had any business to bring before the Council, to present it now as they might want to get through and not have to await until a late hour to get it attended to. Whereupon, Mr. W. D. Newsome representing the Lufkin Bottling Works inquired what disposition had been made of his grievance. After a brief discussion, the committee appointed at the last meeting to look into this matter, reported that they were ready to report. There-upon their report was read as follows:- " We, your Committee, beg to report that we have investigated the water situation at the Bottling Works and believe that if the Lufkin Light and Power Company pays for all of the water that goes through the meter, they should have the right to dispose of the water as they see fit, also recommend that they pay for all meters and installation of same, respectfully submitted, (Signed) S. W. Hawthorne, and W. D. Price. Committee. Where-upon it was moved by Fairchilds and seconded by Alderman Davis that the report be accepted as read and that the charge against the Lufkin Bottling works for City water be accordingly. On being put to a vote, all Aldermen voted for and in favor of the adoption of the report as permanent.

Mr. G. E. Watford appeared before the Council representing the Watford Binion Printing Company, and with reference to that Companies invoices of April 23rd. 1915, the same being for the publication of Ex-Secretary Gray's report, their invoice of May 4th. covering the publication of Ex-Mayor Humason's report and their invoice of July 20th. covering publication of an Automobile Notice given them by attorney Sayers. Mr. Watford explained to the Council that he had published these reports and papers in good faith and at the request of the retiring officers and he felt that the City should allow his account, which items had been turned down by this Council at a previous date. After considerable discussion Alderman Fairchilds advised the Council that The Watford-Binion Printing Company had entered into a contract with the City of Lufkin to publish the Cities Official Notices, Ordinances and etc. for two and one-half, (2 1/2) cents per line and upon referring to the minutes of May 9th. 1914 it was found that Mayor Humason had presented Mr. Watford's proposal to the Council verbally and as he understood it and the said minutes show the charge against the City to be two and onehalf cents per line provided the Lufkin Semi-weekly news is made the official organ of the City of Lufkin. In view of the above facts it was moved by Alderman Price and seconded by Alderman Davis that the City Secretary be and he is hereby instructed to write the Watford Binion Printing Company and refer them to the minutes of May 9th. 1914 with the view of getting them to reduce their invoices as above mentioned and in that event the Council would adjust the account. Motion prevailed by the unanimous vote of the Council.

Dr. T. A. Taylor appeared before the Council explaining that his City warrants covering his salary while Alderman had either been lost or stolen. He furnished the Council with an affidavit to that effect, and asked the Council to issue him duplicates. Where-upon it was moved by Alderman Davis and seconded by Alderman Price that the City Secretary be and he is hereby instructed to issue duplicate warrants in favor of Dr. T. A. Taylor, the amounts and amounts of said

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warrants being as follows; No. 35, \$ 27.55; No. 91, \$ 17.33; No. 125 \$ 10.33; No. 177, \$ 12.23; No. 232, \$ 26.33; No. 282, \$ 20.33; No. 322, \$ 20.33; No. 391, \$ 14.33; No. 441, \$ 20.33; No. 482, \$ 20.33; No. 567, \$ 19.16, the total amount being \$ 218.76. The Secretary is also instructed to furnish the City Treasurer with a copy of this part of the minutes, declaring the original warrants as above mentioned and numbered to be cancelled and they are hereby cancelled. On being put to a vote, all Aldermen voted "AYE".

The plans and specifications of the installation of the new pump and engine having just been received from the A.M. Lockett & Co. of New Orleans and after considerable discussion with reference to the proper changes to be made in the pump house, it was moved by Alderman Davis and seconded by Alderman Behannon that the plans be turned over to City Engineer McCarthy for the proper changes to be made. Motion carried by the unanimous vote of the Council.

The Secretary then read a letter from Mr. S. M. Morris of the Lufkin Land and Lumber Company under date of December 31st. 1915 and enclosing there-in a deed from the Lufkin Land and Lumber Company to the City of Lufkin covering various tracts of land used by the City in extending Cemetery Avenue, same being part of lots 1, 2 and 3, block 99 in said City of Lufkin lying South of the right-of-way of the St. Louis Southwestern Railway and of several of its out-lying tracts of land on the John D. Guinaulty League totaling 1-65/100 acres. Engineer McCarthy explained to the Council that the City Council some three years ago agreed to make no assessment against the said Lufkin Land and Lumber Company for taxes covering the above numbered lots and grounds in that they could be used for small park sites and other uses for the City. He informed the Council however that taxes had been assessed against the Lufkin Land and Lumber Company each year since, where-upon it was moved by Alderman Fairchild and seconded by Alderman Behannon that the amount of the taxes assessed against the land as covered in the above mentioned deed, for the last three years be refunded to the Lufkin Land and Lumber Company, all Aldermen voting "AYE".

It was further moved by Alderman Fairchild and seconded by Alderman Behannon that the City Secretary be and he is hereby instructed to have the deed of the Lufkin Land and Lumber Company conveying the land as above mentioned, recorded. Motion carried by the unanimous vote of the Council.

City Engineer McCarthy informed the Council that there would have to be made some special changes in the construction of the sidewalks on First Street in front of Mrs. Leah Chancey's buildings. After some discussion as to what should be done in this matter, it was moved by Alderman Price and seconded by Alderman Davis that this matter be left entirely to City Engineer McCarthy. All Aldermen voting "AYE".

Minutes of meeting of December 21st. 1915 were read and approved as read.

Verbal report of Sanitary Inspector Perkins approved and after discussing the sanitation of various business buildings and other places, it was moved by Alderman Price and seconded by Alderman Davis that the Sanitary Inspector be and he is hereby instructed to notify Mr. G. W. Largent that the toilet in the rear of the T.W. Largent Estate building on Lufkin Avenue, is unsanitary and that it will have to be torn down.

The Secretary read a letter under date of December 3rd. 1915 from Mrs. W. J. Patterson, secretary of the Womens Civic League with reference to the Womens Civic League assisting the City in beautifying the Fireman's Park. It was therefore moved by Alderman Price which motion was seconded by Alderman Davis that the Womens Civic League be and they are hereby authorized to exercise supervising responsibility for the beautification of Fireman's Park in co-operation with the City Council. On being put to a vote, all Aldermen voted "Aye".

City Marshall B. J. Werren presented his resignation to the Council stating among other things that he was leaving with the best of feelings towards the City Officials and that it was purely a personal reason. He also asked to be relieved of the found stewardship. It was therefore moved by Alderman Price and seconded by Alderman Davis that the resignation of Mr. B. J. Werren be accepted and that

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In view of Mr. Warren's long service of about thirteen, (13) years as City Marshall, that resolutions be prepared thanking Uncle Ben for his faithful work and services. The motion being properly seconded, all Aldermen voted "AYE".

It was moved by Alderman Price and seconded by Alderman Davis that Mr. L. H. Middleton be appointed Pound Master in and for the City of Lufkin, Texas. All Aldermen voting "AYE".

Report of Poundmaster for the month of December 1915 was read and approved.

P. A. McCarthy, City Engineer, presented draft for an ordinance to which was assigned No. 117 entitled as follows: "AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING, CONFIRMING, AND APPROVING THE GENERAL CONTRACT HERETOFORE ENTERED INTO FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN WITH JOHN HABLIN BEARING DATE THE 4TH. DAY OF NOVEMBER A.D. 1915". Whereupon it was moved by Alderman Price and seconded by Alderman Hawthorne that said ordinance No. 117 be passed. The motion being put to a vote by the Mayor resulted as follows: AYES, Alderman Price, Davis, Fairchild, Behan and Hawthorne. "NOES" NONE, and the ordinance was declared duly passed and was then and there approved by the Mayor who affixed his signature and attested by the City Secretary who also attached his signature and placed thereon an impression of the official seal of the City.

Mayor Mantooth stated to the Council that the Mitchell automobile now in the Fire Station could be bought very cheap and that he thought it would be a good idea to investigate the proposition as the City was badly in need of a larger car for the Chemical tanks. It was therefore moved by Alderman Price and seconded by Alderman Behan that the Mayor appoint a committee to examine the car and to see what it could be gotten for. Motion prevailed and Mayor Mantooth appointed Aldermen Price, Davis, Behan and Hawthorne to inspect the car.

City Attorney Beagin presented draft for an ordinance in obedience to the instructions of the Council at their last meeting and which has been assigned as Ordinance No. 118. Whereupon it was moved by Alderman Price and seconded by Alderman Davis that Ordinance No. 118 entitled "AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING PERSONS FROM USING THE PUBLIC STREETS, SIDEWALKS, ALLEYS, and PUBLIC SQUARE WHICH ARE THE PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUCTIONEERING GOODS, WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING A PERMIT FROM THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, PROVIDING THE METHOD OF GRANTING PERMITS AND PROVIDING A PENALTY AND AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 12". On being put to a vote, all aldermen voted for and in favor of the ordinance.

The Secretary read the affidavit of Mr. A. V. Watts affirming that he had lost city of Lufkin warrant No. 3586 and asked that the Council authorize a duplicate. Whereupon it was moved by Alderman Davis and seconded by Alderman Price that the City Secretary be and he is hereby instructed to issue a duplicate Town of Lufkin Warrant in lieu of Town of Lufkin warrant No. 3586, that he furnish the City Treasurer with a copy of these minutes and that the original warrant No. 3586 be and the same is hereby cancelled. All Aldermen voting "AYE".

It was moved by Alderman Price and seconded by Alderman Behan that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to go before the Commissioners Court of Angelina County and inquire of them the amount that body will charge the City for the rental of one room of the county Jail for a calaboose. All Aldermen voting "AYE".

It was moved by Alderman Price and seconded by Alderman Behan that the City Attorney be instructed to take the regulations as prepared by the water committee and draft it in the form of an ordinance. Motion carried.

It was moved by Alderman Price and seconded by Alderman Hawthorne that the City Secretary be and he is hereby instructed to notify all Public Service Corporations to render a full report to the Mayor as is provided by the State Laws of the State of Texas. Motion carried by the unanimous vote of the Council.

It was moved by Alderman Davis and seconded by Alderman Price that that part of the accounts of P. A. McCarthy and H. W. Hawthorne covering their actual expenses be allowed and warrants be drawn on the water works fund. Motion carried by the unanimous vote of the Council.

There being no further business to come before the Council, it was moved by Alderman Price and seconded by Alderman Hawthorne that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.