MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON 7th DAY OF APRIL, 1964, AT 7:30 P.M.

On the 7th day of April, 1964, 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
Jack W. Tucker	Commissioner, Ward No. 1
Beamon S. Cook	Commissioner, Ward No. 2
S. Harry Kerr	Commissioner, Ward No. 3
Granville Wright	City Manager
Lynn Durham	City Secretary

being present, and

A. G. Welch	Commissioner, Ward No. 4

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

1. Meeting opened with prayer by the Rev. Gerald Davis, Pastor of Woodlawn Baptist Church. Mayor Waters thanked Rev. Davis for his participation and invited him to remain for the entire proceedings or to feel free to leave when he so desired.

2. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

3. Visitors were welcomed by Mayor Waters, some being present in connection with items on the agenda or as observers.

4. Lee W. Friesen, J. R. Cox and Dr. Dan Spivey were present and asked permission to be heard by the City Commission inasmuch as their request to be on the agenda was made after deadline set by City Commission. City Commission unanimously consented to their request to be heard.
   Lee W. Friesen, acting as spokesman for the three, called attention to bad drainage condition on Evans and Reen Streets, stating that when hard rains occur this area is flooded, and requested City Commission to take some action to alleviate this condition.

   City Manager briefed these gentlemen on previous discussions and action taken by City Commission. City Attorney stated that Mrs. Feagin had signed street dedication deed on all streets in this area to City a few days ago but that this only eliminates one of the problems which have existed in the past.

   City Manager will discuss this drainage problem with City Attorney and City Engineer and will have some information thereon at next meeting.

5. E. C. Kobs, Jr., Vice President of Bernard Johnson Engineers, Inc., Houston, Texas, appeared before City Commission and presented plans and specifications on new water well which had been reviewed and approved by City Engineer, stating total projected cost estimate was $99,602.00 which did not include cost of site.

   Mr. Kobs stated it was necessary for City Commission to approve these plans and specifications in order to proceed with program of advertising for bids, etc., and get the job completed on schedule.

   Commissioner Jack W. Tucker made motion that plans and specifications be approved on recommendation of City Engineer and that Bernard Johnson Engineers, Inc. be authorized to advertise for bids and proceed with program. Commissioner Beamon S. Cook seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

6. City Attorney read ordinance covering zone change from R-1 District to C District on portion of property located at southeast corner of intersection of U. S. Highway No. 59 (south) and Loop No. 287, by A. B. Youngblood and wife and Mrs. Anna D. Youngblood. Mayor stated this ordinance was scheduled for second reading and inquired if anyone present objected to the change and there were no objections.

Commissioner Beamon S. Cook made motion that ordinance be passed on second reading. Commissioner S. Harry Kerr seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

7. City Attorney read ordinance changing zone from R-2 District to A District covering Lot 4 and west 50' of Lot 3, Block 54, original townsite of Lufkin; property located at corner of North Raguet and Persimmon and requested by R. B. Thompson.

City Secretary stated the application was considered by City Planning and Zoning Commission at regular meeting on March 19, 1964, also that all property owners within 200' (as shown on last approved City tax roll and furnished by applicant) were furnished notice of this City Planning and Zoning Commission meeting.

After hearing opponents and pro-opponents to the change, the City Planning and Zoning Commission, by motion, second and unanimous affirmative vote, recommended that City Commission approve change.

R. B. Thompson, applicant, appeared before the City Commission and gave data on apartment building he proposes to construct which he stated would definitely increase values of adjoining property and would be a buffer to any future commercial zone change requests.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Rowe and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Johnson were present to protest the change, stating it would lower value of their homes, increase traffic in the area and was undesirable.

City Secretary stated a petition signed by following property owners within 200' was filed with him by J. T. Maroney, Jr., Attorney, protesting the change and was a part of the file:

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Rowe
Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Johnson
Mr. and Mrs. Riley Haygood
Mrs. Maude E. Cruse
Mrs. Garvis Stuart Shotwell

City Commission members directed a number of questions to Mr. Thompson, applicant, and to citizens present protesting the change and discussed proposed change in considerable detail.

Commissioner Beamon S. Cook made motion that ordinance be passed changing zone as requested on first reading. Commissioner Jack W. Tucker seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

8. City Manager stated Mr. Wood McMullen came by and visited with him and had requested City Commission consider de-annexing homes of E. L. Kurth, Jr., and Billy McMullen near city limits of Lufkin in order that City of Keltys could take the property into their city limits by annexing.

City Manager stated he was against this action and recommended City Commission turn down the request since our bond issues in past were voted and passed on City's ability to pay out of taxes from property values; also since we are furnishing water and fire and police protection to this property.

Mr. Pitser Garrison, Attorney, was present and stated that he was in complete disagreement with City Manager's recommendation since these two property owners worked in City of Keltys and were unable to vote in their municipal elections.

Mr. Garrison stated an equitable exchange might be arranged whereby City of Lufkin might receive other property from City of Keltys.

Mayor recommended no action be taken until all City Commission members were present and City Attorney could check into the legal aspects of the request and this recommendation agreed to by other members of City Commission present.

9. City Manager stated $3,000.00 was set in present budget for Youth Baseball activities, $2,500.00 for white and $500.00 for colored, and that request had been made for the $2,500.00.

Commissioner S. Harry Kerr made motion that the $2,500.00 be paid by City as requested. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jack W. Tucker and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

10. City Manager stated that bridge over Cedar Creek leading to Wooded Acres Estate on Turtle Creek drive was being repaired and that R. H. Duncan, Developer, refused to participate in the cost. City Engineer gave a description of repairs being done.

11. Open items were gone over and following special points made:

(1) City Manager to instruct City Engineer to check on progress of comprehensive plan since this information will be needed by Bernard Johnson Engineers, Inc., in order not to duplicate work in their survey on water and sewer extension and railroad underpass which has been authorized by City Commission.

(2) City Manager (without motion) was requested to have old house on Paul Avenue torn down for lumber that might be salvaged.

(3) Consideration of ordinance adopting Southern Building Code in place of National Building Code to be shown on the agenda for next meeting.

12. A canvas was made of votes cast in City Election held on this date (April 7th) for electing officials to the office of Commissioner of Ward No. 2 and Commissioner of Ward No. 4 and out of total votes cast, following results recorded:

For Commissioner, Ward No. 2:

Beamon S. (Buster) Cook 545
Dayle V. Smith 793

For Commissioner, Ward No. 4:

H. E. Rowin 1296
(Write in Votes) 12

Commissioner Jack W. Tucker made motion that results of this canvas be accepted as official and, inasmuch as Dayle V. Smith received a majority of votes over incumbent, Beamon S. Cook, for Commissioner of Ward No. 2 and H. E. Rowin received majority of votes over writein candidates for Commissioner of Ward No. 4, that Dayle V. Smith be declared elected Commissioner of Ward No. 2 and that H. E. Rowin be declared the elected Commissioner of Ward No. 4 for next two year period. Commissioner Beamon S. Cook seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

13. Commissioner S. Harry Kerr made motion that City Commission go on record by passing Resolution complimenting Messrs. Beamon S. Cook and A. G. Welch for their untiring efforts in serving the City as members of City Commission during past four years. Commissioner Jack W. Tucker seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote recorded. City Attorney will prepare Resolution.

14. Commissioner Beamon S. Cook stated it had been a sincere pleasure to serve as member of City Commission and wished the new members the best of success; he further stated that the City has good administrative personnel who are doing a fine job for the City.

15. Mayor stated he had received request from local boat dealer to exhibit boats on Ellen Trout Lake for sale purposes. Discussion brought out the fact that there are no rules against this, but present regulations prohibit water skiing and swimming. Mayor will advise party to go ahead.

16. Commissioner Jack W. Tucker requested information from City Manager on what had been done on:

    (1) Repairs to City Hall building.

    (2) What had been done toward correcting sand trap deficiency at Henderson-Medford Motor Company.

    City Manager stated study was being given to work to be done on City Hall building and had not been able to contact owner of Henderson-Medford Motor Company building with regard to drainage sand trap.

17. There being no further business for consideration, meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

Jim Waters

Mayor - City of Lufkin, Texas

ATTEST:

Lynn Durham

Lynn Durham - City Secretary