MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON 22nd DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1966, AT 7:30 P. M.

On the 22nd day of November, 1966, 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
William F. Prince	Commissioner, Ward No. 1
Dayle V. Smith	Commissioner, Ward No. 2
Byron McNeil	Commissioner, Ward No. 3
Earl Nisbet	Commissioner, Ward No. 4
Gene H. Nerren	Commissioner at Large, Place A
Basil E. Atkinson, Jr., M.D.	Commissioner at Large, Place B
Reagan Parker	City Manager
Lynn Durham	City Secretary
David Walker	City Attorney

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

1. Meeting opened with prayer by Rev. John Caskey, Rector of St. Cyprians Episcopal Church, Lufkin, Texas, who left immediately after being thanked by Mayor for his participation.

2. Commissioner William F. Prince made motion that minutes of regular meeting of November 1, 1966 and minutes of special meeting of November 11, 1966, be approved as written. Commissioner Gene H. Nerren seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

3. Mayor opened and City Manager read following bids for 1/2 Ton Pick-Up Truck for use by Water Collection Department as per recent advertisment in newspaper:

   Angelina Truck & Tractor Co.:

   One 1/2 Ton International Pick-Up $1628.72

   Angelina Chevrolet-Cadillac Co.:

   One 1/2 Ton Pick-Up $1724.49

   Tipton-Billingsley Ford:

   One 1/2 Ton Pick-Up $1698.36

   City Manager recommended that 1/2 Ton Pick-Up from Angelina Truck & Tractor Co. be purchased at a price of $1628.72, same being the lowest bid. Commissioner Byron McNeil made motion that City Manager's recommendation be followed in purchasing the Internation Pick-Up for $1628.72. Commissioner Gene H. Nerren seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

4. Mr. Joe P. Byrd appeared before the City Commission with final plans of Zoo in Ellen Trout Lake Park and stated that construction had been started on one or two small buildings but was necessary to rearrange the plans somewhat due to small animals building being within 20 ft. of City Caretaker's house. He stated had been in contact with City Manager, City Engineer and Architect and agreement had been reached to move building to where it would be 45 ft. from Caretaker's house. He further stated that City Planning and Zoning Commission approved of the above change if 45 ft. would be sufficient distance between small animals building and the Caretaker's house.

   Commissioner Earl Nisbet made motion that City Commission give approval to moving the small animals building 45 ft. as recommended by the City Planning and Zoning Commission. Commissioner Gene H. Nerren seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

5. Mr. Curtis W. Fenley, Jr., Attorney, was present to request City to close Clark Street between Second and Third Street and deed same to said property owners who had requested it. He stated that this matter was delayed from last meeting due to certain members of the City Commission desiring to check the property on the ground.

Commissioner Dayle V. Smith made motion that City Attorney proceed with necessary legal work to close this portion of Clark Street. Commissioner Byron McNeil seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

6. Mr. Jerry D. Hill, along with Dr. J. C. Clement, Jr., appeared before the City Commission with regard to straightening or relocating Ellis Ave. where it intersects with Raguet Street. Dr. Clement stated that it was his intention to construct an office building once the location of the Street was determined.

At Mayor's suggestion, City Commission instructed City Engineer to discuss the matter with representative of Bernard Johnson Engineers, Inc. to determine the location of Ellis at the intersection of Raguet and report back to the City Commission as soon as possible.

7. Mr. Wilbur Alexander and Mr. Jerry Nix who have recently completed audit of the City books presented the City Commission with copy of the Audit and their report on the City's cost of producing water and furnishing sewer service.

Commissioner Byron McNeil made motion that no action be taken on the reports until same could be studied. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Earl Nisbet and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

8. Mayor called attention to letter from City Secretary advising that City Planning and Zoning Commission had recently discussed briefly the possibility of connecting Duke and Hill Streets (by Texas Foundries, Inc.) as called for in Master Plan in order to expedite the flow of traffic in this particular area and that it was the unanimous recommendation of the City Planning and Zoning Commission that if City Commission so desired to request Bernard Johnson Engineers, Inc. to consider this item in their plans. Some discussion developed on this item and City Engineer was instructed to check with Chairman of the City Planning and Zoning Commission in order to determine the number of property owners involved, etc.

9. Mr. Ray Terrell, representative of Bernard Johnson Engineers, Inc., appeared before the City Commission to advise he would be unable to recommend closing of contract for Schedule No. 1, Water Distribution System Improvements, with Gulfline Constructors, Inc. since all items had not been completed by Contractor but would have recommendations at next meeting in this regard.

Mr. Terrell called attention to Water Well No. 5 and advised that photos reveal that screens in this Well were in good condition but plugged up and that the liner appears to be good and the casing looks good and it was the recommendation of Bernard Johnson Engineers, Inc. that City go ahead and have Layne Texas Co., Contractors, acidize the Well instead of pulling the casing. He stated that the cost for acidizing was approximately $3,500.00 against $22,000.00 for pulling the casing. Mr. Terrell further stated that he wanted it understood definitely that even though this was the Consulting Engineer's recommendation on Well No. 5, there was a certain amount of calculated risk involved in acidizing the Well rather than pulling the casing.

Mr. Terrell called the Commissioners attention to paint to be used on the ground storage reservoir and that the alternate paint would be used amounting to a saving to the City over the vinyl paint system. He stated no action was necessary on the above recommendation since same were in accordance with contract.

10. Mr. Ray Terrell called attention to Change Order No. 1 in Water Distribution System Improvements covering steel casings already installed. He stated this Change Order had been discussed on several occasions previously and was not approved by the City Commission due to change being made before being brought to attention of the City Commission. Mr. Terrell further stated he had discussed the matter with City Attorney and it was the City Attorney's recommendation that Change Order be approved in as much as work covered by same had been completed by the Contractor. Mr. Terrell went into detail again as to why the Change Order was necessary and the error that was made in not bringing it to the attention of the City Commission prior to work being done. However, he recommended that the Change Order be approved since the City would be obligated to pay the Contractor for the work done.

Commissioner Earl Nisbet made motion that approval be given to Change Order No. 1 covering Water Distribution System Improvements covering exchange of steel casings by Gulfline Constructors, Inc. at an additional cost in contract of $3280.50. Commissioner Gene H. Nerren seconded the motion and the following vote was recorded.

Voting Aye: Mayor Jim Waters
Commissioner William F. Prince
Commissioner Dayle V. Smith
Commissioner Byron McNeil
Commissioner Earl Nisbet
Commissioner Gene H. Nerren

Voting Nay: Commissioner Basil E. Atkinson, Jr., M.D.

Mayor stated motion carried by majority vote.

11. City Manager presented Estimate No. 4 by Gulfline Constructors, Inc. covering work for the period October 1 thru October 31, 1966, on Water Distribution System Improvements, Schedule 1, in the amount of $22,789.77. He stated this Estimate No. 4 had been approved by the Consulting Engineers, City Engineer and he recommended its payment.

Commissioner Earl Nisbet made motion that Estimate No. 4 in the amount of $22,789.77 to Gulfline Constructors, Inc. be authorized for payment. Motion seconded by Commissioner William F. Prince and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

12. Mr. H. J. Shands appeared before the City Commission to request City to open Townsend Street between Second and Third Streets with First State Bank providing additional right-of-way to guarantee 40 ft. right-of-way and 27 ft. Street, concrete paving, curb and gutter. He stated this was the recommendation of the City Planning and Zoning Commission.

Commissioner Dayle V. Smith made motion that City Manager be authorized to open the Street provided sufficient additional land was granted to allow 40 ft. of right-of-way. Commissioner Earl Nisbet seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

13. City Manager presented voucher for approval by City Commission covering electric bill for the past month since the total amount was in excess of $2,000.00 which is the limit he can approve under the Charter.

Commissioner Basil E. Atkinson, Jr., M.D. made motion that voucher covering the electric bill be approved and that City Manager be authorized to make payment thereon. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Byron McNeil and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

14. City Manager requested approval to purchase 100,000 $.04 Postal Cards for use in billing purposes in the Water Department during the next year, in the amount of $4,000.00. He stated that low bidder on printing the post cards was Lufkin Printing Company for $120.00. Commissioner Byron McNeil made motion that City Manager's request be approved. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gene H. Nerren and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

15. City Manager stated that due to ambulance duties being assigned to the Fire Department was necessary to establish additional occupations in the Fire Department; namely, 2 sergeants and two drivers and since this would be a change in the Budget of approximately $50.00 per month, needed City Commission approval. Commissioner Byron McNeil recommended that City Manager's request for additional occupations in the Fire Department be approved. Commissioner Earl Nisbet seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

16. City Manager stated he had received invoice from Bernard Johnson Engineers, Inc. in the amount of $125.00 covering field survey in connection with sewer easements and requested authority to pay since this appropriation would have to be made out of bond money. Commissioner Earl Nisbet made motion that City Manager be authorized to pay the invoice as requested. Motion was seconded by Commissioner William F. Prince and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

17. City Manager gave following information on prices of ambulances to replace the one that was recently wrecked.

Colonial Morturary, Lufkin, Texas:

1965 8 cylinder Chevrolet with 18,000 miles, by paying off balance due of $2708.85.

Gordon R. Allen Co., Dallas, Texas:

1966 Ford 8 cylinder, $3850.00 less old Ambulance, for a net of $2950.00.

New 1967 Ford Ranch Style Station Wagon $2,320.44

New 1967 8 cylinder Chevrolet Station Wagon $2,486.00

New 1967 International Panel Truck $1,987.57

Some discussion was had on securing an additional ambulance and Commissioner Dayle V. Smith made motion that City Manager be authorized to advertise for bids for air-conditioned Station Wagon with jump seat in back. Commissioner Earl Nisbet seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

18. City Manager gave information for the month of October covering operations of ambulance service showing revenue collected against expenses and stated that collections are coming in better at this time and that this first report could not be considered normal.

19. City Manager read letter from H. W. McCurley, President of Gulfline Constructors, Inc. to Mr. Ray Terrell of Bernard Johnson Engineers, Inc. under the subject of Water Distribution Improvements, Schedules 1, 11 and 111, making certain recommendations thereon. Mr. Terrell who was present stated no action could be taken on this letter at this meeting and he would have certain recommendations to make at next regular meeting of the City Commission.

20. Open items were gone over and the following information presented:

(A) City Attorney stated had discussed with Mrs. Largent the possibility of purchasing additional property adjoining the Log Cabin property for parking purposes and that Mrs. Largent was not interested in selling. Discussion was had on possibility of purchasing old Brookshire Bros. Store property across from Log Cabin property now owned by Mr. Simon Henderson, Jr., who indicated an interest in selling same to City. Mayor, City Manager and City Attorney, Committee previously appointed to check on additional land will contact Mr. Henderson.

Commissioner Gene H. Nerren made motion that the City proceed with plans to construct the City Hall on City property site at Third and Shepherd (Log Cabin). Commissioner William F. Prince seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

Commissioner Earl Nisbet made motion that Bernard Johnson Engineers, Inc. be instructed to proceed with design phase of proposed City Hall building and to keep in mind the possibility of adding a second floor. Commissioner Byron McNeil seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

(B) City Attorney stated had received letter from Mr. B. M. E. Smith, President of Land O'Pines Dairy Products setting a target date of January 9, 1967, to start construction of facilities to improve the drainage situation at their plant which was satisfactory to the City Commission.

21. City Attorney presented Mr. Ray Terrell with copy of individual contracts on different construction jobs in the City of Lufkin Improvement Program which he will present to his people in Houston for execution and then return to the City for execution.

22. Mr. Jerry D. Hill requested permission of the City Commission to allow the Lufkin Junior Chamber of Commerce to install planters in down town area for beautification purposes at an approximate cost of $300.00 to the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Junior Chamber of Commerce would take care of the planters.

Commissioner Dayle V. Smith made motion that this request be granted and that the City offer every assistance possible. Commissioner Basil E. Atkinson, Jr., M.D. seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

23. Commissioner Byron McNeil extended an invitation to the City Commission, City Manager, City Secretary, City Attorney and their wives to attend the next monthly meeting of the Lufkin Home Builders Association to be held on the evening of December 12, 1966, at 7:00 PM at the Home Savings & Loan Association Committee Room.

24. Commissioner William F. Prince inquired as to what was holding up construction of traffic light at Paul and Timberland Drive. He was advised by City Engineer that same had been held up by State Highway Department due to contract delay on improving street.

25. Commissioner William F. Prince suggested that City Commission pass a Resolution commending the City Planning and Zoning for the work they have done and are doing for the City of Lufkin. City Commission was in agreement and Commissioner Byron McNeil made motion that this Resolution be passed and that name plates be purchased for the City Planning and Zoning Commission for use at their meetings. This particular suggestion having been made by the City Engineer. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Earl Nisbet and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

26. Commissioner Gene H. Nerren stated that Firemen were in the process of circulating petitions in the City of Lufkin to secure a raise. He stated that the City should now give the firemen a raise requested by the City Manager when he originally prepared the Budget since the ambulance service recently taken over by City had increased their responsibility. Commissioner Gene H. Nerren made motion that City Manager's original recommendation for increase to the firemen be adopted and made effective April 1, 1967, the additional amount of money to be taken out of unappropriated sum in Budget. This recommendation being as follows.

Starting rate $330.00 with increase of $10.00 every 6 months until maximum $370.00 reached; also, that position pay be set up as follows:

Assist. Chief	$146.74
Captain	$ 75.00
Lieutenant	$ 50.00
Sergeant	$ 25.00
Driver	$ 10.00

Commissioner Earl Nisbet seconded the motion. Before vote was taken considerable discussion as follows was had. City Manager stated that the firemen had received a $15.00 automatic raise effective as of October 1, 1966 and to correlate this raise with the above motion would be worked out.

Commissioner Dayle V. Smith vigorously opposed increasing the firemen as covered in motion by Commissioner Nerren until the City had sufficient money to warrant paying the increase. He stated that there were other employees who should also have consideration for pay increases. However, he stated further that he wanted it definitely understood that he was not against giving the firemen a raise but that the City should be in a position financially to do it. Commissioner Basil E. Atkinson, Jr., M.D. and Commissioner Byron McNeil stated that they were in agreement with this statement by Commissioner Smith. Mayor called for vote on the motion and the following was recorded.

Voting Aye: Mayor Jim Waters
Commissioner William F. Prince
Commissioner Earl Nisbet
Commissioner Gene H. Nerren

Voting Nay: Commissioner Dayle V. Smith
Commissioner Byron McNeil
Commissioner Basil E. Atkinson, Jr., M.D.

Mayor declared motion carried by majority vote.

27. Commissioner Gene H. Nerren suggested that a date be set for the City Commission to study ways and means of procuring additional revenue to meet increased cost of operations and stated this was a matter that should be worked on immediately. Discussion brought out that an informal meeting would be held next Tuesday, November 29, 1966, at Criss Cross Club as guest of Commissioner Earl Nisbet to discuss this matter. This meeting was scheduled for 6:00 P.M.

28. There being no further business for consideration, meeting was adjourned at 11:30 P.M.

Jim Waters

Mayor - City of Lufkin, Texas

ATTEST:

City Secretary - City of Lufkin, Texas