MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON THE 21st DAY OF JANUARY, 1969, AT 7:30 PM

On the 21st day of January, 1969, 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:

Earl Nisbet	Mayor
Carl Liese	Commissioner, Ward No. 1
Dayle V. Smith	Commissioner, Ward No. 2
Byron McNeil	Commissioner, Ward No. 3
Edgar C. Wareing	Commissioner. Ward No. 4
W. O. Ricks, Jr.	Commissioner at Large, Place A
William E. Wolff	City Manager
David Walker	City Attorney

being present, and

Basil E. Atkinson, Jr., M.D.	Commissioner At Large. Place B
Lynn Durham	City Secretary

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

1. Meeting was opened with prayer by Reverend W. A. Wagstaff, Pastor of Bethel Nazarine Church, Lufkin, Texas. The Mayor thanked Reverend Wagstaff for his participation in the meeting.

2. Mayor welcomed all visitors to the meeting.

3. The minutes of regular meeting of January 7th and special meeting of January 13th were asked to be approved. CL made motion that minutes for the meetings of January 7th and January 13th be approved as written. BMcN seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

4. DVS made a report concerning the police car bids which had been turned over to his committee. Commissioner DVS requested that they be given additional time to make their report to the Commission.

5. DW read caption of Water and Sewer Rate Ordinance which was for the primary purpose of updating and consolidating the old ordinance and amendments into one ordinance. CL made motion that since he considered this an updating and consolidating of this ordinance that he would make motion that it be passed on second and final reading. WOR seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

6. ECW made motion that the water and sewer rate Ordinance be amended to read that all water over 1,000,000 gallons be at a price of $.15 per thousand inside City Limits. BMcN seconded the motion.

   After some discussion DVS made a substitute motion requesting that this matter be postponed until more accurate information could be gathered in regard to the City's financial condition. CL seconded the motion.

   Mayor then called for a vote on the substitute motion which was as follows:

   Voting Aye: CL, DVS and WOR:

   Voting Nay: EN, ECW and BMcN.

   Then the Mayor called for a vote on the original motion to reduce water rates to $.15 per thousand on all water over 1,000,000 gallons inside the City Limits and the following vote was recorded.

Voting Aye: EN, ECW and BMcN.

Voting Nay: CL, DVS and WOR.

Mayor declared that the substitute motion and original motion failed to carry.

7. Caption of ordinance for second reading was read by DW covering zone change from R-3 District to LB District covering property located at the intersection of Harbuck and U. S. Highway 69 by J. E. Thompson. Mayor asked if anyone present to object to this change and there was no objection.

   DVS made motion that ordinance be passed on second and final reading. BMcN seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

8. WEW made report on street repairs and read the names of the streets that had been repaired during the last two weeks. DVS requested that a copy of the list of streets repaired be furnished to each commissioner.

9. Bids on new fire hose were opened and read. The bids being as follows:

   American Biltrite Rubber Co., Inc. (Boston)
   Hohenwald, Tennessee

   B. F. Goodrich
   Dallas, Texas

   Bi-Lateral Fire Hose Co.
   Chicago, Illinois

   Fabric Fire Hose Co.
   Houston, Texas

   Lufkin Foundry and Machine Co. (Eureka)
   Lufkin, Texas

   After the bids were read, the Mayor then appointed ECW, Chairman, WOR and BMcN to a committee to tabulate the bids and make a recommendation to the City Commission.

10. H. L. Stegall appeared before the City Commission and stated that he had certain property at the north end of Smith Street that he was requesting the City consider allowing a 27 foot wide street instead of the required 37 foot wide street. He stated that the cost was prohibitive and that this was a small addition with approximately ten lots and there would be no through traffic. It was stated to Mr. Stegall that a similar request had been made by R. H. Duncan and that it was agreed that this matter would be referred to the City Planning and Zoning Commission since Mr. Duncan's request had been referred to this Board.

11. A request for the closing of an alley had been made by James T. Mott, Jr. and Leo McCall. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended that this alley be closed and that the adjacent property owners receive a quit claim deed with the City retaining any utility easements.

    ECW made motion that the recommendation of the City Planning and Zoning Commission be followed and that a resolution be adopted closing this particular alley and authorizing the Mayor to execute quit claim deed to adjacent property owners with the City retaining any utility easements. BMcN seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

12. The City Manager read list of the names of the parties it was believed were hauling commercial garbage to the City Dump. The City Manager also stated that fourteen people outside the City Limits were connected to the City sanitary sewer lines. This was the information that was previously requested by the members of the City Commission.

13. WEW and DW discussed the new speed zone sign which was on exhibit before the City Commissioners and explained that the State Highway Department, the Lufkin School System and the City had discussed the possibility of installing these signs at the various school zones and crossings. He stated that in the event the City Commission used these signs it would be necessary to adopt an ordinance setting the speed limits at certain periods before and after school at a 30 mile speed limits. After some discussion this matter was referred to the City Commissioners for more study and each Commissioner was given a copy of the proposed ordinance covering this new speed limit.

14. DVS suggested that DW draw up resolution honoring Martin Dies, Jr. as a result of his newly appointed position of Secretary of State of Texas. This was agreed upon by the City Commission and it was stated that it might be prepared in time for some City Commission members to carry it with them to Austin on Thursday when Martin Dies, Jr. will be installed in office.

15. DVS invited everyone to attend the Texas Municipal League meeting this Thursday night in Nederland, Texas.

16. DVS requested an explanation from the City Manager to people of City of Lufkin in some way to show that the underpass project is a State Highway Department project and not a City of Lufkin project and that the Highway Department is in charge of work and that the ity has nothing to do with the progress on this particular project.

17. CL requested that the portion of Angelina Street which ties in at the underpass should be kept in a better state of repair during the construction stage. The Manager stated that he would see if this could be improved.

18. DW read two letters of appreciation in regard to the naming of Medford Drive in tribute to Earl Medford and C. W. Medford.

19. DW passed out copies of the Pawnshop Ordinance which has been adopted since 1964 and stated that possibly we need to repeal this Ordinance or enforce it.

20. DW read letter from E. C. Kobs, Vice-President of Bernard Johnson Engineers, Inc. in which Mr. Kobs stated the City of Lufkin and Bernard Johnson Engineers, Inc. had no contracts between them at this time.

21. There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Ener Nisbet
Mayor - City of Lufkin, Texas

ATTEST:

Lynn Graham
City Secretary - City of Lufkin, Texas