

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF  
LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON THE 29TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1989 AT 5:00 A.M.

On the 29th day of August, 1989, the City Commission of the City of Lufkin, Texas, convened in special session in the Council Chambers of Lufkin City Hall with the following members thereof, to wit:

Louis A. Bronaugh  
Percy Simond, Jr.  
Bob Bowman  
Jack Gorden  
Paul Mayberry  
Harvey Westerholm  
Brian Boudreaux  
Atha Stokes

Mayor  
Commissioner, Ward No. 1  
Commissioner, Ward No. 4  
Commissioner, Ward No. 5  
Commissioner, Ward No. 6  
City Manager  
Assistant City Manager  
City Secretary

being present, and

Don Boyd  
Danny Roper

Commissioner, Ward No. 2  
Commissioner, Ward No. 3

being absent when the following business was transacted.

1. Meeting was opened with prayer by City Manager Harvey Westerholm.
2. Mayor Bronaugh opened Public Hearing to consider property tax increase. Mayor Bronaugh stated that because the increase in property taxes went beyond 3% it triggered a Public Hearing.

City Manager Westerholm stated that the City Commission has proposed a 37.87 cent tax rate up from 30.50 cents last year. City Manager Westerholm stated that this is a 7.37 cent increase of which 4.66 cents is for debt service and 2.71 cents is for general fund maintenance. City Manager Westerholm stated that this represents a 25.89% increase in the tax rate, but an effective tax rate increase slightly less than 7%. City Manager Westerholm stated that a tax rate in excess of 38.39 cents would have exceeded the 8% increase that would trigger a roll-back election.

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the City Manager had also provided a hand-out to members of the Commission including a letter from Ed Esquivel and a copy of the statutory authority for the issuance of "contractual obligations" to finance the acquisition of personal property.

Mayor Bronaugh stated that members of the Commission had been approached by the County Tax Assessor-Collector to collect the City's taxes for 1990. Mayor Bronaugh stated that the Assessment and Collection Agreement with the Angelina County Tax Appraisal District states that, "This contract by and between the District and Jurisdiction shall be in effect from July 1, 1986 through September 30, 1986 and it shall be automatically renewed thereafter on a year-to-year basis and remain in effect until terminated by mutual consent of the parties or by written notice of termination of either party to the other, such notice to be provided no later than May 31, four months prior to the initiation of current tax collections for the tax year in which the agreement is to be terminated."

Mayor Bronaugh stated that he had sent a letter to Mr. Shanklin advising him that the City would be staying with the Angelina County Tax Appraisal District, and will make a decision about collection of next year's taxes in May.

Commissioner Simond stated that he had heard that the Appraisal District is raising its collection fees effective October 1st. Commissioner Simond stated, that in his opinion, the fee should be stated in the contract.

In response to question by Commissioner Mayberry, Mayor Bronaugh stated that Pat Foley is the City's representative on the Tax Appraisal Board.

Commissioner Gorden stated that he would like to see someone from the City Commission represent the City on the Tax Appraisal Board.

There was no audience participation.

Mayor Bronaugh closed Public Hearing.

3. COMMENTS - AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION IN CITY COMMISSION MEETINGS

Commissioner Simond stated that some cities allow the public to come before the Commission for three minutes to speak, and he would like some feedback from the Commission on starting this policy for Lufkin.

Mayor Bronaugh stated that very few cities have comments from the Mayor and Commissioners but do have comments from citizens. Mayor Bronaugh stated that if the Commissioners agree, then this can be added to future agendas.


Commissioner Bowman stated that there could be a trial period to see how it works under certain guidelines.

Commissioner Simond stated that he has advocated for some time that all department heads should be present at the City Commission meetings.

4. There being no further business for consideration, meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

  
Louis A. Bronaugh - Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Atha Stokes - City Secretary