

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON
DECEMBER 1, A. D. 1953, AT 7:30 P.M.

On this the 1st day of December, A. D. 1953, the City Commission of the City of Lufkin, Texas, convened in Regular Session at the City Hall in said City with the following members thereof being present:

Absent:

1. There was passed on final reading, after recommendation by the Zoning Board of the City of Lufkin, an ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Lufkin changing the zone from "A" District to "L" District on a tract of land owned by the Woodmen of the World, on the West side of Timberland drive in the North part of said City.

2. Quinton Carslile appeared before the Commission and requested relief relative to the drainage situation on Sunset Blvd. After discussing the condition in that area of the City, it was agreed by the Commission that it would check the streets and do what it could to relieve the condition existing in that area.

3. As previously advertised that the City would buy automobiles and trucks for the use of the City and its various departments, bids were opened, after due notice, and it was agreed that the City would buy as its passenger car for use in the Police Department, a Ford, Plymouth or Chevrolet automobile, with automatic transmission. Upon checking the bids, it was found that Gibbs Motor Company was the lowest and best bidder and it was accordingly voted to purchase a Plymouth automobile from this concern.

4. The City having advertised that it would buy 2 1/2 ton pickup trucks, two 2 ton trucks and a long wheelbase on a wench truck with 150 foot wire cable, and it appearing that Squyres Inc. was the lowest and best bidder on these trucks, it was voted unanimously by the City Commission to purchase International trucks from said Squyres Inc.

5. The rough condition of street crossings on the Southern Pacific and Cotton Belt Railroads were discussed by the Commission and City Manager Joe McClendon, was instructed to write a letter to the Superintendent of the Railroads and request that such crossings be repaired and improved.

6. Speed Limits on Highway 103 from Timberland Drive to the Herty Road were fixed in accordance with recommendations of the State Highway Department and an ordinance passed fixing the speed limits accordingly.

7. It was voted to advertise the house owned by the City, known as the Adkins house, on North First Street, for sale to the highest and best bidder.

8. Also, there came up for discussion an extension of sewer and water to what is known as the Wright property on State Highway 94 and having been made known to the City that an industry would be located on such property furnishing employment to a large number of people provided they could have sewer and water; therefore, the City Commission voted unanimously to furnish the necessary water and sewer facilities to accommodate such industry.

9. It was voted to hire Howard Walker to purchase the necessary right-of-way on Lufkin Avenue for the widening and extension of Lufkin Avenue to Timberland Drive.

10. The matter of heavy trucks going over certain streets not designated as State Highways, within the City, was discussed and it was voted that the Police Department install markers designating truck routes over the streets designated as Highways and keep them off of the streets in close proximity to the schools.

11. Acting City Manager, Joe McClendon, submitted his resignation as such, stating that it was necessary that he look after his father's interest in the business here in Lufkin; that no one was available to take charge of such business and in order to protect it it was necessary that he resign to inter such private enterprise. The City Commission reluctantly accepted his resignation, appreciating the fact that Mr. McClendon had given many years of unselfish service to the City of Lufkin. It was voted to unanimously accept his resignation and to pay him for three months with the understanding that he would be available for part time, special work, and as a consultant, that in view of his long time service he had much information available and the City would feel free to call upon him for such information and help as might arise from time to time.

12. Mr. Woodrow Scott, the Mayor, was appointed Acting City Manager to carry on such work in the absence of Mr. McClendon, whose resignation was accepted to become effective immediately. Mr. Scott was appointed to carry on on a temporary basis and until such time as the City might be able to make other arrangements.

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned.

W.W. Scott
Mayor

ATTEST:

E. L. Gaskins
City Secretary