

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON THE 21ST DAY OF APRIL, 1981, AT 5:00 P.M.

On the 21st day of April, 1981, the City Commission of the City of Lufkin, Texas, convened in regular meeting in the Council Room at City Hall with the following members thereof, to-wit:

Pitser H. Garrison	Mayor
Percy A. Simond, Jr.	Commissioner, Ward No. 1
Don E. Boyd	Commissioner, Ward No. 2
Bob McCurry	Commissioner, Ward No. 3
Pat Foley	Commissioner, Ward No. 4
Richard Thompson	Commissioner, Ward No. 5
E. C. Wareing	Commissioner, Ward No. 6
Harvey Westerholm	City Manager
Roger G. Johnson	Assistant City Manager
Tommy Deaton	Assistant City Attorney
Ann Griffin	City Secretary

being present, and

Robert L. Flournoy	City Attorney
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being absent when the following business was transacted.

1. Meeting opened with prayer by Rev. Richard L. Hume, Jr. Pastor of St. Paul's Methodist Church of Lufkin.

2. Mayor Garrison welcomed visitors present.

3. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of regular meeting of April 7, 1981, were approved on motion by Commissioner Pat Foley. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Richard Thompson, and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

4. Historical & Creative Arts Center - Request for Additional Space & Improvements - Approved

Mayor Garrison stated that the City Manager, Jerry Hill, Jerry Huffman and Craig McCoy had met with Marge Beckham, Mrs. Carol Moore and Rudy Phares of the Historical & Creative Arts Center to discuss the future long-range plans for both the City and the Historical & Creative Arts Center.

Commissioner E. C. Wareing stated that the request is for additional space which is the pressing need, and he felt any discussion of future needs should be delayed until the City knew what the Federal Government planned to do in regard to the new Federal Building.

Following additional discussion, motion was made by Commissioner E. C. Wareing and seconded by Commissioner Bob McCurry that the Historical & Creative Arts Center be granted use of four (4) rooms at the rear of the building formerly used by the Alternative Program, use of the Southeast Corner of the property for a youth Centennial archaeological dig through the end of 1983, and future plans be reviewed when a decision is made on bids for the Federal Building. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

5. Zone Change Application - Approved - Second Reading - Dallas Pierre, D.D.S. - A to C

Mayor Garrison stated that zone change application by Dallas Pierre, D.D.S., covering property located at 503 Kurth Drive between Lake Street and Lofton from Apartment to Commercial District had been approved on first reading at last meeting of City Commission. There was no opposition present.

Motion was made by Commissioner Don Boyd and seconded by Commissioner Richard Thompson that zone change application be approved on second and final reading. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

6. Zone Change Application - Approved - Second Reading - G&B Homes RS to D

Mayor Garrison stated that zone change application by G&B Homes covering property located on Springwood Street between Howard and Lilac Avenues from Residential Small to Duplex District on lots 4, 5, 6, 8, and 9 had been approved on first reading at last meeting of City Commission. There was no opposition present.

Motion was made by Commissioner Don Boyd and seconded by Commissioner Richard Thompson that zone change application be approved on second and final reading. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

7. Zone Change Application - Approved - Second Reading - Calvin Lawson - HM to RS

Mayor Garrison stated that zone change application by Calvin Lawson covering property located at 200 Bonita Street between Spence Street and Lake Street from Heavy Manufacturing to Residential Small District had been approved on first reading at last meeting of City Commission. There was no opposition present.

Motion was made by Commissioner Don Boyd and seconded by Commissioner Richard Thompson that zone change application be approved on second and final reading. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

8. Zone Change Application - Approved - First Reading - Helen Lowe - RL to C, SU(Item 1-County Jail)

Mayor Garrison stated that zone change application by Helen Lowe covering property located on Loop 287 at Kurth Drive from Residential Large to Commercial, Special Use (Item 1-County Jail) had been recommended to City Commission by Planning & Zoning Commission. There was no opposition present.

Commissioner E. C. Wareing stated that according to minutes from Planning & Zoning Commission meeting, Mrs. Lowe wanted to have the property zoned Commercial in the event the Jail is not constructed. Commissioner Wareing further stated that he felt the zone change should be passed with the Special Use designation to remain in effect only if the jail is constructed.

Mayor Garrison stated that a time limit could be set on the Special Use designation, and if permit is not requested for construction of the jail the Special Use would expire.

Commissioner E. C. Wareing stated that if the deciding factor was the option of the County to purchase the property, the Special Use would be removed quicker and Mrs. Lowe would be able to use the property for other commercial purposes.

Mayor Garrison stated that the zone could be designated as Commercial with the stipulation that the property could be used for a County Jail. Mayor Garrison further stated that he understood a public building could be constructed in any zone.

Mrs. Lowe stated that the County's option expires June 28, 1981.

Motion was made by Commissioner E. C. Wareing and seconded by Commissioner Bob McCurry that property be zoned C, SU with the Special Use to expire if option to purchase by Angelina County is not exercised or when it expires. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

9. Zone Change Application - Approved - First Reading - Texas Foundries - RL & LM to HM

Mayor Garrison stated that zone change application by Texas Foundries covering the following property: Parcel 1-South of North Raguet and North of Lotus Lane; Parcel 2 - East of Hill Street and North of Lotus Lane from Residential Large and Light Manufacturing to Heavy Manufacturing District had been recommended to City Commission by Planning & Zoning Commission.

Commissioner E. C. Wareing recused himself from vote or discussion on zone change because of his employment with Texas Foundries. There was no opposition present.

Motion was made by Commissioner Richard Thompson and seconded by Commissioner Don Boyd that zone change application be approved on first reading. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded with Commissioner E. C. Wareing recusing himself from vote.

10. Zone Change Application - Approved - First Reading - Phil Medford - RL to A

Mayor Garrison stated that zone change application by Phil Medford covering property located between Schuller and Calvin Street from Residential Large to Apartment District had been recommended to City Commission by Planning & Zoning Commission. There was no opposition present.

Motion was made by Commissioner Don Boyd and seconded by Commissioner E. C. Wareing that zone change be approved on first reading. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

11. Agreement with TDHPT - Approved - Traffic Signal - Pershing & Loop 287

Mayor Garrison stated that three (3) months ago the City Commission approved the installation of a traffic signal at Loop 287 & Pershing and instructed City Manager Westerholm to contact the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation and request that they handle installation of same. Mayor Garrison further stated that the Highway Department had agreed to install the traffic signal and was requesting agreement be signed and check for \$26,000 be forwarded to their Office.

Motion was made by Commissioner Pat Foley and seconded by Commissioner Richard Thompson that funds in the amount of \$26,000 be advanced and agreement be signed. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

12. Application for Worm Study Grant - Approved - Research Lab of EPA

Mayor Garrison stated that the City had previously made application for grants in regard to the Worm Study Grant, but it now appeared that the Environmental Research Laboratory of the EPA is ready to approve the City's application for a research project.

City Manager Westerholm stated that if approved Dr. Harold Wolfe of Texas A&M University would conduct the research under a \$100,000 one-year grant. City Manager Westerholm further stated that the work would be started on a small scale. City Manager Westerholm stated if the study seems feasible after the first year, the research will progress to a larger scale and EPA will proceed with construction grants.

Motion was made by Commissioner Pat Foley and seconded by Commissioner Don Boyd that application be made for Worm Study Grant. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

13. Crepe Myrtle Designated as Official Lufkin Flowering Plant

Mayor Garrison stated that in the past the Crepe Myrtle had been named the official flowering plant for the City of Lufkin, and the Chairman of the Beautification Committee of the Angelina County Chamber of Commerce had requested it be reaffirmed as the official flowering plant of Lufkin.

Motion was made by Commissioner Pat Foley and seconded by Commissioner Don Boyd that the Crepe Myrtle be reaffirmed as Official Flowering Plant of Lufkin. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

14. Cablecom of Lufkin - Optional Cable Package - Discussed

Mayor Garrison stated that City Commission had received notice from Wayne Neal, Cablecom Manager, that Cablecom planned to begin operation of "Cinemax" a new optional service to Lufkin's cable subscribers. Mr. Neal stated that the price of the new service would be \$9.95 per month, \$19.95 installation, and if a subscriber has all the optional services of Cablecom, the total price would be \$25.00 per month. Mr. Neal further stated that the installation price would be charged even if the subscriber presently had "Galaxy" service which uses the same box as the "Cinemax", because of an additional installation.

Mayor Garrison stated that the City Commission only needed to recognize Cablecom's new service and a vote was not necessary. Mayor Garrison reminded Mr. Neal that the City needed a complete profit and loss statement from Cablecom to decide if fees should be adjusted.

15. Senator Blake's "Pot Hole Bill" - Discussed

Mayor Garrison stated that information on Senator Blake's "Pot Hole Bill" was included in distribution delivered to Commissioners, but was not placed on the agenda. Mayor Garrison stated that the bill provides that cities could receive money for repair of streets equal to the amount spent by the city, but not in excess of that amount. Mayor Garrison stated that the information indicated Lufkin would be eligible for funding of \$216,000. Mayor Garrison stated that if Commissioners were in favor of the proposed bill they should notify the City Manager who would relay the information.

16. Camelot Circle - Worm Farm - Return of Commissioner Percy Simond, Jr.

Commissioner Richard Thompson asked for a status report on Annexation & Permanent Zoning of Camelot Circle. Ed Richie, City Planner, stated that the residents have not presented a plat for approval to Planning & Zoning.

Commissioner Don Boyd asked for a status report on the Worm Farm Operation. Bobby Mott, Water Pollution Control Superintendent, stated that his department was awaiting a decision on the grant funds before beginning work on the present building.

Mayor Garrison stated that it was certainly great to have Commissioner Percy Simond back at the City Commission meeting, and to see his condition improving so rapidly.

Commissioner Percy Simond stated that he appreciated all the concern expressed by the Commission and the people at City Hall.

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17. There being no further business for consideration, meeting adjourned at 5:50 P.M.



*Pitser H. Garrison*  
Pitser H. Garrison, Mayor

*Ann Griffin*  
City Secretary