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

On the 21st day of October, 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
Basil E. Atkinson, Jr., M.D.	Commissioner at Large, Place B
Harvey Westerholm	City Manager
Lynn Durham	City Secretary
Robert L. Flournoy	City Attorney

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

1. Meeting opened with prayer by Rev. W. Edwin McDaniel, Pastor of Keltys Methodist Church, Keltys, Texas. Mayor thanked Rev. McDaniel for his participation in the meeting.

2. Mayor welcomed a large number of visitors who were present in connection with items on the Agenda or as observers.

3. BMcN made motion that minutes of regular meeting of October 7, 1969, be approved as written. Motion seconded by BEA and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

4. Rev. Sidney Spain, along with several members of the Board of the Community Concert, were present and Rev. Spain acting as spokesman inquired as to the status of sale of bonds voted for the construction of a Civic Center by the City of Lufkin. Rev. Spain stated that present facilities were inadequate for large scale entertainment by companies scheduled by the Board.

   Mayor stated that the City had been unable to sell these bonds due to financial condition of the City, also there were several other items such as improvement to our present sewer system that should be handled before construction of a Civic Center. Mayor was in agreement with the Board members of the Community Concert and stated every effort would be made to sell these bonds as soon as possible.

5. A number of citizens were present from Herty area to request City correct the unsanitary sewer condition now existing, especially in the Herty Elementary School area.

   HW presented plat showing area involved and possible corrective measures that could be taken and desired to present to City Commission financial figures to ascertain if City was in a position to do the work. HW stated would like to present such figures to City Commission before decision was made on measures to be taken.

   CL made motion that a study be made of corrective measures to be taken in the Herty area regarding the sewer situation and report back at next meeting. BMcN seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

6. Mayor opened the following bids on Group Life and Hospitalization Insurance for the City of Lufkin employees per specifications advertised in Lufkin News.

Farmers Insurance Group	Don Briley, Agent
Eagle Life Insurance Company	John W. Duke, Agent
Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Texas	Lee Hampton, Agent
Southwestern Life Insurance Company	J. B. Cauthen, Agent
Aetna Life Insurance Company	Various Agents
Louisiana & Southern Life Insurance Co.	Lee Carney, Agent
Great Western Life Assurance Company	Lee Carney, Agent
New England Mutual Life Insurance Co.	Lee Carney, Agent
Pan American Life Insurance Company	Lee Carney, Agent
Equitable Life Insurance Company	Herman Hearne, Agent
Lincoln National Life Insurance Company	Present Carrier

Mayor appointed DVS (Chairman), BEA, and ECW to study bids and make recommendations to City Commission at later meeting.

7. RLF read caption of ordinance changing zone from R-1 District to R-1 District and Special Use covering property located NE of intersection of Diana Street and F.M. 59 by C. D. Lowery, Sr. LD stated this zone change application had been considered by the City Planning and Zoning Commission in regular meetings of August 14th and September 25, 1969, and it was recommended that same be approved by the City Commission.

Mayor inquired if any persons present to object to the change and there were none. After some discussion, BEA made motion that ordinance covering this zone change be approved on first reading. BMcN seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

8. HW presented Change Order on Fire Stations No. 4 and 5 covering lighting fixtures in dormitories and lounge area from 150 watts to 75 watts. Jerry Hill, Architect, was present and stated the Change had been approved by the Building Inspector and the Fire Chief which results in a reduction of $112.00.

BMcN made motion that Change Order be approved. Motion seconded by WOR. However, before vote was taken, CL stated he would like to have light meter test to determine if proposed change would provide sufficient light. BMcN withdrew his motion, however, WOR thought there was sufficient light provided in Change Order and withdrew his second and made motion that Change Order be approved. No second was given to WOR's motion and City Manager will study and bring recommendation to the City Commission later.

9. HW presented a written statement prepared by Jerry Hill, Architect, to be approved and signed by the City accepting as substantially complete as of October 14, 1969, work on Fire Stations 4 and 5 according to work called for and described in plans and specifications.

ECW made motion that the project covering construction of Fire Stations 4 and 5 be accepted as substantially complete as of October 14, 1969, according to work called for and described in plans and specifications. BEA seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

10. The question of considering Ordinance establishing a Housing Authority was brought up for discussion. RLF stated it was not necessary to pass an Ordinance but instead two Resolutions were necessary to be considered.

(1) Establishing a need for a Housing Authority, and

(2) Determining a need for such Authority to function.

A general discussion was had on this item and George Henderson, Jr., President of Angelina Chamber of Commerce, along with a large number of his group, were present and Mr. Henderson requested favorable action on the Resolutions as called for by RLF.

BEA called attention to items in the Dallas News and U.S. News and World Report regarding the functions of such authority. Jerry Lumpkin, local citizen, spoke against passage and stated that the question of Urban Renewal had been voted down by the Citizens of Lufkin.

At this point, WOR made motion that the City hold an election within the required time to decide whether or not the Housing Authority shall function or not. BMcN seconded the motion and the following vote was recorded.

Voting Aye: CL, DVS, BMcN, ECW, WOR and BEA.

Voting Nay: EN.

Mayor declared motion carried by majority vote.

ECW then made motion that the City Commission adopt a Resolution stating that unsanitary and unsafe dwellings existed in the City of Lufkin and that a need exists for a Housing Authority to assist in remedying this situation. DVS seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

DVS made motion that Mayor appoint a Housing Authority based on a representative cross-section of the citizenry of Lufkin composed of professional, labor, minority, business and industry. BMcN seconded the motion and the following vote was recorded.

Voting Aye: EN, DVS, BMcN, ECW, and BEA.

Voting Nay: CL and WOR.

Mayor declared motion carried by majority vote.

11. HW stated had received request from Mr. L. F. McKinney who lives in the Fuller Springs Community for sewer service to tie into his Briar Meadow Addition outside the City Limits.

After some discussion, it was the decision of the City Commission that a contract be drawn up setting out certain provisions for the protection of the City as well as Mr. McKinney, to be considered at next meeting.

12. HW requested confirmation authorizing the sale of certain junk materials at Central Fire Station to Joe Winthrop for $126.50, his being highest bid. DVS made motion that this confirmation of sale be approved. BMcN seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

13. HW recommended that the auditing firm of Axley and Rode be named to handle the audit of the City records for the year ending September 30, 1969, since their estimate of the cost of such audit was low. CL made motion that Axley and Rode be deisgnated as the auditing firm to audit the City Books for the year ending September 30, 1969. WOR seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

14. HW stated the City had an opportunity to exchange property of the abandoned Water Well No. 8 for location of a new site at no cost to the City.

BEA inquired as to whether or not the new site was within proper distance in relation to the old well site. Floyd Long, Water Production Superintendent who was present at the meeting, stated the new site was within the limits prescribed by Water Well engineers. CL made motion that the City make the exchange of the old abandoned site for the new site for Water Well No. 8. ECW seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

15. HW stated that advertisement had been made in the local papers for opening November 4, 1969, covering metallic building in the Parks Department. However, desired to have an Addendum to this bid to be advertised in the paper and furnished to local bidders covering,

1. Floor dimension - minimum width and length.
2. Eave height.
3. Minimum live roof load.
4. Erection to be made by City Employees.

ECW made motion that authority be granted to issueing this Addendum to the previous advertisement for bids on the metallic building. BMcN seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

16. HW asked for authorization on procedure to bill Herty Water Company for water purchased from the City under present franchise. HW stated the Herty Water Company had three meters and franchise did not state explicitely that billing for water would be made as if only one meter was in service. He stated he had discussed this with David Walker who was under the impression that such billing would be made as if only one meter was used. HW was instructed to bill Herty Water Company as though one meter was in use but that no additional meters could be metered unless approved by the City Commission.

17. HW called attention to the City Commission of traffic count on Third Street furnished by the Superintendent of the Properties Maintenance Department, copy of which was furnished each Commissioner.

18. WOR inquired if anything done on contract with industrial plants covering waste delivered to our sewage system. HW stated was working on this item and it would be brought to the attention of the City Commission shortly.

19. WOR inquired as to whether repairs had been made to sewer line near Dunbar High School which had developed leak. HW stated this situation had been taken care of.

20. ECW called attention to traffic hazards on certain streets in the City where the trees and limbs protrude over walks necessitating the kids to walk in the street. HW will have this corrected.

21. DVS called attention to ambulance reports submitted for the previous year by HW and suggested consideration be given to setting up an Ambulance Department separate and apart from the Fire Department and located in the Old City Hall Building. He stated this would also allow firemen assigned to ambulance service to be classed as full time firemen. HW will check into the possibility of such a move and report back later.

22. BEA called attention to Kelly Avenue off of Ellis Street which has been closed by property owners even though such alley had been open for some 30 or 40 years for use and made motion that City take necessary legal steps to reopen this alley for the City. WOR seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

23. A discussion was had on operations at the City Zoo and DVS made motion that the City make no more purchases for animals or accept animals on a free gift basis without approval of the City Commission. WOR seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

24. EN requested HW to check the condition of the new ambulance which is in service at the Fire Station on Atkinson Drive. HW will handle.

25. There being no further business for consideration, meeting was adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

Mayor - City of Lufkin, Texas

ATTEST:

City Secretary - City of Lufkin, Texas