

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON THE 19TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1976, AT 5:00 PM

On the 19th day of October, 1976, 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
R. A. Brookshire	Commissioner, Ward No. 1
Pat Foley	Commissioner, Ward No. 2
Jack McMullen	Commissioner, Ward No. 3
E. C. Wareing	Commissioner, Ward No. 4
W. O. Ricks, Jr.	Commissioner at Large, Place A
E. G. Pittman	Commissioner at Large, Place B
Harvey Westerholm	City Manager
Robert L. Flournoy	City Attorney
Roger G. Johnson	City Secretary

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

1. Meeting opened with prayer by Rev. Fred Douglas, Pastor of Westwood Baptist Church, Lufkin, Texas.
2. Mayor Garrison welcomed a small group of visitors who were present in connection with items on the agenda or as observers.
3. Approval of Minutes

Comm. E. G. Pittman made motion that minutes of regular meeting of October 5, 1976, be approved. Motion was seconded by Comm. E. C. Wareing and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

4. Morris Frank Park-Disc. of Development-Master Plan Proposed

Mayor Garrison stated that this Commission had discussed the possibility of a future park study for Morris Frank Park during a previous meeting and City Manager Westerholm had prepared information for review by members of Commission regarding same.

Mayor Garrison recognized City Manager Westerholm who explained, in more detail, the contents of proposed planning for Morris Frank Park which was outlined in two maps containing existing and proposed facilities, respectively. City Manager Westerholm further reported that Morris Frank Park had been developed without a master plan and the opportunity had now been made available for the possibility of submitting application to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department for a matching fund grant for the development of Morris Frank Park. City Manager Westerholm indicated that parking was a problem in this area and the proposed master plan would suggest various stages of development to accomodate necessary parking, interior design and street arrangement.

Mayor Garrison also recognized Mr. Bill Windsor, President of the Dixie Youth Baseball Association, who was in agreement with this proposed development and members of Commission asked Mr. Windsor several questions regarding the condition of the existing facility at Morris Frank Park.

Mayor Garrison explained that the Dixie Youth Baseball Association members had recently had the opportunity of visiting other baseball parks of similar nature and he was of the personal opinion that Morris Frank Park should be developed and beautified as a facility to which Morris Frank would be proud to bear his name. Mayor Garrison stated that centralized parking and concession stands should be constructed within the facility and was of the opinion that the City Commission should approve a study and consider application for funds to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department.

Comm. E. C. Wareing stated that previous discussion of this property had indicated that road access and back parking were problems that should be resolved.

Mayor Garrison explained that he and two other associates owned property in this area through which a road had been proposed for extension to relieve certain congestion, but same would create a conflict of interest. Mayor Garrison stated that if a road was extended through this property, some legal method would have to be approved by this Commission, even though he and his associates would be willing to donate the necessary right-of-way. Comm. E. C. Wareing stated that a street in the back entrance of the park would improve access and parking and he would be willing to do what he could to support this street extension. Mayor Garrison stated that he had not discussed this matter with the City Attorney, but he and his associates would be available for review of same with the City Attorney to resolve a legal solution to the problem without creating conflict of interests as indicated in charter provision.

Comm. Brookshire explained that he was of the opinion that the City only planned to extend an oil road in this area, and same would not involve considerable cost.

Mayor Garrison suggested that members of this Commission meet with the City Attorney and City Manager regarding this conflict in an effort to resolve problems which were currently existing.

Comm. Brookshire requested that City Manager Westerholm meet with the City Attorney regarding possible solution to conflict of interest problem and report same to members of Commission at next regular meeting.

Mayor Garrison also requested that City Manager Westerholm meet with the rodeo association and Lufkin Youth Baseball group prior to next regular meeting regarding a proposed master plan development of this area involving a 50 percent matching fund grant. Mayor Garrison stated that this was the same type grant which had been approved for the City of Nacogdoches and their facilities had been developed as a result of this funding.

City Manager Westerholm stated that he would have a preliminary review of this master plan for consideration by members of Commission at next regular meeting, which would indicate the basic physical rearrangement as discussed.

Comm. Pittman inquired as to whether or not the Lufkin Independent School District would be desirous of entering into this grant inasmuch as they were currently using Park #2 at Morris Frank Park for Lufkin High School baseball games. City Manager Westerholm stated that he would include their comments in the report which would be submitted at a later date.

Mayor Garrison also recognized Mr. Ray Polk of the Dixie Youth Baseball Association who indicated his support of this master plan development.

5. Zone Change Approved 1st Reading-R. E. Grimes from RL to RM District

Mayor Garrison stated that zone change application by R. E. Grimes from RL to RM District covering property located South of Diana Drive between Diana Drive & Slack Street & East of Wallace Street, had been recommended for approval by the City Planning & Zoning Commission.

There were no persons present appearing in opposition to application. Comm. E. G. Pittman inquired of Mr. Grimes as to whether or not this area had been platted. Mr. Grimes stated that a portion of this area had been previously platted. City Manager Westerholm explained to Mr. Pittman that provided the City Planning & Zoning Commission approved this sub-division, a new plat would have to be filed and old plat would not be applicable.

Comm. R. A. Brookshire made motion that zone change application by R. E. Grimes from RL to RM District be approved on first reading of ordinance. Motion was seconded by Comm. Pat Foley and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

6. City Commission Meeting Date 11/2/76 - Time Changed

Mayor Garrison stated that inasmuch as the National Election date would conflict with the next regular meeting of this Commission, it seemed to be in order that members of Commission consider changing time of next regular meeting from 7:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Members of Commission were in agreement with suggestion by Mayor Garrison. Comm. R. A. Brookshire made motion that time be changed from 7:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on next regular meeting of November 2, 1976. Motion was seconded by Comm. Pat Foley and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

7. Fire Dept.-Bid Awarded-Utility Rescue Vehicle

City Manager Westerholm reported that bids had been received for the purchase of a Utility Rescue Vehicle for the Fire Department from the following local companies:

Angelina Chevrolet-Cadillac Co.	\$8,561.61*
Doug Williamson Dodge	\$8,341.43*
Greater Lufkin Ford Sales	\$8,295.75*

*Bid Amount Includes Front-End Winch - Optional

City Manager Westerholm stated that low bid received from Greater Lufkin Ford Sales in the amount of \$8,295.75 had included the cost of a front-end winch, which was an optional item. City Manager Westerholm also stated that, technically, the budget would have to be amended to include the additional \$2,000 which would be required to purchase the vehicle and the winch.

Comm. E. C. Wareing made motion to accept the low bid submitted by Greater Lufkin Ford Sales in the amount of \$8,295.75 and authorize amendment to the budget to provide for the additional purchase of front-end optional winch. Motion was seconded by Comm. E. G. Pittman and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

8. RSVP Program - Approval of \$1,000 Contribution

Mayor Garrison stated that representatives from the RSVP Program were present to answer any questions members of Commission may have regarding their request for contributions to the Retired Senior Volunteer Program and City Manager Westerholm explained that the RSVP personnel had not requested funds last year.

Mayor Garrison recognized Mrs. Mary Benson and Mrs. Delores Wheeler who were present. Mrs. Wheeler indicated that this request was for a local match and \$12,000 was needed for the continuation of the program which operated in Shelby, Angelina and Nacogdoches Counties and a budget of \$42,000 which was primarily used for travel expenses and salaries. Mrs. Wheeler further explained the basics of the RSVP Program and its success in this area.

Comm. Foley inquired of Mrs. Wheeler as to whether or not the majority of the budget was used for salaries. Mrs. Wheeler indicated that this was true, to include travel expenses.

Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., inquired of City Manager Westerholm as to whether or not the \$1,000 requested could be financed. City Manager Westerholm stated that this money could be provided out of Revenue Sharing expenses inasmuch as same were predicted for surplus in the current fiscal year in the amount of \$22,000.

Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., made motion that request by RSVP Program personnel be approved in the amount of \$1,000 from Revenue Sharing money. Motion was seconded by Comm. E. C. Wareing and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

9. Resolution Approved-State Dept. of Highways & Public Transportation-Texas Good Roads/Transportation Association

City Manager Westerholm explained that the Texas Good Roads/Transportation Association had requested all public entities to consider resolution urging the Texas Legislature to support Governor Briscoe's

recommendation for funding of the State Dept. of Highways & Public Transportation Program. City Manager Westerholm referred to a copy of this resolution which had been previously submitted to the City Commission for review.

Mayor Garrison indicated that Governor Briscoe was in support of this program and Comm. Pat Foley inquired of Denzel Perciful, who was present, as to whether or not the Dept. of Traffic Safety was in support of this program. Mr. Perciful indicated that the Dept. of Traffic Safety was in support of same and did concur with resolution as proposed.

Comm. Jack McMullen expressed his opinion that, as a member of this Commisiion, he did not personally feel qualified to determine whether or not state funds would be spent and in what areas.

Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., made motion that resolution be approved supporting this program in accordance with request as submitted. Motion was seconded by Comm. E. G. Pittman, who also inquired as to who the Texas Good Roads people were. Mayor Garrison explained that the Texas Good Roads/Transportation Association were an effective public body that worked with the Texas Highway systems conducting a successful program for many years.

City Manager Westerholm explained that the Angelina Chamber of Commerce had previously endorsed this program. Comm. E. G. Pittman stated that he would not be in complete agreement with this program as indicated by Comm. Ricks and other Commissioners, but was of the opinion that the overall program seemed significant. The following vote was then recorded to previous motion and second:

Voting Aye: Mayor Garrison, Comms. Pat Foley, E. C. Wareing, W. O. Ricks, Jr., and E. G. Pittman

Voting Nay: Comms. R. A. Brookshire and Jack McMullen

Mayor Garrison declared motion approved by majority vote of five to two.

10. Street Name Changed - White Drive to Sybil Street

City Manager Westerholm stated that the City Planning & Zoning Commission had recently recommended a street name change from White Drive to Sybil Street due to conflicting street names and recommendation of the Lufkin Post Office. Comm. R. A. Brookshire made motion to approve street name change from White Drive to Sybil Street in accordance with recommendation by the City Planning & Zoning Commission. Motion was seconded by Comm. E. C. Wareing and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

Mayor Garrison requested that City Manager Westerholm personally notify property owner on this street for which new street had been named.

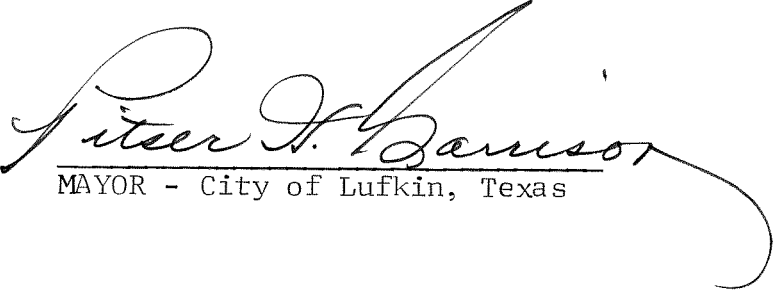
11. Trick or Treat Night-Halloween-October 31, 1976-Official Recognition Night Approved

Mayor Garrison stated that Halloween would occur Sunday, October 31, 1976, and it had been recommended by Lufkin Independent School District, Chamber of Commerce, and other organizations within the City, that same be celebrated by the city's youth on Friday, October 29.

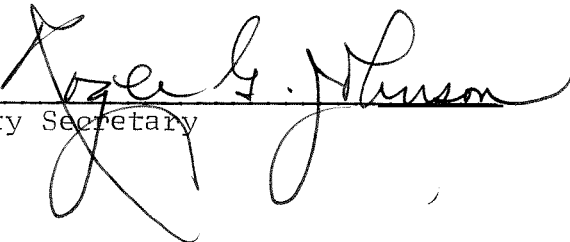
A brief discussion developed regarding other possible dates. Comm. W. O. Ricks, Jr., made motion that Friday, October 29, 1976, be designated as official recognition night for Halloween to be observed by the city's youth. Motion was seconded by Comm. Jack McMullen and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

12. Adjournment - Executive Session - Personnel Disc.

Mayor Garrison adjourned meeting at 6:10 p.m. to consider various personnel questions in executive meeting. Meeting was reconvened at 6:45 p.m. and adjourned by Mayor Garrison at this time after indicating to individuals present that discussions by this Commission during executive session involved appointments to various City Boards which would be announced at a later date.


MAYOR - City of Lufkin, Texas

ATTEST:


City Secretary