

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS,
HELD MAY 1st, 1923.

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Be it remembered that on this the 1st day of May, A.D. 1923, there was begun and holden a regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Lufkin, Texas, at the Municipal Office thereof; present and presiding the Hon. Sam H. Kerr, Mayor, C. F. Becker, Commissioner of Ward No. 1, J. W. Lewis, Commission of Ward No. 2, W. A. Behamon, Commissioner of Ward No. 3, Dr. W. B. Treadwell, Commissioner of Ward No. 4, C. N. Humason, City Manager, T. L. Dunn, City Secretary and W. O. Seale, City Attorney, when the following proceedings were had, to-wit:-

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Minutes of former meetings of this City Commission read, and by move and second duly made and carried were adopted as read.

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E. J. Mantooth, representing the Lufkin Telephone Exchange, appeared and presented for passage and approval an ordinance providing for the grant of a franchise to said Telephone Company for a period of twenty-five (25) years. The proposition being duly considered by the Commission, by move and second duly made and carried action with reference to the passage of said ordinance was deferred to some future time.

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A resolution of thanks in written form thanking The Gould Marble Works for their donation to the City for a Corner stone ~~was~~ for the Municipal Office was voted unanimously, and ordered recorded in the Minutes of this City Commission and a Copy of same mailed to said Gould Marble Works.

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It appearing that it is necessary to elect a member of this City Commission as Mayor Protem to perform the duties of the Mayor in his absence, by move and second duly made and carried, W. B. Treadwell was unanimously elected.

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City manager C. N. Humason reported that all property owners liveing on what is known as Old Union Road had agreed to donate the necessary right-of-way for the widening of said road provided the City would bear the expense of moving the fences back the required distance, and recommended that the city accept their proposition. By move and second duly made and carried said proposition was accepted, and the City Manager to at once make trade with some party or parties to have said fence or fences moved.

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By move and second, all members voting Aye, the City Attorney was instructed to prepare agreement to be executed by the City of Lufkin and J. M. Singleton, relative to dumping ground and also for road way to the City Reservoir.

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City Manager, C. N. Humason, reported the following as appointees for the different positions of the city for the ensuing two years, viz:-

T. L. Dunn,	City Secretary.
W. O. Seale,	City Attorney.
C. H. Rice,	Assistant City Secretary.
G. S. McNeese,	Chief of police
R. C. Chancey,	Night police
W. L. Jones,	Chief plumber
W. L. Jones,	Chief Fire Department.
W. L. Jones,	Building & Electrical Inspector.

W. L. Jones,
Tom Russell,
Will Smith
Dr. J.W. Hawkins,
Raymond H. White

Fire Marshal.
Chief Engineer
Asst. Engineer
Health Officer
Pound Master.

After due consideration of the above named appointees, by move and second duly made and carried, ~~such~~ the action of the city manager in making the appointments is hereby in all things confirmed.

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There being other business to transact at this regular meeting, but for want of time cannot be done at this time, by move and second duly made and carried this meeting adjourned until, Friday, May 4th, at 7:30 P.M.

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Pursuant to adjournment on May 1st, the City Commission met in adjourned regular session on this the 4th day of May, A.D. 1923, at the Municipal office with the following members of said City Commission, present: Sam H. Kerr, Mayor, C. F. Becker, Commissioner of Ward No. 1, J. W. Lewis, Commissioner of Ward No. 2, W. A. Behannon, Commissioner of Ward No. 3, and W. B. Treadwell, Commissioner of Ward No. 4. Other City officials present were C. N. Humason, City Manager, V. O. Seale, City Attorney and T. L. Dunn, City Secretary, when the following proceedings were had, to-wit:-

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R. J. Behannon, appeared in person with a matter relating to delinquent taxes on land formerly owned by B. L. McPherson, but now owned by various parties, and which is located on the North side of Abney Avenue adjoining the J. D. Setliff property, and which taxes are for the years 1914, 1915, and 1916. After due consideration of the matter it was suggested that Mr. McPherson be required to look up for tax receipts showing payment of the taxes as aforesaid and that any action in the matter be deferred until some future meeting of this commission.

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N. D. Wright met with the City Commission and presented a petition asking that the state highway leading to Homer etc. be made to leave the business part of Lufkin via Lufkin Avenue, A.P. Kimney place, Kate Glover place and to intersect what is known as the Homer Road at or near Bob Davis place. After considering the petition by move and second duly made and carried action on said petition was deferred until some future date.

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E. W. Leach appeared in person and asked that an ordinance be passed taking certain territory out of the brick fire limits, to-wit:- That territory on the East side of the H.E. & W.T. Ry. right-of-way and south of Burke Avenue to the present terminus of the brick fire limits. After due consideration of such matter, by move and second duly made and carried it was ordered that ordinance be prepared by the City Attorney taking out the above described territory from the brick fire limits, and providing that buildings of Iron may be built in said territory. said motion carried.

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Mr. H. N. Roberts, Water Works Engineer appeared and made a talk on the proposition of making a full and adequate survey ~~of the~~ and prepare data, maps and figures etc. relative to and for the purpose of determining the probability of securing an adequate water supply for the City for a length of time covering a number of years yet to come. Same was listened to with interest, but action on the matter was deferred.

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A matter relative to an adjustment of a tax matter with Mr. L. G. Kennerly, in which it appears that an over charge was made in collecting taxes for the year 1922, by move and second duly made and carried the City Secretary was instructed to make adjustment as aforesaid.

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All accounts, bills were presented for payment and it appearing that such of said bills as have been properly audited and allowed by the City manager should be paid. By move and second duly made and carried said bill as aforesaid were ordered paid and the City Secretary instructed to write city warrants in payment of same.

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It appearing that the city is using certain property of J. M. Singleton as a dumping ground and that the said Singleton is entitled to receive a rental on same, by move and second duly made and carried, it was ordered that the sum of \$5.00 be paid to J. M. Singleton as a monthly rental for the use of the property being used as a dumping ground.

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There being no further business to come before the meeting, by move and second duly made and carried adjournment was taken.

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The above and foregoing minutes of the City Commission read and approved on this the 5th day of June, A. D. 1923.

Attest:

J. L. Dunn
City Secretary, City of Lufkin,
Texas.

Samuel H. Keene
Mayor, City of Lufkin, Texas.