MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON THE 7th DAY OF MARCH, 1967, AT 7:30 PM

On the 7th day of March, 1967, 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:

Jim Waters	Mayor
Carl Liese	Commissioner, Ward No. 1
Dayle V. Smith	Commissioner, Ward No. 2
Byron McNeil	Commissioner, Ward No. 3
	Commissioner, Ward No. 4
Gene H. Nerren	Commissioner at Large, Place A
Basil E. Atkinson, Jr., M.D.	Commissioner at Large, Place B
Reagan Parker	City Manager
Lynn Durham	City Secretary
David Walker	City Attorney

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

1. Meeting opened with prayer by Rev. Henry Benchoff, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, who left immediately after being thanked by the Mayor for his participation.

2. Commissioner Byron McNeil made motion that minutes of regular meeting of February 21, 1967, be approved as written. Motion seconded by Commissioner Carl Liese and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded. Commissioner Byron McNeil made motion that minutes of special meeting of February 28, 1967, be approved as written. Motion seconded by Commissioner Basil E. Atkinson, Jr., M.D. and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded. Commissioner Byron McNeil made motion that minutes of special meeting of March 6, 1967, be approved as written. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gene H. Nerren and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

3. City Attorney read caption of ordinance for first reading changing zone from R-2 District to LB District covering Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, Block 3, Woodland Heights Addition, and Lots 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, Block 4, Oakland Addition SAVE AND ACCEPT portions conveyed to City of Lufkin by certain instruments listed in application; zone change by Lorah A. Dunn Estate.

   City Secretary stated this application was considered by the City Planning and Zoning Commission in regular meeting of February 9, 1967, and it was their unanimous recommendation that City Commission approve zone change. Mayor inquired if any persons present to object to the change and there were none.

   Commissioner Dayle V. Smith made motion that ordinance be passed on first reading. Motion seconded by Commissioner Byron McNeil and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

4. City Attorney read caption of ordinance for first reading changing zone from R-3 District to C District covering certain property located at intersection of Timberland Drive and Paul Avenue, zone change by L. P. Nesbitt and wife, Minnie Nesbitt.

   City Secretary stated this zone change was also considered by the City Planning and Zoning Commission in their regular meeting of February 9, 1967, and it was their unanimous recommendation that zone change be approved by the City Commission. Mayor inquired if any persons present to object to this change and there were none.

Commissioner Byron McNeil made motion that Ordinance be passed on first reading, seconded by Commissioner Basil E. Atkinson, Jr., M.D. and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

5. City Attorney read caption of ordinance for first reading changing zone from R-2 District to C District covering property lying between Timberland Drive and Denman Avenue being south of the intersection of the two streets and being more fully described by field notes in application; zone change by Odice Kenneth Parrish and C. A. Newberry, et al.

   City Secretary stated this zone change application was considered by the City Planning and Zoning Commission in their regular meeting of February 9, 1967, and it was recommended after motion, second and unanimous affirmative vote that City Commission approve the zone change with the inclusion of the triangular area of property not included in the application and that zone change be subject to requirements of Miscellaneous Regulations shown under Section 2, Item 6, of Central Business District. Mayor inquired if any persons present to object to the change and there were none.

   Commissioner Dayle V. Smith made motion that Ordinance be passed on first reading per recommendation of the City Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion seconded by Commissioner Byron McNeil and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

6. City Attorney read caption of ordinance for second reading changing zone from R-2 District to D District covering Lot 3, Block 70, Town of Lufkin, located at corner of Grove and Bonner; zone change by Caledonia Moore and husband, Chester Moore. Mayor inquired if any persons present to object to change and there were none.

   Commissioner Byron McNeil made motion that ordinance be passed on second reading. Motion seconded by Commissioner Carl Liese and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

7. Mr. Ray Terrell of Bernard Johnson Engineers, Inc. was present and stated he had discussed with Moore Bros., Contractors, the proposed Ellis Street Improvements and there was considerably more clearing and grading to be done than originally estimated which was estimated to amount to approximately $400.00

   City Engineer stated Mr. Elliott Cavanaugh had purchased property to be exchanged with the City and was now in the process of getting field notes. City Engineer also stated there was another piece of property that would allow for less curve and would not cost the City any money if it was found to be available. He stated if this property was procured would straighten street out but would make street about 50 ft. longer, and paving cost shown in the contract by Unit Price, would increase over all expense for paving approximately $1,260.00.

   After considerable amount of discussion, Commissioner Byron McNeil made motion that the original plans for paving be complied with wherein Mr. Cavanaugh exchange property with the City and not include the 50 ft. Commissioner Gene H. Nerren seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

8. Mr. Sam Dixon, Engineer in charge of City Hall and Police Station Buildings, was present to report on status of plans covering this structure. He stated the plans were approximately 90 to 92% complete and would suggest that authorization be given by City Commission to advertise for bids on March 20, 1967, to be opened at 5:00 P.M. on April 12, 1967.

Commissioner Byron McNeil made motion that authorization be given to advertise for bids on construction of City Hall and Police Station for opening at special meeting at 5:00 P.M., April 12, 1967. Motion seconded by Commissioner Basil E. Atkinson, Jr., M.D. and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

Mr. Dixon stated had checked on the possible use of Vumore and Texas Power and Light towers for our radio antenna equipment for the Police and Fire Departments and did not recommend use due to problems involved, such as liability insurance, which would be unacceptable on some other policy. He stated further that local authorities were unable to determine whether or not City would be able to use their facilities for antenna purpose without first contacting Home Offices. Mr. Dixon further stated that the figure of approximately $8,000.00 covering such antenna and building to house equipment was still in effect.

Commissioner Basil E. Atkinson, Jr., M.D. made motion that Consulting Engineers be authorized to proceed with antenna to be constructed on City's storage tank as originally proposed. Commissioner Byron McNeil seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded. Commissioner Byron McNeil made motion that this $8,000.00 be paid out of Fire Station Construction Fund. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Carl Liese.and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

9. Commissioner Basil E. Atkinson, Jr., M.D. inquired as to plans that may be in effect on purchasing of new furniture. Mr. Ray Terrell stated that recommendation covering new furniture would be complete within a few days and be available to the City Commission.

10. Mr. Ray Terrell presented completed plans on proposed improvements to Angelina Street which were now ready for bids at the City Commission's discretion. Discussion was had on these improvements as well as proposed underpass and Commissioner Dayle V. Smith suggested that Mayor contact Mr. Stephens and Mr. Kirk of the Southern Pacific Company in Houston, Texas to see if a meeting could not be arranged between the Consulting Engineers, City Commission and others interested on the combined project of the underpass and improvements to Angelina Street.

Commissioner Dayle V. Smith stated he would contact Mr. Stephens and arrange a meeting as soon as possible. Commissioner Byron McNeil made motion that City Commission accept the plans covering improvements to Angelina Street as presented by Consulting Engineers. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gene H. Nerren and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

Mr. Terrell inquired as to City Commissioners names to appear on title sheet of above plans. He was requested by City Commission to show Commissioner Carl Liese and Commissioner Earl Nisbet, and to show former Commissioner William F. Prince name in parenthesis.

11. City Manager stated that Mr. A. W. Conn had a zone change approved in April 1962 covering Lots A-1, A-3 and A-4, Block 45 of the Denman Addition to the City of Lufkin, but when the new zoning ordinance and map were approved in 1963, all of Mr. Conn's property was not included on the new map.

Mayor suggested, and the City Commission members concurred, that this matter be referred to the City Planning and Zoning Commission for their recommendation before any action was taken.

12. City Manager presented for payment the following invoices which have been approved by the Consulting Engineers and City Engineer.

Bernard Johnson Engineers, Inc.
Engineering fees covering paving improvements on Angelina Street $4,932.76

Bernard Johnson Engineers, Inc.
Engineering fees for paving improvements on Ellis Street . . . . . . $ 741.00

Mercer Construction Co., Inc.
Estimate No. 2 covering period 1-30-67 thru 2-25-67 (work 65% complete) $65,013.88

Commissioner Gene H. Nerren made motion that above three invoices be approved for payment. Motion seconded by Commissioner Byron McNeil and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

13. City Manager advised that traffic light had been installed at Timberland and Paul and Commissioner Dayle V. Smith inquired if it had been properly timed with traffic light at Atkinson and Timberland since there seemed to be some traffic congestion between the lights. City Manager will have this situation checked out.

14. City Manager stated that No. 8 Well was now pumping about 636 gallons a minute but did not know status of the Well as to its permanent operation.

15. In connection with our water well situation, Mayor recommended that City Commission make immediate arrangements with a local bank to borrow sufficient money to drill another water well with extra pump, etc. Mayor stated that if this recommendation was approved we could start immediately on preparatory work and negotiate for a loan later.

Commissioner Gene H. Nerren made motion that Mayor's recommendation be followed and Barnard Johnson Engineers, Inc. be named as Consultants and be instructed to prepare plans and specifications for this new well in order that bids might be received within a few weeks. Motion seconded by Commissioner Byron McNeil and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

Mr. Ray Terrell stated he would furnish City Attorney a letter indicating the same engineering fees on this new water well project as are now included on other projects. City Attorney stated that he has had the various contracts with Bernard Johnson Engineers, Inc. on the individual projects which have been executed by Bernard Johnson Engineers, Inc. and if and when the City Commission would like to consider them that he would make them available.

Mr. Ray Terrell inquired as to who the Civil Defense Director was and that it should be developed if Lufkin could qualify to purchase surplus materials from the Government for use in our proposed new water well. City Manager will handle and advise later.

16. Mayor stated we have a Budget Item of $4,500.00 to enlarge the Jones Lake Recreation Center and had received a bid from two Contractors, Earl Handley and Cotton Largent, in the amount of $2,482.58 and $2,633.00 respectively, and suggested that this work be completed as soon as possible.

Commissioner Byron McNeil made motion that we proceed immediately with this work at the lowest bid received. Commissioner Dayle V. Smith seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

17. Open items were gone over and discussed and deletions made where work had been completed.

18. City Attorney stated it was necessary for the City Commission to pass Ordinance setting date for special City Election to elect Commissioner for Ward No. 4 due to recent resignation of Commissioner Earl Nisbet.

After some discussion, Commissioner Dayle V. Smith made motion that date of May 2, 1967, be set as the date for this election and that Ordinance be approved covering same. Commissioner Basil E. Atkinson, Jr., M.D. seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

19. Mayor read results of special election covering proposed minimum salary increase of $450.00 per month for Firemen per election this date and the results were as follows:

For the proposed minimum salary increase of $450.00 per month for Firemen 484

Against the proposed minimum salary increase of $450.00 per month for Firemen 795

Commissioner Dayle V. Smith made motion that the results above be declared official. Commissioner Byron McNeil seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

20. Mayor read letter from Dr. R. W. Taylor resigning from the position of City Health Officer as of March 1, 1967, and recommended that his resignation be accepted with regret.

Commissioner Dayle V. Smith made motion that Dr. Taylor's resignation from the position of City Health Officer be accepted and that City Attorney be instructed to prepare a Resolution commending Dr. Taylor for his long service as City Health Officer. Commissioner Basil E. Atkinson, Jr.,M.D. seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

21. Commissioner Basil E. Atkinson, Jr., M.D. made motion that Dr. Royce E. Read be appointed as City Health Officer in the place of Dr. Robert W. Taylor, whose term expires September 30, 1967. Commissioner Byron McNeil seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

22. Mayor stated he had received a letter from Mr. Ned Shands, Jr., President of Angelina-Nacogdoches Counties Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, requesting the Lufkin City Commission to authorize the Mayor to write letter requesting permit for water from Lake Ponta to be extended.

Commissioner Carl Liese made motion that Mayor be authorized to write letter as requested by Mr. Shands. Motion seconded by Commissioner Gene H. Nerren and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

Mayor stated in connection with our water situation, Mr. Shands would like to get together with the City Commission over a cup of coffee to discuss subject.

23. Commissioner Dayle V. Smith suggested that Mr. Robert G. Day, our financial advisor, be invited to visit with the Commission as soon as possible to go over our entire financial situation as to water rates, etc. City Manager will handle.

24. There being no further business for consideration, meeting was adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

Jim Waters
Mayor - City of Lufkin, Texas

ATTEST:

Lynn Durham
City Secretary - City of Lufkin, Texas