

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY
OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON 20th DAY OF MARCH, 1962, AT 7:30 PM

On the 20th day of March, 1962, the City Commission of the City of Lufkin, Texas, convened in regular session in the regular meeting place of said City, with the following members thereof, to-wit:

Jim Waters	Mayor
Victor V. Bruce	Commissioner, Ward No. 1
Beamon S. Cook	Commissioner, Ward No. 2
S. Harry Kerr	Commissioner, Ward No. 3
A. G. Welch	Commissioner, Ward No. 4
Granville Wright	Acting City Manager
Lynn Durham	City Secretary
William Drew Perkins	City Attorney

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

1. Meeting opened with prayer by David Lawson, City Engineer.
2. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.
3. Floyd McCormick appeared before the City Commission regarding letter he had received from City regarding his plumbing business which City claims was being operated on property not properly zoned.

Mr. McCormick stated he filed an application several years ago with the then City Attorney which had the signatures of all property owners within required distance declaring they had no objection to change. He stated his check for \$25.00 submitted with his application was later returned to him and he assumed everything was in order. City records do not reflect any zone change but City Secretary will search further and report at next meeting.

4. Acting City Manager stated lowest bid on 2580 feet of 6" and 2120 feet of 12" pipe was Johns-Manville for asbestos in the amount of \$9,668.00 and Lone Star Steel Company was lowest bid for cast iron pipe in same size and amount was \$13,534.20--being a difference of \$3,866.20 and recommended we purchase the asbestos cement pipe. However, before vote was taken, Acting City Manager asked for an expression from the City Engineer and the Water and Sewer Superintendent. Both were in accord with the recommendation in that the asbestos pipe met all the requirements for our use.

Commissioner S. Harry Kerr stated that he generally favors cast iron pipe but due to savings to City and the fact that this pipe met our requirements, he made motion that the asbestos pipe be purchased from Johns-Manville Company at prices quoted. Commissioner Beamon S. Cook seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

5. Herman Brown, Manager of Angelina County Chamber of Commerce, along with Elbert Clark and Earl Medford, members of Merchants Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, appeared before the City Commission. Herman Brown, as spokesman, requested City Commission's consideration of setting aside the third Wednesday of each month as "free parking at meters day" to coincide with special bargain day the merchants propose to have. Mr. Brown stated the merchants were very appreciative of the past "free parking at meter days" approved by City Commission for special bargain days in February of each year.

He also stated that if request was granted, the merchants would do the ground work to see that workers in stores would not take advantage of the free parking in down town area, thereby leaving space for customers.

K. O. Moore, city employee who handles maintenance of parking meters and collections therefrom, voiced his opinion as to loss City would accrue due to this free parking day, etc.

After some discussion, Commissioner Beamon S. Cook made motion that request for free parking meters on third Wednesday of each month be granted for the balance of this year. Commissioner Victor V. Bruce seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

6. Commissioner Beamon S. Cook made motion that ordinance covering zone change from "A" to "F" District covering portion of property located just south of Okay Food Store and Washateria on South Bynum as requested by John Winston, Jr., be approved on second and final reading. Motion seconded by Commissioner A. G. Welch and the vote was unanimous.
7. Acting City Manager called attention to bills covering medical and hospitalization expense on Doyle Peoples, fireman, who is now off duty due to an alleged injury sustained July 9, 1960, and on which all payments of salary and other expense was ordered stopped by City Commission in meeting of Feb. 6, 1962.

City Attorney reviewed facts in case and stated City should pay these bills up to and including Feb. 9, 1962, due to letter written by City Manager to Dr. Howard G. Crow under date of December 29, 1962. However, stated City was not admitting any responsibility for any injury or physical or mental impairment to Mr. Peoples as result of being an employee of the City. These bills are as follows:

Dr. Howard G. Crow, services rendered (statement 2-20-62)	670.00
Dr. Jack Tractir, Ph. D (statement 2-1-62)	50.00
Hedecroft Hosp. & Rehab. Center (1-23-62 thru 2-9-62)	383.30
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Commissioner A. G. Welch made motion that the above statements be ordered paid due to facts involved as stated by City Attorney. Commissioner Beamon S. Cook seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

8. Open items were gone over with no change in status since last meeting.
9. Some discussion was had on invoices to be paid. Commissioner Victor V. Bruce stated he would like to have more time in the future to study the invoices rather than just seeing the list at meeting time. This will be done in the future. Commissioner Beamon S. Cook made motion that invoices for the month be ordered paid. Commissioner Victor V. Bruce seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.
10. W. O. Ricks, Jr. was present and inquired as to recommendation of City Attorney and City Engineer regarding his request that City cover an open rock lined ditch with concrete bottom which runs across his lot on Lufkin Avenue across from new Post Office site. City Attorney stated he had made a study of this matter and did not feel the City had any legal reason to cover this ditch at city's expense. Considerable discussion developed between City Commission members, Mr. Ricks and City Attorney. Commissioner S. Harry Kerr made motion that item be tabled until further information is available. Commissioner Beamon S. Cook seconded motion and the vote was unanimous.

11. Mayor Jim Waters stated he had received request to furnish Key Club in High School 500 mimeographed copies of ballot to be used in the General City Election on April 3, 1962, in that Key Club desired to hold an election on this same date among High School students for educational purposes. Commissioner Beamon S. Cook made motion that request be granted, motioned seconded by S. Harry Kerr and the vote was unanimous.
12. Mayor Jim Waters read letter from Mr. L. A. Douglas, local manager of United Gas Corp. to City Commission advising that a refund would be passed to residential and small commercial customers in Lufkin for gas consumption due to recent order by Federal Power Commission.
13. Mayor Jim Waters advised the City Commission members that by April 15th measures would have to be taken to remedy the financial condition of City due to spending more than was being taken in and would welcome any suggestion.

Commissioner Victor V. Bruce inquired as to amount of delinquent taxes that were collectable. Acting City Manager stated there was between \$25,000 and \$30,000 in this category. The City Commission members felt more effort should be exerted to collect these taxes. Acting City Manager stated the situation was not as bad as indicated--that revenue from Water Department during February was \$1,640.40 more than estimated in the budget and for the 5 month period of Oct. 1961, thru Feb. 1962, revenue was \$2,311.82 less than was estimated in the budget which was not so bad for this department inasmuch as our main source of revenue is from this Department.

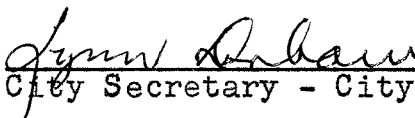
Acting City Manager gave actual figures on cost of repairs to automobiles in Police Department and stated definite recommendations will be made in this connection in the near future.

14. There being no further business for consideration, meeting was adjourned at 9:45 P.M.



Mayor - City of Lufkin, Texas

ATTEST:



City Secretary - City of Lufkin, Texas