

Weldon G. Cannon History Files

EULESS INCORPORATION

In this folder donated to the City of Euless, labeled EULESS INCORPORATION, are a few key documents and other materials from files donated to The University of Texas at Arlington for the Weldon G. Cannon Euless Collection in the Special Collections of the University Library. Following is a brief summary of materials in 1 folder under this subject that was donated to UTA:

1. EULESS INCORPORATION

Folder contents

Documents and papers related to the incorporation of Euless 1950-1953 from the Tarrant County Commissioners Court Minutes; newspaper articles.

EULESS

INCORPORATION/DISINCORPORATION/INCORPORATION

1950 - 1953

Time Line

Tarrant County Commissioners' Court Minutes

Newspaper Clippings from the Fort Worth Star-Telegram

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INTRODUCTION

On September 23, 1950, voters incorporated the municipality of Euless. It was abolished in an election on January 3, 1953. Then, on February 21, 1953, voters incorporated the municipality again. Following is a time line of the incorporation, disincorporation (the word commonly used for abolishing the corporation) and incorporation. Following the time line are copies of pages from Tarrant County Commissioners' Court Minutes detailing the process, plus copies of some pertinent newspaper articles. The newspaper articles are some that I have had for a long time. I have not done an exhaustive search of newspapers for all articles about the process. The time line is based only on the Commissioners' Court Minutes and the newspaper articles that follow.

by Weldon G. Cannon

TIME LINE

1950

August 30--In response to a petition presented to the Tarrant County Commissioners' Court by 22 Euless residents for an election to incorporate the "Town or Village of Euless", the Tarrant County Judge orders an election to be held on September 23. (*Tarrant County Commissioners' Court Minutes*, vol. 43, pp. 571-575.)

September 23--Election is held, with 48 votes in favor of incorporation and 19 against. (*TCCC Minutes*, 43:571-575; *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, Morning, December 3, 1952.)

October 2--Tarrant County Commissioners' Court certifies results of incorporation election. (*TCCC Minutes*, 43:571-575.)

November 11--Election of officials for the "City of Euless;" Mayor elected, R. W. Fuller; City Marshall, E. V. Anderson; Aldermen, C. A. Horton, S. W. Mills, A. E. Tillery, W. T. Arnett, G. L. Anderson. [It was not until November 13, 1952, that County Commissioners' Court certified results of this election; G. L. Anderson probably should be G. L. Anders.] (*TCCC Minutes*, 44:564-565.)

1951

April 3--Euless' second municipal election is held (this is election day for most Texas municipalities); with approval of the town aldermen, Mayor R. W. Fuller scratches his name off the ballot after polls open; the election had been declared invalid by April 12 and a new election ordered. (*Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, April 12, 1951.)

September--Mayor is Homer Fuller and Councilmen are Steve Huffman, Tracy Arnett, Comer Horton, Albert Tillery and Troy Fuller; the City Council is negotiating with Wisenbacker, Fix & Associates of Tyler for installation of a water system. (*Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, September, 1951.)

October 1--City Council grants Wisenbacker, Fix & Associates a thirty-year franchise to serve Euless with water; city has option to purchase system six months after start of operation; former Mayor R. W. Fuller has sold a water well to the water company. (*Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, October 2, 1951.)

October 5--City Fire Chief Johnnie Edwards, also Euless School Superintendent, expresses pride in new water system, which will improve the city's fire fighting ability. (*Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, Evening, October 5, 1951.)

October 17--City Council has set tax rate of \$1 per \$100 valuation and tax statements will be mailed out soon for the first time. (*Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, October 17, 1951.)

1952

August 18--City Council discusses delinquent taxes of about \$1,500, representing about 45% of expected revenue. (*Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, August 15, 1952.)

November 13--County Commissioners' Court certifies election of city officials held on November 11, 1950. (*TCCC Minutes*, 44:564-565; *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, Morning, December 3, 1952.)

December 3--A petition signed by Euless voters has been presented to the County Commissioners' Court for an election to abolish the city; the tax rate is 75 cents per \$100 valuation. (*Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, Morning, December 3, 1952.)

December 10--In response to a petition presented to the County Commissioners' Court by 44 Euless voters for an election to abolish the incorporated "City of Euless," the County Judge orders election to be held on January 3, 1953. (*TCCC Minutes*, 44:608-610.)

1953

January 3--Election is held, with 43 votes in favor of abolishing the incorporated City of Euless and 39 against. (*TCCC Minutes*, 44:608-610.)

January 8--County Commissioners' Court certifies results of election abolishing the city. (*TCCC Minutes*, 44:608-610.)

February 4--Petition by Euless residents for an incorporation election is presented to County Judge. (*Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, Morning, February 5, 1953.)

February 6--In response to a petition presented to the County Commissioners' Court by 47 Euless residents for an election to incorporate the "Village of Euless", the County Judge orders an election to be held on February 21. (*TCCC Minutes*, 45:31-34.)

February 21--Election is held, with 59 votes in favor of incorporation and 27 against. (*TCCC Minutes*, 45:31-34.)

February 23--County Commissioners' Court certifies results of incorporation election. (*TCCC Minutes*, 45:31-34.)

February 24--County Judge orders election for officers of the "Village of Euless" to be held on March 21. (*TCCC Minutes*, 45:31-34.)

March 21--Election of officers for the "Village of Euless;" Mayor elected, Joe Umphress; Marshall, E. V. Anderson; Aldermen, J. S. Anderson, M. L. Anders, Ernest Millican, Jr., W. H. Fuller, R. E. Tillery. (*TCCC Minutes*, 45:62-63.)

March 27--County Commissioners' Court certifies election of village officers. (*TCCC Minutes*, 45:62-63.)

TARRANT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT
MINUTES

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22842 EULESS ELECTION FOR INCORPORATION I
RESULTS DECLARED AND ALL ELECTION PROCEEDINGS ORDERED SPREAD ON MINUTES| OCT. 2, 1950
STATE OF TEXAS ()
COUNTY OF TARRANT I

This, the 30th day of August, 1950, came on to be heard and considered by the County Judge of Tarrant County, Texas, the petition of twenty (20) inhabitants of the herein after described town or village of Euless, Tarrant County, Texas, for an order of election of such town or village for the purpose of enabling the inhabitants of said town or village to determine whether or not the town or village of Euless, Texas, shall be incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas, and it appearing to the undersigned county judge that such petition was duly and properly filed on the 30th day of August, 1950, and that said petition was duly signed by at least twenty (20) inhabitants of said town of Euless who are duly qualified electors under the laws of the

State of Texas:

Now, therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me under Article 1133 et seq. of Title 28, Chapter 11, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, I, Gus Brown, County Judge of Tarrant County, Texas, do hereby order that on the 23rd day of September, 1950, at the Public School in Euless, Texas, an election shall be held for the purpose of enabling the inhabitants of the Town of Euless, Texas, to determine whether or not the said town of Euless, Texas, as designated by the map or plat attached to aforesaid petition, shall be incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas.

It is further ordered that notice of said election shall be posed in three public places in the town or village of Euless for at least ten (10) days before the date of such election aforesaid as required by law.

That the polls shall be open for such election at the Public School in Euless, Texas on September 23rd, 1950, between the hours of 7 A. M. and 7 P. M.; Mrs. S. W. Mills, who is an inhabitant of the town of Euless and a duly qualified elector is hereby appointed manager and the person in charge of said election, and she shall appoint two judges and two clerks to assist in such election.

No person shall vote at such election unless he or she has attained the age of twenty one years, and unless he or she shall have resided in the town or village of Euless for the six months next preceding August 20, 1950, the date of filing of the aforesaid petition, and unless he or she is otherwise^a duly qualified voter under the constitution and laws of the State of Texas. All votes of such election shall be by ballots, and voters desiring the incorporation of the town of Euless shall place upon their ballots the word "corporation", and voters not desiring the incorporation of the town of Euless shall place upon their ballots the words "no corporation".

On or before the tenth day after such election, the person holding such election shall make due returns of all the votes cast at the above designated voting place for and against the said proposition to the county judge of said county.

Witness the hand of the county judge of Tarrant County, Texas, this the 30th day of August, 1950.

GUS BROWN
County Judge, Tarrant County, Texas

(PETITION & AFFIDAVITS)

TO THE HONORABLE COUNTY JUDGE
OF TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS

In Re Incorporation of the
Town of Euless, Texas

We, the undersigned petitioners, all of whom are inhabitants of the town or village known as Euless, Tarrant County, Texas, which town or village contains more than two hundred (200) and less than ten thousand (10,000) inhabitants, all of whom are over the age of twenty one (21) years, and all of whom have resided in said town or village of Euless for the six months next preceding the filing of this petition and are otherwise qualified electors under the laws of the State of Texas, do hereby respectfully petition and request that the aforesaid town or village of Euless be incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas, that the name of said town when incorporated be "Euless, Texas", the boundaries of said town to be as stated and specified in the map or plat of said proposed incorporated town or village attached hereto and made a part hereof.

O. B. Powell
 Mrs. Nannie Powell
 J. A. Horton
 Troy M. Fuller
 H. H. Fuller
 E. V. Anderson
 R. W. Fuller
 Raymond Fuller
 Mrs. Raymond Fuller
 M. W. Birch
 S. W. Mills
 Mrs. S. W. Mills

Marjorie Neely
 Robt. L. Nail
 Mrs. E. F. Graham
 Mrs. R. W. Fuller
 Mrs. Robt. Nail
 Ross Cannon
 Mrs. Ross Cannon
 Ernest Millican
 Mrs. J. A. Horton
 E. F. Graham

Signed this 28th day of August, 1950.

(AFFIDAVITS)

STATE OF TEXAS 0
 COUNTY OF TARRANT 1

BEFORE ME, the undersigned notary public in and for Tarrant County, Texas, on this day personally appeared O. B. Powell, and Frank Tipps, School Superintendent and School Tax Collector and Assessor, respectively for the Euless Independent School District, Tarrant County, Texas, and who being by me duly sworn each upon their oath deposes and says that they have personally conducted a house to house canvass and investigation to determine the exact number of residents or inhabitants in the un-incorporated town or village of Euless, Tarrant County, Texas; that said canvass or investigation was taken only in the district or area which is to be incorporated and known as the town or village of Euless, Texas, which area is shown on the map or plat attached to the petition for incorporation dated August 28, 1950; the undersigned affiants further say that they and each of them conducted a complete and thorough canvass and investigation to determine the actual number of inhabitants of the area to be incorporated as the town or village of Euless, Texas, and that such canvass or investigation as conducted by the undersigned shows that there are three hundred sixty five (365) inhabitants in the area which is to be incorporated as the town or village of Euless, Texas.

O. B. Powell
 Frank F. Tipps

Sworn to and subscribed before the undersigned authority on this 29th day of August to certify which witness my hand and seal of office.

N. S.

David B. Hawes
 Notary Public, Tarrant County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS |
 COUNTY OF TARRANT |

This is to certify that the signers of the attached petition to Incorporate Euless have been checked against Tarrant County's Poll Tax list and we find twenty (20) of these names to be qualified electors and voters under the laws of the State of Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 29th day of August, 1950.

SEAL

MF/fw

R. S. CALLAWAY
 MELVIN "MEL" FAULK, COUNTY CLERK
 TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS

(NOTICE OF ELECTION)

Take notice that on Saturday, September 23, 1950, and election will be held at the Public Schoolhouse in Euless, Texas to determine the question of whether the town of Euless shall be incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas.

Only those over twenty years of age, who have resided in the town of Euless for the six months next preceding

August 29th, 1950, and who are otherwise qualified electors under the laws of the State of Texas, shall be permitted to vote.

GUS BROWN
COUNTY JUDGE
TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS

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(AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING ELECTION NOTICE)

STATE OF TEXAS |
COUNTY OF TARRANT |

BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary Public, in and for Tarrant County, on this day personally appeared Mrs. S. W. Mills, who, being by me duly sworn, upon her oath, states as follows: that she, affiant herein, was the duly appointed judge of an election held in Euless, Texas, on September 23rd, 1950, to determine the question of whether or not the town of Euless, Texas, should be incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas. As such judge of election, affiant herein declares and avows that notice of such election was posted in three (3) public places in the town of Euless for at least ten (10) days preceding September 23rd, 1950, the date of said election. These notices were posted in the following three (3) public places: U. S. Post Office, Euless Barber Shop and Euless Lumber Co.

Mrs. S. W. Mills

SWORN TO and subscribed before the undersigned Notary Public this 28 day of September, 1950.

N. S.

R. W. FULLER

(ELECTION JUDGE'S REPORT OF RESULTS OF ELECTION)

STATE OF TEXAS |
COUNTY OF TARRANT |

BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary Public in and for Tarrant County, Texas, on this

day personally appeared Mrs. S. W. Mills, who, being by me duly sworn, upon her oath deposes as follows:

I, Mrs. S. W. Mills, am the duly appointed judge of an election held at Euless, Texas, on September 23, 1950, at the Euless School, said election having been held to determine to question of whether or not the town of Euless is to be incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas. I hereby certify that there was a total of 67 votes cast at the aforesaid election. I find that the votes were cast as follows:

FOR INCORPORATION	48
AGAINST INCORPORATION	19

As the official judge of the aforesaid election held at Euless, Texas, September 23, 1950, I hereby declare that the majority of the votes cast at said election was in favor of the proposition of incorporation of the town of Euless, Texas.

Mrs. S. W. Mills

Sworn and subscribed to by the said Mrs. S. W. Mills before the undersigned, this 27 day of September, 1950.

N. S.

R. W. FULLER

(COUNTY JUDGE'S ORDER DECLARING EULESS INCORPORATED)

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TARRANT

WHEREAS, Pursuant to an order by the undersigned County Judge of Tarrant County, Texas, of August 28, 1950, there was held in the town of Euless, Texas, on September 23rd, 1950, an election to decide the question of whether or not the aforesaid town of Euless should be incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the total votes cast were 67 and the majority of said total votes were cast in favor of the proposition for the incorporation of the Town of Euless, Texas, under the laws of the State of Texas, said vote being 48 for and 19 against.

I, the undersigned County Judge of Tarrant County, Texas, do hereby order and declare that the town of Euless, Tarrant County, Texas, is, as a result of the aforesaid election on September 23rd, 1950, from hereon henceforth an incorporated town under the laws of the State of Texas. It is further ordered that the boundaries of the said incorporated town of Euless are as set forth in the official map or plat attached hereto.

Gus Brown
Gus Brown, County Judge
Tarrant County, Texas

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Minutes Commissioners' Court
Tarrant County

NUNC PRO TUNO JUDGMENT CERTIFYING ELECTION OF OFFICIALS OF
CITY OF EULESS, TEXAS, NOV. 11, 1950, ORDERED SPREAD ON MINUTES | November 13, 1952

STATE OF TEXAS | IN THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT
COUNTY OF TARRANT | OF
TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS

On this 13th day of November, 1952, came on to be heard the motion of the City of Eulesse for the entry of a judgment nunc pro tunc certifying the results of an election of city officials held in the schoolhouse in said City of Eulesse, Texas, on the 11th day of November, 1950.

It appearing to the Court that said election was duly and properly held in the schoolhouse aforesaid in the City of Eulesse on the 11th day of November, 1950, and it appearing that Mrs. S. W. Mills, who was duly appointed Judge of said election by this Court, filed on the 11th day of November, 1950, her affidavit declaring that W. R. Fuller had been elected Mayor, with a total of 25 votes out of a total of 38 votes cast that E. V. Anderson had been elected Marshal, with a total of 29 votes out of 38 votes cast; that G. A. Horton, with 33 votes, S. W. Mills, with 31 votes, A. E. Tillery, with 26 votes, W. T. Arnett, with 25 votes, and G. L. Anderson, with 23 votes, were elected Aldermen;

It is, therefore, ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the aforesaid Mayor, Marshal and Aldermen be certified as the duly qualified city officials of the City of Eulesse, Texas, as of the 11th day of November, 1950.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court enter said election results in the minutes of this Court.

Gus Brown, Judge,
County Court and
Chairman Commissioners'
Court, Tarrant County, Texas

STATE OF TEXAS | IN THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT
COUNTY OF TARRANT | OF
TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

Now comes the incorporated City of Eulesse, Tarrant County, Texas, by and through its attorney of record, Walter E. Jordan, and hereby moves said Court to authorize the County Clerk to enter on the minutes of said Court a judgment nunc pro tunc certifying the election of a Mayor, Marshal and five Alderman of the City of Eulesse on November 11, 1950.

1.

Eulesse is a municipal corporation, incorporated under Chapter 11, Title 28 of the 1925 Revised Civil Statutes. Said City of Eulesse was incorporated at an election duly authorized by this Court on the 23rd day of September, 1950.

2.

On the 11th day of November, 1950, a duly authorized election of officers was held at the schoolhouse in the City of Eulesse, Texas, and the following officers were elected:

- Mayor - R. W. Fuller, with 25 votes
- Marshal - E. V. Anderson, with 29 votes
- Aldermen:
 - G. A. Horton - 23 votes
 - S. W. Mills - 31 votes
 - A. E. Tillery - 26 votes
 - W. T. Arnett - 25 votes
 - G. L. Anderson - 23 votes

The aforesaid officers duly qualified as such, entered upon the duties of said offices immediately after the election and have continued to perform said duties.

3.

The movant now shows that for the purpose of completing the election proceedings

an order nunc pro tunc should now be entered, certifying to the election results held in the City of Euless on November 11th, 1950, and certifying that said officers aforementioned were duly elected.

Walter E. Jordan
Walter E. Jordan

STATE OF TEXAS |
COUNTY OF TARRANT |

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared WALTER E. JORDAN, who, being by me duly sworn, states that he is the attorney of record for the City of Euless, that he is thoroughly cognizant of the facts contained in the foregoing motion, and that said facts are true and correct.

Walter E. Jordan
Walter E. Jordan

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me by the said WALTER E. JORDAN this 10th day of November, 1952, to certify which witness my hand and seal of office.

Katherine Hahn,
Notary Public, Tarrant County,
Texas

(N.S.)

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25081 EULESS, TEXAS, ELECTION FOR ABOLISHMENT OF CORPORATION

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RESULTS DECLARED & ALL PROCEEDINGS ORDERED SPREAD ON MINUTES OF COURT | Jan. 8, 1953

A motion was made by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner Minton and carried that all the proceedings of the Election for Abolishment of the Corporation of the Town of Eules, Texas, be placed on the Minutes of the Commissioners' Court as requested by County Judge, Gus Brown. Proceedings as follows:

IN RE: CITY OF EULESS | IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
| TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS

ELECTION ORDER

On this the 10th day of December, 1952, came on to be heard the petition of a majority of the qualified resident property taxpayers and qualified voters of the incorporated City of Eules, Tarrant County, Texas; said petition filed herein on the 1st day of December, 1952, praying that this Court and the County Judge order an election to be held in such incorporated City of the purpose of enabling the qualified electors thereof to determine whether such corporation should be abolished; and it appearing to the Court that such petition is in due form and that the requisites of the applicable laws of the State of Texas have been met, and that the signatures on such petition are the valid signatures of those named as petitioners, and that all of said petitioners are qualified electors as that term is defined in Article 1242, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, and that said petition should be granted:

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that on the 3rd day of January, 1953, at First Methodist Church in the City of Eules, Tarrant County, Texas, an election be held for the purpose of submitting the question of whether or not said corporation should be abolished and dissolved to a vote of the qualified electors of said incorporated City of Eules;

that on the aforesaid date and place voting polls be kept open between the hours of 7:00 A. M. and 7:00 P. M., and that only those persons who are qualified under the terms of Article 1243, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, be allowed to vote, said article providing in substance as follows:

"All persons who are legally qualified voters of the State of Texas and County of Tarrant, and are resident property taxpayers in the City of Eules, as shown by the last assessment roll of such City of Eules, shall be entitled to vote in such election."

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the ballot to be used at such election shall be in the following form:

No. _____	No. _____
FOR Abolishment	NOTE: Voter's signature to be affixed on the reverse side.
AGAINST Abolishment	
VOTER: Please scratch out the way you do not intend to vote, leaving your preference unmarked.	

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the posting of three copies of this order at three public places in the City of Eules for at least ten days immediately preceding the date of said election shall be sufficient notice to the voters of said City of Eules, as required by law.

B. W. Mills is hereby appointed as presiding officer of said election, and shall select two judges and two clerks to assist him in holding said election. Said election shall be otherwise held in the manner prescribed for holding elections in other cases.

If the majority of the qualified voters who vote at said election are in favor

of the abolishment of the corporation of the City of Euless, the election officer is to certify this fact to the County Judge within ten days from the date of holding of said election.

WITNESS THE HAND of the County Judge of Tarrant County, Texas, this 10th day of December, 1952.

(Seal)

Gus Brown
 Gus Brown, County Judge,
 Tarrant County, Texas

(PETITION)

THE STATE OF TEXAS |

COUNTY OF TARRANT |

TO THE HONORABLE GUS BROWN, COUNTY JUDGE, TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS:

We, the undersigned, qualified electors in and for the City of Euless, Texas, respectfully pray that your Honor order an election for the purpose of abolishing the Corporation of the said City of Euless and dissolving the same. We certify by our signatures hereto that we are resident property taxpayers of the City of Euless, Tarrant County, Texas.

NAME	ADDRESS
S. W. Mills	Euless, Texas
Mrs. S. W. Mills	Euless, Texas
James A. Puckett	Euless, Texas
Madie Lou Puckett	Euless, Texas
J. R. Duckett	Euless, Texas
L. H. Fuller	Euless, Texas
Mrs. L. H. Fuller	Euless, Texas
W. H. Fuller	Euless, Texas
G. L. Anders	Euless, Texas
Mrs. G. L. Anders	Euless, Texas
Mrs. Millie Allman	Euless, Texas
Ernest Allman	Euless, Texas
M. S. Anders	Euless, Texas
Mrs. Mozelle Anders	Euless, Texas
Thelma Anders	Euless, Texas
J. R. Sutton	Euless, Texas
J. H. Sutton	Euless, Texas
Mrs. J. H. Sutton	Euless, Texas
Ruby Marie Horton	Euless, Texas
Paul Horton	Euless, Texas
Allen L. King	Euless, Texas
Mrs. Allen L. King	Euless, Texas
Mrs. Andy J. Morelook	Euless, Texas
Andy J. Morelook	Euless, Texas
Mrs. Alton R. Ray	Euless, Texas, Box 143
J. H. Whitener	Euless, Texas
T. C. Gleghorn	Euless, Texas, Arlington Rt 3
Margarete Gleghorn	" " "
W. G. Taylor	" " "
Mrs. W. G. Taylor	" " "
Ernest Millican, Jr.	" " "
Mrs. Ernest Millican, Jr.	" " "
M. W. Birch	" " "
Ollie Lambert	" " "
Mrs. M. W. Birch	" " "
H. M. Huffman	Arlington, Rt 3
Mrs. G. A. Lucas	Euless, Texas
M. W. Simmons	Arlington, Texas Rt 3
Ernest Millidan	Euless, Texas, Box 46
Mrs. Ernest Millican	Euless, Texas
O. J. Longfellow	Euless, Texas Box 74
Fred B. Dickey	Rt 3, Box 201, Arlington, Texas
Mrs. F. B. Dickey	" " "
Mrs. O. I. Longfellow	Box 74, Euless

(TAX ASSESSOR & COLLECTOR'S CERTIFICATE)

THE STATE OF TEXAS |
 COUNTY OF TARRANT |

This is to certify that the attached petition has been checked against the Poll List and we find more than twenty (20) of the names to be qualified electors and voters under the State laws of Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 3 day of December, 1952.

Reed Stewart, ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR
 BY: E. REILLY DEPUTY

(COUNTY CLERK'S CERTIFICATE)

THE STATE OF TEXAS |
COUNTY OF TARRANT |

This is to certify that more than twenty (20) names on the attached petition have been checked and are found to be qualified electors and voters under the state laws of Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this the 3rd day of December, 1952.

MELVIN "MEL" FAULK
Melvin "Mel" Faulk,
County Clerk of
Tarrant County, Texas

(ORDER OF COUNTY JUDGE CALLING ELECTION FOR ABOLISHMENT OF CORPORATION SERVES AS NOTICE OF ELECTION, ALSO)

(AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING NOTICES)

The within notice, issued the 10th day of December, 1952, and executed on the 10 day of December, 1952, in Tarrant County, by posting same at three public places in the City of Euless, Texas, to wit: Fuller's Grocery in Euless; Texaco Service Station in Euless; and Tolbert's Grocery Store in Euless, Texas. The distance traveled by me in posting such notice was 25 miles, and my fees are _____.

Posting Notices \$1.00
Mileage 2.00
Total \$3.00

W. W. Wilson, Constable,
Tarrant County, Texas.
By: John Roberts, Deputy

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ORDER DECLARING RESULT OF ELECTION

IN RE: TOWN OF
EULESS

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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS

On this the 8th day of January, 1953, came on to be tabulated before me and by me, the County Judge of Tarrant County, Texas, the returns of a certain election heretofore called to be held on the 3rd day of January, 1953, to enable the qualified property tax paying voters of the City of Euless to determine whether such corporation shall be abolished; and it appearint to me upon counting such returns that 43 votes were cast in favor of abolishment and 39 votes were cast against the proposition to abolish the corporation and that such election carried in favor of such proposition to abolish the incorporation by a majority of 4 votes;

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the corporate existence of the incorporated town of Euless, Tarrant County, Texas, be, and the same is hereby abolished.

GUS BROWN,
COUNTY JUDGE

THE STATE OF TEXAS |
COUNTY OF TARRANT |

This is to certify that the above and foregoing is the Order of the County Judge of Tarrant County, Texas, showing the result of the abolishment election for the City of Euless, Tarrant County, Texas, and that the same was made and is in all respects regular.

Witness my hand and seal of office this 8th day of January, A. D. 1953.

MELVIN "MEL" FAULK, COUNTY CLERK
TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS
BY: JEAN HARRIS, DEPUTY

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Minutes Commissioners' Court
Tarrant County

25224 RESULTS OF EULESS ELECTION FOR INCORPORATION DECLARED AND I
ALL ELECTION PROCEEDINGS ORDERED SPREAD ON MINUTES OF COURT I
BY COUNTY JUDGE I February 23, 1953

THE STATE OF TEXAS I IN THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT
COUNTY OF TARRANT I OF TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS
TO THE HONORABLE GUS BROWN, COUNTY COURT:

WE, the undersigned, Residents and inhabitants of the area and territory described in Exhibits "A" and "B" attached hereto and made a part hereof, do hereby petition, that an Election to be held within said area and territory, as by law provided, for the submission of the question of Incorporating the area and territory described in said attached Exhibits as a Municipality, pursuant to the provisions of Title 28, Chapter 11, Articles 1133, et seq., of the 1925 Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, to be known as the "Village of Euless, Texas".

THAT the area and territory described in said Exhibits "A" and "B" is less than two square miles and contains more than two hundred and less than ten thousand inhabitants, and including only areas used and to be used for Town purposes, same to be occupied by Dwellings and other buildings, Commercial and Industrial and appurtenances thereto.

THAT we the undersigned are residents and inhabitants of the area and territory defined herein and are qualified voters and electors under the Laws of the State of Texas.

WITNESS OUR HANDS this 3 day of February, A. D. 1953.

- James A. Puckett, Euless, Texas
- Madie Lou Puckett Euless, Texas
- O. I. Longfellow
- Mrs. O. I. Longfellow
- Allen L. King
- Mrs. Allen L. King
- Mrs. M. L. Anders
- M. L. Anders
- G. L. Anders
- Mrs. G. L. Anders
- Mrs. Lena Arnett
- Ernest Millican
- Mrs. Ernest Millican
- Alton R. Ray
- Reta Jean Ray
- Mrs. A. M. Payton
- Joe Edwards
- Mrs. Johnnie Edwards
- C. A. Harton
- A. E. Tillery
- Mrs. A. E. Tillery
- J. A. Tillery
- E. V. Anderson
- J. B. McGinnis
- Mrs. J. B. McGinnis
- E. H. Massey
- Mrs. E. H. Massey (Majorie)
- Mrs. E. V. Anderson
- H. H. Fuller
- R. W. Fuller
- Raymond Fuller
- Lorena Fuller
- Fred E. Gray
- Mrs. Fred E. Gray
- Anna Burnett
- Le Verne Horton

- Ernest Millican, Jr.
- Mrs. Ernest Millican, Jr.
- Ross Cannon
- Mrs. Ross Cannon
- J. W. Griffith
- Mrs. J. W. Griffith
- Jesse Fuller
- Arnett
- Mrs. Robt. L. Nail
- Robert L. Nail
- Edith Fuller

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This is to certify that the attached petition has been checked against the 1951 Poll Tax list of voters and we find more than twenty (20) qualified voters.

REED STEWART,
ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR
BY E. Bell, Deputy

under the provisions of Chapter 11, Title 28, of the Revised Civil Statutes, of the State of Texas, 1925 Revision, as amended.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that M. L. Anders be and is hereby appointed as the officer to preside at the said election and that he shall select four (4) assistants to act as assistant judges and clerks to assist in holding the same, which election shall be held and governed by the General Laws of this State, except as otherwise provided in Chapter 11, Title 28, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925 Revision, as amended, which will govern in case of conflict with the General Laws.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that notice of such election be given ten days prior to the holding of said election by posting advertising thereof at three (3) public places in the said proposed Village of Euless.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the ballots to be used in said election shall have written or printed thereon the following:

OFFICIAL BALLOT

"CORPORATION"

"NO CORPORATION"

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the returns of said election provided for herein shall be made to the County Judge of Tarrant County, Texas, by the officers holding such election within ten (10) days after such election shall have been held.

WITNESS MY HAND this 6th day of February, A. D. 1953.

GUS BROWN,
COUNTY JUDGE

(COUNTY JUDGE'S ORDER DECLARING RESULT OF ELECTION)

THE STATE OF TEXAS |
COUNTY OF TARRANT |

ON this day came on to be considered the returns of a special election held on February 21, 1953, pursuant to an order executed by me on the 6th day of February, A. D. 1953, to determine whether the Village of Euless, Texas, should be incorporated under the provisions of Chapter 11, Title 28, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, as amended; and it appearing to me, the County Judge of Tarrant County, Texas, that after canvassing and considering the said returns, that the vote on said election was:

"CORPORATION" 59 VOTES
"NO CORPORATION" 27 VOTES

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Village of Euless, Texas, the boundaries of which are described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof, be and is hereby a duly incorporated municipality under the provisions of Chapter 11, Title 28, Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, as amended, and other laws pertinent to such character of Village and that the inhabitants of such Village of Euless, Texas, are incorporated within the boundaries as shown in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that a copy of this order be entered upon the records of the Commissioners' Court; and that a certified copy of this entry, including the plat of the Village of Euless, Texas, shall be recorded in the Deed Records of Tarrant County, Texas.

WITNESS MY HAND this 24th day of February, A. D. 1953.

Gus Brown, County Judge
Tarrant County, Texas

(COUNTY JUDGE'S ORDER CALLING ELECTION FOR OFFICIALS)

THE STATE OF TEXAS |
COUNTY OF TARRANT |

WHEREAS, the Village of Euless, Texas, has heretofore been incorporated under the provisions of Chapter 11, Title 28, Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, and it is the duty of the County Judge to order an election for officers of said Village, to-wit: A Mayor, five (5) Aldermen and a Marshal.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that an election be held on the 21st day of March, A. D. 1953, between the hours of 7:00 o'clock A. M. and 7:00 o'clock P. M. at the Euless Methodist Church Annex, situated within the limits of the Village of Euless, Texas, for the purpose of electing a Mayor, five Aldermen and a Marshal, as by law provided, all of whom shall hold office until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that only those persons who have attained the age of twenty-one (21) years, and who have resided within the limits of the Village of Euless, Texas, for six (6) months next preceding the date of said election, and who is a qualified elector, under the Constitution and Laws of this State, by having paid his or her poll tax, or by being entitled to vote upon an exemption, shall be eligible for any of said offices..

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That the qualified person receiving the highest number of votes for Mayor, and the qualified person receiving the highest number of votes for Marshal and the five qualified persons who shall receive the highest number of votes for Aldermen shall be elected to serve in such capacities until the first Tuesday in April, 1954, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified;

OFFICIAL BALLOT

For Mayor: _____

For Aldermen: _____

For Marshal: _____

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. M. L. Anders be and he is hereby appointed as the officer to preside at each election, and that he shall select two clerks to assist in holding the same, which election shall be governed as provided in Chapter 11, Title 28 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, as amended, except as otherwise provided in the Election Code of 1951, of the State of Texas, which shall govern in the event of conflict with the provisions aforementioned.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the returns of the election provided for herein shall be made to the County Judge of Tarrant County, Texas, by the officers holding such election within the time and the manner provided by law after such election shall have been held.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that notice of such election shall be given by posting a notice thereof at three public places in the Village of Euless, Texas.

WITNESS MY HAND this 24th day of February, A. D. 1953.

Gus Brown
COUNTY JUDGE, TARRANT
COUNTY, TEXAS

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25314 IN RE: INCORPORATION | IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT
VILLAGE OF EULESS TEXAS | TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS

On this day came on to be considered the returns of a special election, held on the 21st day of March, A.D. 1953, pursuant to an order of court executed by me on the 24th day of February, A.D. 1953, to elect a Mayor, a Marshal and Five Aldermen for the Village of Euless, Texas, and it appearing to me, that following the canvassing of said returns, the vote in said election was as follows:

FOR MAYOR:

Joe Umphress 45 Votes

FOR MARSHAL:

E. V. Anderson 44 Votes

FOR ALDERMEN:

J. S. Anderson 42 Votes
H. Massey 24 Votes
M. L. Anders 42 Votes
Ernest Millican, Jr. 37 Votes
W. H. Fuller 33 Votes
R. E. Tillery 28 Votes
Ralph Swisher 6 Votes

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the following inhabitants of the Village of Euless, Texas, are hereby elected to the office set opposite their names and are to serve as such officers until the first Tuesday in April, 1954, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified:

Joe Umphress - Mayor
E. V. Anderson - Marshal
J. S. Anderson - Alderman
M. L. Anders - Alderman
Ernest Millican, Jr. - Alderman
W.H. Fuller - Alderman
R. E. Tillery - Alderman

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that such officers are hereby instructed to take the oath of office as is by law provided, and to file such oaths with the Clerk of this Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that a copy of this order be entered upon the records of the Commissioners' Court.

WITNESS MY HAND this 27th day of March, A.D. 1953.

Gus Brown
COUNTY JUDGE

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NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

Eules Plans to Elect Officials

EULESS, Oct. 6.—A city election to name a mayor, a city marshal and five aldermen will be requested for the middle of November, Walter E. Jordan, city attorney of Grand Prairie, said Friday. Jordan has been employed by Eules citizens to handle the legal phases of incorporation.

Eules voted two weeks ago Saturday to incorporate by a 48-19 count. Only 10 of the 79 qualified voters failed to mark ballots.

Frank F. Tipps, Eules real estate man, one of the sponsors of incorporation, said the community wanted to incorporate so water could be provided.

"Although our city limits touch the city of Fort Worth on the south at the Pipeline Road, we did not fear annexation by Fort Worth. We want water and we are already talking to a Fort Worth water company about it," he said.

BALLOT BLANK

Eules Sets Vote, Needs Candidates

EULESS, April 12 — Not a single candidate had filed for Eules' second municipal election, City Secretary Frank Tipps reported Thursday.

Deadline for filing is next Monday.

The April 3 election was declared invalid and a new election is to be called after Mayor R. W. Fuller scratched his name off of all the ballots after the polls had opened.

Fuller said that due to illness his physician had advised him against running for mayor. He said his name was scratched off with approval of the aldermen.

Eules and Hurst in Race to Win Title As 'The Metropolis of Highway No. 183'

BY TONY SLAUGHTER.

Two recently incorporated towns—Eules and Hurst—are in a race for population, new homes, industries and the title of "metropolis of Highway 183" between Fort Worth and Dallas.

Hurst is two jumps ahead of Eules. And Eules was near one step ahead of Hurst Friday.

Hurst already has the Bell Aircraft Helicopter plant under construction and a better start than Eules on new residences. But Eules counters the Bell plant with being nearer to Greater Fort Worth International Airport.

And Eules appears to be several weeks ahead of Hurst in obtaining a water supply, first requisite for new homes and FHA loans.

The Eules city council is in recess from a Monday night meeting and final approval with Wisenbaker, Fix & Associates of Tyler for installation of a water system.

Option on Purchase.

Eules is retaining an option to purchase the water system after six months from the start of operation but the hitch—the price the Tyler firm will ask for the plant.

The franchise will cover a 30-year period.

The water people want to be assured of 110 customers. Eules had 102, but they rustled up eight more and that includes just about every domicile and store in town.

The firm plans to install a 75,000-gallon overhead reservoir, drill a deep well, lay eight and six-inch mains, install meters, 12 fire plugs and charge a \$50 tap fee.

Rate schedule has been tentatively set at \$4 for the first 3,000

gallons, 50 cents for the next 7,000 and 35 cents for all over.

Mayor is Homer Fuller. Councilmen are Steve Huffman, Tracy Arnett, Comer Horton, Albert Tillery and Troy Fuller, nephew of the mayor.

Eules' has a fire truck, donated by a Eules ranchman, and equipped with \$1,200 given by Tarrant County. Paul Hart gave the fire department two tires.

Eules is about to buy another truck from Rusk for \$1,000 and then they'll use the present truck for fighting grass fires in an area bounded by the Dallas County line, Trinity River, Smithfield Rd. and Randol Mill Rd.

Fire chief is a former fire-brand teacher of basket ball, School Supt. Johnny Edwards, lately of TWC.

Land Prices Soar.

Fort Worth real estate developers have been paying terrific prices for land between Eules and the airport for residential development.

In Hurst the town's city council is ready to begin final talks on a water system.

"We're on two deals but we are going slow," says Mayor T. J. Page, retired Fort Worth mail clerk.

"We don't want to tie ourselves up too long with a water franchise," he added.

Page said that Hurst proposes to have a zoning ordinance, establish fees for building permits but will try to avoid ad valorem taxes.

Will Work Gradually.

"We will have to do these things gradually, there will always be something to be done just like Fort Worth and Dallas are always doing something," the mayor said.

Hurst has ideal locations for homes in wooded tracts and in open areas. Former County Commissioner Jess Holder recently sold acreage at Hurst for home development.

The Hurst council includes J. H. Spencer, W. M. La Cava, W. J.

Collier, Thomas Koon, Pipkin, City Marshal Longley, James, who resides just outside limits but one of the town's biggest boosters, is the city secretary and treasurer.



—Star-Telegram Staff Photo.

EULESS GETS FREE FIRE TRUCK—An anonymous Eules ranchman presented Eules with a fire truck, Paul Hart donated two tires and Tarrant County contributed \$1,200 for equipment. Examining hose and nozzle, left to right, are Mayor Homer Fuller, Councilmen Troy Fuller and Comer Horton.

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FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM
October 2, 1951

Tyler Firm Purchases Water Well at Euless

EULESS, Oct. 2. (SpI).—A deep water well has changed hands here with Wisenbacker, Fix & Associates of Tyler making the purchase from R. W. Fuller, former mayor of Euless.

The new owners will drill a second well, part of a plan to assure Euless of an adequate water supply. The East Texas firm recently obtained a 30-year franchise to serve Euless with water.

Eight-inch lines are being connected to a 250,000-gallon surface storage tank and a large pump is planned for the Fuller well. Operation is expected in two weeks.



EULESS GETS WATER, FIRE PLUGS—Johnny Edwards, right, former TWC basketball coach and now Eulesse fire chief and superintendent of schools, shows James Tillery, left, and Vennie Thompson, right, how to uncap a fire plug. Eulesse is one of state's smallest towns to have fire hydrants. —Star-Telegram Photo.

He's Proud of Water System

Former Basket Ball Coach Is Now Chasing Blazes as Eulesse' Fire Chief

BY TONY SLAUGHTER.

EULESS, Oct. 5.—A former basketball coach is now putting out fires at Eulesse.

Fire Chief Johnny Edwards, lately of the TWC Rams, has the water, a fire truck and 12 brand new fire plugs and a community of volunteers to do the job.

Now superintendent of Eulesse schools, Edwards is proud of Eulesse's new water system.

"We didn't have any pressure before and we'd have been in a bad fix if we'd had a fire," Edwards said, as he showed two of his American history pupils how to uncap a fire plug.

Also proud of the system are Mayor Homer Fuller and his brother, Warren Fuller, a former mayor and former owner of the Trinity deep well which is now supplying Eulesse with water.

Located in Warren Fuller's back yard, the well has been tied in with eight-inch mains, part of the new water system installed by Wisenbaker, Fix & Associates of Tyler.

In a few days the water will be flowing into a 250,000-gallon ground storage reservoir, located in north Eulesse on the highest spot in town.

An electric pump has been in-

stalled at the Fuller well and the old pump and tank has been sold to Smithfield.

"Very few towns start off a water system with eight-inch mains," Mayor Fuller said. "If we grow, we'll be ready and we're going to get lower fire insurance rates."

Eulesse is expecting a substantial growth in 1952, when the Greater International Airport goes into operation.

Acreage here is being set aside for future development for a large housing project.

Water is going to help the home builders obtain loans.

FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM
October 17, 1951

IT WASN'T HURST, IT WAS EULESS

Tax statements will be mailed in a few days for the first time at Euless. Tuesday morning a Star-Telegram reported that the statements were being mailed at Hurst. Mayor T. J. Page of Hurst said his city did not have a municipal tax.

Mayor Homer Fuller of Euless reported that the Euless City Council has set a \$1 rate on the \$100 valuation to finance increasing municipal expenses.

Eules to Discuss Delinquent Taxes At Next Meeting

EULESS, Aug. 15 (Sp1).—The Eules city council will meet at 8 p. m. Monday to discuss a possible solution to delinquent tax cases blocking construction of a new Community Center building.

Mayor H. H. Fuller said Friday he did not know exactly what could be done but that something is necessary.

The taxes due—about \$1,500—represent about 45 per cent of expected revenue.

The proposed building will house the fire department and provide office space which will be rented to business concerns. The building will serve as a social and civic center.

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Morning
December 3, 1952

FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM

County Examines Petition To Disincorporate Euless

The county tax office was checking late Tuesday on the validity of signatures on a petition filed by Euless residents seeking disincorporation of the city.

The petition, signed by 47 persons, was filed in the office of County Judge Gus Brown earlier. County Assessor-Collector Stewart must determine whether the signatures are those of qualified property owners before an election can be ordered.

S. W. Mills, defeated for alderman in April, circulated the petition for disincorporation. He also was one of the persons who circulated a petition to incorporate in 1950.

The city was incorporated

Sept. 23, 1950, after a special election. The action was not approved until Nov. 13, 1952, when the results of the election were presented to Commissioners Court.

Mills contends that residents of Euless are not receiving services in proportion to taxes paid.

A city official said that while very little in services has been offered the residents, plans for the future call for an expanded municipal program including a new fire truck, a fire house and police protection.

"We had hoped some day to build a city hall and operate like a city should be operated," he reported.

Other city officials said disincorporation will mean the loss of the present municipal tax of 75 cents per \$100 valuation.

FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM
Morning
February 5, 1953

Thursday Morning, February 5, 1953

Eules Residents Petition Judge for Another Election

The on-and-off incorporation issue at Eules was on again Wednesday as a petition bearing 46 names and requesting an election on the question was filed with County Judge Gus Brown.

Residents of Eules voted last month to disincorporate the city government.

Eules was incorporated Sept. 23, 1950 after a special election. The action was not approved until Nov. 13, 1952 when the election results were presented to Commissioners Court.

On Dec. 2 a petition was filed with Judge Brown asking that he call an election for dissolution of the city government. Residents voted 43 to 39 for dissolution in

the January election.

Wednesday's petition was headed by the name of James A. Puckett. The names on the petition must be checked by the county clerk's office before Judge Brown can call an election.