

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON THE
16TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1996 AT 5:00 P. M.**

On the 16th day of January , 1996 the City Council of the City of Lufkin, Texas, convened in a regular meeting in the Council Chambers of City Hall with the following members thereof, to wit:

Louis A. Bronaugh	Mayor
Don Boyd	Mayor pro tem
Percy Simond, Jr.	Councilmember, Ward No. 1
Betty Jones	Councilmember, Ward No. 3
Bob Bowman	Councilmember, Ward No. 4
Jack Gorden, Jr.	Councilmember, Ward No. 5
Tucker Weems	Councilmember, Ward No. 6
C. G. Maclin	City Manager
Ron Wesch	Asst. City Manager/Public Works
Darryl Mayfield	Asst. City Manager/Finance
Stephen Abraham	City Planner
Bob Flournoy	City Attorney
Atha Stokes	City Secretary

1. Meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Lawrence Young, Minister, Abundant Life United Methodist Church.

2. Mayor Bronaugh welcomed visitors present, and recognized Matthew Hedberg, Boy Scout Troop 140, who is working on his Community Service Badge.

Mayor Bronaugh stated that he would also like to recognize some of the people who worked to provide lighting to the entrance of the Angelina County Airport. Mayor Bronaugh stated that involved in this endeavor were TU Electric, TxDOT, Angelina County, representatives from the City, and especially Wayne Stolz who drew up the plans at no cost.

3. **DEMONSTRATION OF COMPUTERIZATION OF WATER PRODUCTION**

City Manager Maclin stated that in keeping with the customary practice in recent months as staff has tried to provide the City Council with a brief overview of capital improvement projects, technological advances that the City has made in the operation of City government to try to make the City a more efficient, more effective run government organization, today staff is bringing to the Council an operation that has been online at the Water Production facility. City Manager Maclin stated that the abbreviation for the system is SCATDA, and this is the new system of computerization to provide assistance in running the City's water production facility. City Manager Maclin stated that Council may recall that during the 1995-'96 budget proceedings, staff was able to recreate a reduction in staff at the Water Production facility from seven employees to two employees. City Manager Maclin stated that staff is very pleased that this technological advance has been implemented in the City and is successfully underway at this time.

City Manager Maclin stated that Council would be viewing a live demonstration through a computer at City Hall to the computer at the Water Production facility behind the Ellen Trout Zoo to see how the system works.

A demonstration of the computerization of the Water Production Plant was given by Wayne Stolz, David Killam and Gordon Holloway.

In response to a question by Councilmember Simond, Asst. City Manager Wesch stated that a Department Head and an Assistant Department Head at the Water Production facility were demoted; one person retired, and the other employees

were moved to other Public Works Departments. City Manager Maclin stated that the computerized system, including hardware and software, cost approximately \$65,000. Mr. Stolz stated that additional work was done at the plant to include piping, installation of new pumps, and the total package would be a lot more than \$65,000. City Manager Maclin stated that the replacement of the pipes and installation of new pumps would have been done whether the computerized system was installed or not since Council had approved these improvements several years ago.

In response to a question by Councilmember Gorden, City Manager Maclin stated that the implementation of all the wells will take place within the next 45 days.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilmember Don Boyd and seconded by Councilmember Jack Gorden, Jr. that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 2, 1996 be approved as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

5. PUBLIC HEARING - CLOSING OF MEDIAN CROSSING AT LOOP 287 AND PAUL AVENUE

Mayor Bronaugh opened Public Hearing to consider closing of the median crossing at Loop 287 and Paul Avenue.

Mayor Bronaugh recognized Tina Walker, Engineer, with the Texas Department of Transportation. Ms. Walker stated that the project at Paul Avenue and Loop 287 is to provide an underpass for the Loop to go under Paul Avenue (Paul Avenue will remain at approximately the same elevation). Ms. Walker stated that at the Public Hearing TxDOT held on November 9, some comments came up regarding the safety of the intersection as it stands right now. Ms. Walker stated that a suggestion was made at that meeting (and that suggestion being presented to Council tonight) for consideration to close the median until such time that the underpass is under construction. Ms. Walker stated that on the back of the letter from Mr. Wesch in the Council packet is an accident summary for the past 10 years, showing the steady increase in accidents and injuries at this location. Ms. Walker stated that, in her opinion, the traffic on the East Loop is continuing to increase at an alarming rate. Herbert Bickley, Traffic Operations Engineer for TxDOT, was present to answer questions about specific traffic control options available at this intersection. Ms. Walker stated that the traffic at this time between Hwy. 103 and down to Lufkin Avenue is approximately 30,000 vehicles a day. Ms. Walker stated that 40,000 vehicles a day travel just south of Loop 287 at South First at the three level interchange. The truck traffic is approximately 20%.

Ms. Walker stated that the Loop 287 and Paul Avenue intersection is a safety consideration for TxDOT, which she feels they can deal with in the interim until the funding for the underpass is available.

In response to question by Councilmember Gorden, Ms. Walker stated that the increase in traffic is due to a growth in the community in addition to the NAFTA traffic. Ms. Walker stated that the traffic will also continue to increase because of the high school being moved to the East side of town. Ms. Walker stated that ultimately TxDOT would like to make the East Loop a freeway facility all the way around town, and the plans to do so will hinge on the final report on the Corridor 20 study, the results of which will be available at the end of March. Ms. Walker stated that regardless of what those findings are from the Corridor 20 study, TxDOT feels that the investment of the money, both in closing the crossover and developing the grade separation would more than pay for itself.

In response to a question by Councilmember Bowman, Ms. Walker stated that after the crossing is closed, her suggestion, if going East towards Herty School, would be to turn right and go down and use the U-turn at Lufkin Avenue, thereby giving you

the opportunity to accelerate up to speed and merge back into traffic rather than using a crossover at the nursing home or at Al Meyer Ford. Ms. Walker stated that there is also a U-turn facility at State Highway 103 at Atkinson Drive.

In response to a statement by Councilmember Boyd that when the Paul Avenue crossover is closed people will be encouraged to use the other crossovers at the Ford dealership and the Nursing Home, Ms. Walker stated that closing the other crossovers is not in the proposal as it stands at this time.

Councilmember Jones stated that one important consideration is the moving of the High School.

Jody Anderson, one of the property owners in the area of Paul Avenue and Loop 287, stated that it was his understanding from the TxDOT meeting in November that the closing of the crossover was not an interim step to the overpass but was to replace the actual construction out there, having a retaining wall that would divide the highway from Lufkin Avenue to Hwy. 103. Ms. Walker stated that one of the suggestions made to TxDOT was to permanently close Paul Avenue and not do the grade separation. Ms. Walker stated that TxDOT did not feel that was a viable alternative with the City's commitment to improve Paul Avenue as a minor arterial for carrying the traffic. Mayor Bronaugh stated that a lot of people would be effected and that would involve having another Public Hearing. Mayor Bronaugh stated that the City of Lufkin and others have spent a lot of money on Paul Avenue to make it a loadbearing thoroughfare.

Mr. Anderson stated that Ms. Walker had addressed four alternatives at the meeting regarding the crossover at Paul Avenue, and closing the crossover was not one of the alternatives.

Mr. Bickley stated that with respect to the crossover at Lufkin Avenue, the major difference between it and Paul Avenue is that the one at Paul Avenue is a thoroughfare that crosses. Mr. Bickley stated that TxDOT is going more towards a controlled access type of operation around Lufkin simply because of the increase in traffic.

Ms. Walker stated that she would like to clarify that at the discussion at the Public Hearing, the idea of closing the crossover in lieu of doing the grade separation came up after the Mayor left the meeting.

Mayor Bronaugh closed Public Hearing.

6. ORDINANCE - APPROVED - FIRST READING - STREET CLOSURE - PIN OAK LANE AND LOOP 287 - WALTER L. BORGFELD, JR. - WOODLAND HEIGHTS GENERAL HOSPITAL

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was the request of Walter L. Borgfeld, Jr. on behalf of Woodland Heights General Hospital, Inc. for approval of the street closure of Pin Oak Lane located between Loop 287 and Woodland Heights Hospital.

City Manager Maclin stated that an explanation memorandum and recommendation from the Planning Department relating to this request had been included in the Council packet. City Manager Maclin stated that the P&Z's recommendation was unanimous that the street be closed. City Manager Maclin stated that Woodland Heights Hospital has some expansion plans and the closing of this street and the relocation of access to the Loop would be in the best interest of the Hospital.

Mr. Borgfeld stated that basically Pin Oak Lane is approximately 400' in length and 32' in width, a very substandard street by City standards. Mr. Borgfeld stated that the Hospital owns the property on both sides of the street from its current hospital

premises all the way out to the Loop. Mr. Borgfeld stated that the Hospital has acquired all of the adjoining property on Pin Oak Lane.

In response to question by Councilmember Boyd, Mr. Borgfeld stated that plans for the houses on Pin Oak Lane have not been finalized at this time. Mr. Borgfeld stated that this area will most likely be converted to an access area and a parking area.

Motion was made by Councilmember Jack Gorden, Jr. and seconded by Councilmember Betty Jones that request of Walter L. Borgfeld, Jr. on behalf of Woodland Heights General Hospital, Inc. for approval of the street closure of Pin Oak Lane located between Loop 287 and Woodland Heights Hospital be approved as presented, and authorizing deeding of the property to Woodland Heights General Hospital, Inc. upon closure and payment of fair market value. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

7. CONTRACT - APPROVED - GARY R. TRAYLOR & ASSOCIATES, INC. - GRANT MANAGEMENT SERVICES - 1995 TEXAS CAPITAL FUND PROGRAM - WEBBER STREET - PILGRIM'S PRIDE

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was a Contract with Gary R. Traylor & Associates, Inc. to provide grant management services for the City's 1995 Texas Capital Fund Program.

City Manager Maclin stated that included in the Council packet is a copy of the Contract for management services and an agreement between the City and Gary R. Traylor & Associates, Inc. for the purpose of managing the Texas Capital Fund Grant for infrastructure improvements on Webber Street.

Mr. Traylor stated that the proposed compensation to his firm in the Agreement is \$31,500, which corresponds with a budgeted item established under the Grant and would be paid to them from the Grant funds.

Motion was made by Councilmember Don Boyd and seconded by Councilmember Tucker Weems that Contract with Gary R. Traylor & Associates, Inc. to provide grant management services for the City's 1995 Texas Capital Fund Program be approved as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

8. REQUEST - APPROVED - MORRIS FRANK PARK IMPROVEMENTS - LUFKIN YOUTH BASEBALL ASSOCIATION - LUFKIN HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL BOOSTERS ASSOCIATION

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was a request of the Lufkin Youth Baseball Association and the Lufkin High School Baseball Boosters Association for assistance on improvements at Morris Frank Park.

City Manager Maclin stated that included in the packet is a letter from the Parks & Leisure Services Director Don Hannabas, and it itemizes some of the things that have been requested by the Association. City Manager Maclin stated that this is actually a combination request of the Lufkin Youth Baseball Association and the Lufkin High School Baseball Boosters Association. City Manager Maclin stated that there have been several meetings in the past few months to discuss and review improvements and repairs that need to be completed at Morris Frank Complex. City Manager Maclin stated that what staff would like to do from a long term standpoint is develop a master plan that would address the needs as seen by the Association as well as the Parks & Recreation Department. City Manager Maclin stated that it would be staff's intent to bring that back to Council in early summer, around the last of May or first of June, and have a workshop to actually review and provide additional insight, information and videos that would delineate the needs at the Complex. City Manager Maclin stated that the Morris Frank Complex is over 20 years old now and has reached that point where it is depreciating and needs some

repairs and improvements. City Manager Maclin stated that Sid Medford would be representing both Associations and would address some improvements they have made in the past, and are currently making. City Manager Maclin stated that what has created the timing for this request today is a tournament that Fred Oliver is hosting the first weekend in March that involves 16 teams from all over the southwest United States. City Manager Maclin stated that staff would like to see the possibility of getting some of these improvements completed in time for utilization at that particular tournament. City Manager Maclin stated that the specific request includes some fence repairs that would be the side line fences from the dug out to the outfield fence down the first and third base lines, and some restrooms improvements that would update the fixtures to stainless fixtures similar to what was installed at the Grace Dunn Richardson Complex, and will also help the restroom facilities to be in compliance with the ADA requirements.

Sid Medford stated that he was standing in for Meb Todd, who was out of town. Mr. Medford stated that he wanted to thank the Mayor, Councilmember Jones, Mr. Maclin and Don Hannabas for meeting with the Association to discuss this request. Mr. Medford stated that, in his opinion, the City has a quality high school program that is not only recognized State-wide but nationwide as well. Mr. Medford stated that the Lufkin Youth Baseball is trying to provide the same quality program for the summer youth as Mr. Oliver has at the high school level. Mr. Medford stated that the Association is trying to improve its image not only from the facility standpoint but also from the image that the public has, and the service they provide to the kids during the summer.

Mr. Medford stated that over the last six years the Association has concentrated on making improvements to the Morris Frank Baseball Complex to include building batting cages outside the field at a cost of \$5,000; two years ago all the Press boxes were rebuilt at a cost of \$5,000; and, a storage building was built at a cost of \$10,000. Mr. Medford stated that when the Association took over the field maintenance in 1989 in an agreement with the City, the Association expended a considerable amount of money, some of which was spent on a mower at \$6,000, a tractor for \$6,000 and a lot of accessory equipment for the maintenance of the fields. Mr. Medford stated that in their agreement with the City in 1989, which has not changed, the City pays Lufkin Youth Baseball Association \$4,000 a year to help defray their cost in maintaining the fields. Mr. Medford stated that they have not gotten a raise in six years, and the cost for maintaining the fields has gone up. Mr. Medford stated that the Association's average cost for maintaining these fields ranges between \$16,000 and \$22,000 a year, including labor, equipment repairs, grass seeds, etc.

Mr. Medford stated that at Garrison Field, where the High School plays, the biggest cost item they have had, which was a joint venture between LISD and Lufkin Youth Baseball, was the installation of new lights, new bleachers, and new dugouts at a cost of \$116,000. Mr. Medford stated that LISD furnished \$96,000 and Lufkin Youth Baseball paid \$20,000. Mr. Medford stated that since that time LYB has installed a new outfield fence at a cost of \$10,000, completely torn down the old dressing rooms and restrooms and rebuilt them through the Booster Club at a cost of \$22,000. Mr. Medford stated that other improvements included cages and nets (\$5,000), storage shed (\$1,000), a practice field next to the big field, and LYB paid \$4,000 for a sprinkler system in the field. Mr. Medford stated the Association is currently building to the right of the dressing room some practice pitching mounds for kids to warm up on before they go into the game at a cost of \$3,000. Mr. Medford stated that a brick backstop is being built at a cost of \$9,000, with some additional lights at \$4,000. Mr. Medford stated that both Associations are contributing towards the erection of a granite memorial to Pete Runnels at a cost of \$5,000.

Mr. Medford stated that the reason the Association is making this request of the City Council is because they have run out of money. Mr. Medford stated that the Association has worked hard in raising money in the past for their needs at the ballfield. Mr. Medford stated that the immediate needs are to get ready for Coach

Oliver's tournament, which will bring teams from as far away as Florida and Utah, and other states are making inquiries. Mr. Medford stated that the LYB will host again in 1997 the Dixie Majors World Series that brings a lot of people into Lufkin. Mr. Medford stated that Morris Frank Park is a focal part of Lufkin, Texas.

Mr. Medford stated that there is a service problem with the lighting at the big field.

Mr. Medford stated that Coach Oliver and several members of the LYB Association Board were present to answer questions.

In response to question by Councilmember Simond as to how the \$4,000 contribution was listed in the budget, Mr. Hannabas stated that it is listed under Special Services in the Recreation budget. City Manager Maclin stated that the \$4,000 is approved yearly in accordance with a Contract that the Council initiated in 1989 through the Parks & Recreation Department.

Mr. Medford stated that when the Master Plan is developed the Association will include the girl's softball program.

Councilmember Jones stated that she has had the opportunity to be at the ball park because of her grandchildren, and, in her opinion, this is just a start of what needs to be done as far as improvements to the park. Councilmember Jones stated that she wholeheartedly supports the request and asks the other Councilmembers to also support the request.

Motion was made by Councilmember Percy Simond and seconded by Councilmember Betty Jones that the request of Lufkin Youth Baseball Association and the Lufkin High School Baseball Boosters Association for assistance at Morris Frank Park in the amount of \$10,300 for improvements to the Majors field (High School) and the restroom at the main complex be approved as presented; that the low bid of Southland Fence in the amount of \$9,791 be approved as submitted; and, that these funds (\$20,091) be taken from the General Fund Contingency Fund. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

9. FEE SCHEDULE CHANGES - APPROVED - ZONING ORDINANCE - SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS - OTHER PROCESSES FOR THE CITY OF LUFKIN

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was fee schedule changes to the Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Regulations, and other processes for the City of Lufkin, Texas.

City Manager Maclin stated that included in the Council packet is a memorandum from the Planning Department that denotes that the fees for Zone Changes and Special Use Permits were established in 1963 and not been altered since that time. The fees for platting were established in 1971 and have not been altered since that time. City Manager Maclin stated that the request comes from the Planning & Zoning Commission on a unanimous recommendation for consideration of approval by the City Council. City Manager Maclin stated that the costs associated with the Zone Changes and Special Use Permits are denoted in terms of advertising. City Manager Maclin stated that the costs associated with platting reflect a change in the recording fee from \$11.00 to \$36.00 effective September 1, 1995.

City Manager Maclin stated that on the back of the Memorandum is the current and proposed fee schedule for Zone Change, Special Use Permit, Preliminary Plat, Final Plat, Minor Plat and Street Closure. City Manager Maclin stated that included in the packet is a listing of fees charged by similar East Texas cities, a bar graph of Zone Change, Special Use Permits, Final Plat, and Preliminary Plat costs in similar East Texas cities. City Manager Maclin stated that on the Council table there is a sheet of paper entitled "Recap of 1994-1995 Budget Year" that actually lists the number of cases and plats, that were collected, and what the City's costs were.

Councilmember Simond stated that he had a problem with the City having to pay the County \$36.00 a page to record a document at the Court House. Councilmember Simond stated that, in his opinion, the City should let the County know that we (the City) are displeased with paying this amount. Councilmember Simond stated that, in his opinion, there is no way the County could justify charging \$36.00 for recording a document. Director of Planning Stephen Abraham stated that it was his understanding that these recording fees are set by the State.

In response to question by Councilmember Boyd, City Manager Maclin stated that customarily the City records documents that are only one page.

Councilmember Jones stated that perhaps a portion of this charge is passed onto the State.

In discussion of the fees Mr. Abraham stated that more plats have actually been filed and recorded since he came to the City in 1991 because more attention has been paid to the Subdivision Ordinance. Mr. Abraham stated that previously people were filing an Administrative Plat (which did not require a fee) and was not recorded in the County Clerk's office because it does not meet the requirements of the Subdivision Ordinance.

Motion was made by Councilmember Tucker Weems and seconded by Councilmember Percy Simond that fee schedule changes to the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations, and other processes for the City of Lufkin, Texas be approved as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

10. MASTER DRAINAGE SERVICE PLAN

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was the Master Drainage Service Plan.

City Manager Maclin stated that this past spring on March 7 and April 10, the City experienced some flooding to a greater extent than it had ever experienced in the history of the City. City Manager Maclin stated that as a result of that flooding Council ranked in a very high priority the funding for a Master Drainage Plan and Drainage Criteria Manual to assist the City in correcting drainage problems in the future, the present, and the future through development. City Manager Maclin stated that staff's plan was to develop a three year plan that would address the three water sheds within the City limits of Lufkin - Cedar Creek being the first one selected because it has the most potential for further development; Hurricane Creek because it is the next largest; and, Mill Creek because it is the smallest. City Manager Maclin stated that over the next three years Council indicated their willingness through the budget process to see these water shed areas studied and a Master Plan developed, and identification of capital improvement projects that could be done to correct current problems and hopefully resolve future problems.

City Manager Maclin stated that staff began the process through the completion of a Request For Proposals (RFP) that was sent out to engineering firms, addressing seven or eight different areas that were requested to be included in the RFP. City Manager Maclin stated that on the Council table are examples of RFPs that were received from the top four firms. City Manager Maclin stated that the process was for staff to take the proposals, score them with a specific scoring system, and select the top four for interview. City Manager Maclin stated that the four firms were interviewed in a one hour interview last Thursday. City Manager Maclin stated that each firm had a chance to make an oral presentation, give a review of their written presentation, and then answer a specific list of questions from the team. City Manager Maclin stated that the interview team was made up of Ron Wesch, Keith Wright, Stephen Abraham, Kenneth Vann and himself. City Manager Maclin stated that when the team began to score the engineering firms after the interview process, the team came up with the ranking as shown under tab #10. City Manager Maclin stated that what staff is seeking from Council tonight is their

consideration of approval of this ranking. City Manager Maclin stated that according to State law, staff would have to select an engineering firm for this project predicated on the one best qualified firm for the project, then if Council so authorizes, staff can go back and negotiate a contract with the #1 ranked firm and then if staff is successful that would initiate the contract and begin the work. City Manager Maclin stated that if staff was not successful with the first engineering firm then they would move to the #2 ranked firm until they were able to negotiate a contract that was within the funds allocated by the City in the 1995-'96 fiscal budget.

City Manager Maclin stated that to get to the final four firms from an interview process was predicated on a scoring system and an additional scoring system based on the interviews and further questions. City Manager Maclin stated that finally staff called references on these firms, particularly the top two firms because in the scoring process #1 and #2 were extremely close, and then a gap down to #3 and #4. City Manager Maclin stated that after the reference investigation and backgrounds on the jobs that had been submitted in the proposals on the types of work the firms had done, the two firms that ranked the highest were Dodson & Associates teamed locally with EGA, and Klotz & Associates, which are teamed locally with East Texas Engineering. City Manager Maclin stated that in both cases the out of town firms had hydrolic and hydrologic specialties in their experience portfolio. And, in both cases the local firms have the primary responsibility of providing the data collection survey. City Manager Maclin stated that both firms, once staff began to talk with professionals in the field of drainage and flood control, found that they had been fortunate enough to have two of the top firms in this area. City Manager Maclin stated that when it came down to finally selecting between #1 and #2, one criteria that finally ended up separating the two was that Dodson & Associates have an outstanding reputation because they specifically specialize in drainage studies.

City Manager Maclin stated that both firms spent a lot of time and effort in taking pictures locally and getting an understanding of the City's needs, and both should be commended for an outstanding preparation of their proposal.

In response to a question by Councilmember Gorden, City Manager Maclin stated that both firms indicated they could provide the completion of the study in five months.

City Manager Maclin stated that staff is seeking from Council to confirm the ranking process in the order presented, and from that, authorize City staff to go to the #1 firm to see if a contract can be negotiated that falls within the funds allocated by the City, and then authorization to go to the #2 firm, etc. under a contract is agreed upon.

In response to a question by Councilmember Bowman, City Manager Maclin stated that it is possible that a contract could be ready for Council consideration by the first meeting in February, and certainly no later than the February 20th meeting.

In response to a question by Councilmember Simond, City Manager Maclin stated that he had confirmed the figure of \$60-70,000 for the price range of the study to Councilmember Bowman.

In response to a question by Councilmember Simond, Mr. Stolz stated that he had contacted Dodson & Associates because of their professional reputation, but has not actually worked with them before.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bob Bowman and seconded by Councilmember Don Boyd authorizing staff to negotiate a Contract with Dodson & Associates teamed with EGA as the No. 1 firm on the proposal list for the Master Drainage Service Plan. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

11. BID - APPROVED - CRAWLER DOZERS - WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT - WATER UTILITIES DEPARTMENT - EAST TEXAS MACHINERY

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was bids for two crawler dozers to be used at the Waste Water Treatment Plant and in the Water Utilities Department.

City Manager Maclin stated that included in the Council packet is a bid tabulation indicating that three bids were received for this equipment, and staff recommendation is to award the low bid of \$64,738.72 for each dozer.

In response to a question by Councilmember Weems, City Manager Maclin stated that this equipment more nearly meets the requirements that would help in meeting EPA standards on the spreading of the sludge in the pastureland to meet the City's sludge application permit.

Motion was made by Councilmember Don Boyd and seconded by Councilmember Betty Jones that the low bid of East Texas Machinery in the amount of \$64,730.72 for each dozer be approved as submitted. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Bronaugh recessed Regular Session of the City Council at 6:43 p.m. and entered into Executive Session. Regular Session was reconvened at 7:42 p.m. and Mayor Bronaugh announced that attorney/client matters and the Performance Evaluation of the City Manager were discussed.

13. COMMENTS

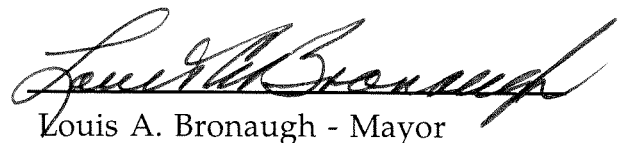
City Manager Maclin stated that bid award for the Azalea Fitness Trail that were opened on Thursday were over budget. City Manager Maclin stated that eight or nine firms were sent the bid information and only two firms submitted bids. City Manager Maclin stated that plans are being made to meet with several contractors and discuss items and ways for them to submit a lower bid.

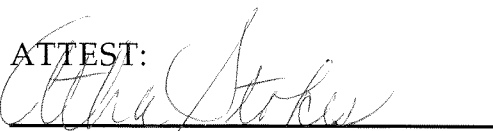
City Manager Maclin stated that on the Council table is a letter from Keith Wright addressed to him requesting that the City Council appoint a Drainage Advisory Committee. City Manager Maclin stated that he would like for Councilmembers to start thinking of people who they would like to nominate to serve on this Committee.

City Manager Maclin reminded Councilmembers of the Chamber of Commerce Banquet on January 23rd, the Lufkin/Nacogdoches Day in Austin on the 25th, and the DETDA Banquet on Friday the 26th.

Mayor Bronaugh stated that at 10:00 a.m. Friday morning there will be a DETCOG Transportation Committee who will be meeting to consider creating a transportation alliance. Mayor Bronaugh stated that 12 counties will be represented at the meeting.

14. There being no further business for consideration, meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.


Louis A. Bronaugh - Mayor

ATTEST:

Atha Stokes - City Secretary