

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON THE  
2ND DAY OF DECEMBER, 1997 AT 5:00 P. M.**

On the 2nd day of December, 1997 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:

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
Bob Flournoy	City Attorney
Atha Stokes	City Secretary
Keith Wright	City Engineer
Stephen Abraham	Director of Planning
Kenneth R. Williams	Public Works Director

being present, and

Louis A. Bronaugh	Mayor
Percy Simond	Councilmember, Ward No. 1
Don Boyd	Councilmember, Ward No. 2

being absent when the following business was transacted.

1. Meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Horace Fletcher, Minister, Hillcrest Baptist Church.
2. Presiding Councilmember Gorden welcomed visitors present. Mr. Gorden recognized Joe Havard, past President of the Mayor's Committee for People With Disabilities. Mr. Havard stated that he would like to thank the City Council for their support, and invited Councilmembers to a reception following the meeting. Mr. Gorden stated that he regretted that the Mayor was not present tonight, since this project is very special to him. Mr. Gorden stated that the Mayor is in the hospital and is improving.

Presiding Councilmember Jack Gorden recognized Officer Stephen Abbott and presented a commendation from the FBI to him. Mr. Gorden read the Certificate of Appreciation: "The FBI extends its appreciation for outstanding assistance in a joint investigative effort. Your contributions were immeasurable, and you have the gratitude of the FBI for all you did to help accomplish the objectives of the investigations. You can be proud of the role you played, and I join my associates with whom you work, in congratulating you on a job well done."

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Councilmember Tucker Weems and seconded by Councilmember Betty Jones that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 18, 1997 be approved as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

**4. PUBLIC HEARING - ANNEXATION - CROWN COLONY SECTION VIII-B - CHAMPIONS DRIVE**

Presiding Councilmember Gorden opened Public Hearing to consider the request to annex approximately 19.188 acres of land to be known as Crown Colony VIII-B and generally located south of Champions Drive southwest of the Crown Colony Section

#### VIII-A.

City Manager Maclin stated that this is a routine second Public Hearing for requested annexation in Crown Colony.

In response to question by Presiding Councilmember Gorden, City Manager Maclin stated that the next step is that the request will be considered by the Planning & Zoning Commission for zoning on December 22, and then it will come back to the City Council for final approval for annexation and zoning on January 6 for First Reading of the Ordinance, and on January 20 for Second and Final Reading.

No one appeared in opposition to the annexation request.

Presiding Councilmember Gorden closed Public Hearing.

#### 5. VOLUNTARY CAT AND DOG REGISTRATION - APPROVED

Presiding Councilmember Gorden stated that the next item was further consideration of voluntary cat and dog registration.

City Manager Maclin stated that a few weeks ago Cathy Clark brought to Council a request for consideration to implement a voluntary cat and dog registration, which included some incentives and benefits for citizens who want to register their animals. City Manager Maclin stated that Council gave Ms. Clark permission at that time to further pursue this program and she has completed it now, and a letter of request has been included in the packet information. City Manager Maclin stated that also included in the packet information is a listing of how the program would work, and the locations of veterinary clinics, feed stores and pet service stores who would participate in the program.

Cathy Clark, Director of Animal Enforcement & Protection Services, stated that she is waiting for the final approval of Council so she can order the identification tags and supplies she needs to start the project and get back with the businesses who are supporting this program to get their written input and see what their incentives will be. Ms. Clark stated that the cost for this program will come out of the Department's recycling fund and not out of the Department's budget. Ms. Clark stated that there is approximately \$2,000 in the recycling fund at this time, and it will only cost about \$300 to get the program started.

In response to question by Councilmember Jones, Ms. Clark stated that the supporters of this program will give a list of their incentives in writing to her.

Ms. Clark stated that she would also like Council approval on the two incentives she had suggested in her letter of request, and they are, 1) a 10% discount on private pet cremations, and 2) "1 Get Out of Jail Free Card" per pet owner.

Ms. Clark stated for all the animals her Department picks up only one out of 500 has a tag on and, in her opinion, the pet owner should have some type of appreciation for having a rabies tag and I. D. for their pet.

In response to question by Presiding Councilmember Gorden, Ms. Clark stated that she hoped to enlarge on this program, and would keep any revenue she receives separate so that she can go back and offer spay and neuter certificates to the first 100 people who respond. Ms. Clark stated that when they are in their new facility it is her hope that they will have a lot more to offer to the public through other activities and programs.

In response to question by Councilmember Bowman, Ms. Clark stated there are not any other prototypes of this program in the State, but that she has mentioned it to some of the members of the State Association, and they are interested in how this program will turn out.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bob Bowman and seconded by Councilmember Betty Jones that voluntary cat and dog registration program, with the two incentives recommended by the Animal Care & Control Department, be approved as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

6. **ORDINANCE - APPROVED - FIRST READING - VALET PARKING FEES**

Presiding Councilmember Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was First Reading of an Ordinance establishing valet parking fees.

City Manager Maclin stated that included in the Council packet is a proposed Ordinance, and this comes as a recommendation from the Main Street Advisory Committee. City Manager Maclin stated that it was their request to separate the Ordinance that enables the ability to have valet parking from the fee so that the fee did not become the primary issue. City Manager Maclin stated that the ability to offer valet parking in the downtown area was discussed on its own merit. City Manager Maclin stated that now the Council has approved Ordinance 3284 that allows for valet parking, the Main Street Advisory Board is recommending that the fee be assessed at \$1 per linear foot for an annual permit. City Manager Maclin stated that this is basically to have a method of keeping up with the permits and provide some financial remuneration back to the City for the expense we have in issuing the permit and maintaining the records.

In response to question by Councilmember Bowman, City Manager Maclin stated that this is an annual permit, and if there are problems with the valet parking we can at the end of that one year not issue another permit.

In response to question by Councilmember Bowman, City Manager Maclin stated that the restaurant who actually has the parking place in front of their business will pay the permit fee. City Manager Maclin stated that this particular restaurant will have two parking spaces of 24 linear feet for a fee of \$48 annually.

In response to question by Presiding Councilmember Gorden, City Manager Maclin stated that the valet parking will be the two spaces in front of Roma's, and the attendants will park the cars in the public parking lots that the City has on Angelina Street in front of the Lufkin Daily News and behind the Library and the Parks and Recreation building, and/or the City public lot on Bremond and First Street. City Manager Maclin stated that this information was included in the first valet parking Ordinance.

Councilmember Weems asked if the Ordinance should state that this is an annual fee. Mr. Wright stated that the first Ordinance establishes that there is an annual permit.

Councilmember Bowman stated that he was not proposing it, but did wonder why the Ordinance did not have a minimum/maximum fee the restaurant can charge for valet parking service. City Manager Maclin stated that the reason this fee was not included in the Ordinance is because we have never had an Ordinance like this before and we do not know what the market will bear.

City Attorney Flournoy stated that he agreed with Councilmember Weems about adding the wording for an annual permit fee.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bob Bowman and seconded by Councilmember Tucker Weems that Ordinance establishing valet parking fees be approved on First Reading with the inclusion of wording that this is an annual fee. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

**7. RESOLUTION - APPROVED - MEMBERSHIP - DEEP EAST TEXAS NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE**

Presiding Councilmember Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was a Resolution for membership in the Deep East Texas Narcotics Trafficking Task Force.

City Manager Maclin stated that included in the Council packet is a Resolution that is an annual requirement for the City's continued participation in the program.

Chief Sherman Collins stated that he was present to urge the Council to pass this Resolution to continue the City's participation with the Deep East Texas Narcotics Trafficking Task Force. Chief Collins stated that the Police Department has been a member of this task force since its inception ten years ago. Chief Collins stated that the task force offers the City a valuable service that we cannot provide for ourselves in that they send undercover officers who are assigned to the task force into our jurisdiction to work. Chief Collins stated that the task force makes undercover buys to augment the City's manpower on surveillance, wire taps, and anything else that is necessary and time consuming and with the manpower eating tasks of narcotics enforcement. Chief Collins stated that, in his opinion, the City gets its money's worth from the task force in every regard. Chief Collins stated that this past year the task force initiated, on its own volition, over 30 narcotics violations on people inside the City limits, two of which were notable drug dealers that the Police Department had worked on for years and were unable to gain any headway with, and they were able to successfully make cases and get prosecution in Federal Court on two dealers.

Chief Collins introduced Mike Kelly, who is the new Commander for the Task Force. Chief Collins stated that Mr. Kelly was the first narcotics officer that will be the Commander of the Task Force.

Mr. Kelly stated that he was new at the Commander part of the Task Force, and he took a lot of pride in the work he has done the past 17 years. Mr. Kelly stated that the City of Lufkin, City Council, and the Police Chief are to be commended on the Lufkin Police Department. Mr. Kelly stated that the Task Force serves seven agencies in a four county area, many of them because of the poverty level of the County, are not able to provide an adequate service for their citizens and the Task Force plays a bigger role there than in Lufkin. Mr. Kelly stated that Lufkin has an adequate staff and a well-paid and well-trained staff, which shows in their day-to-day work.

In response to question by Presiding Councilmember Gorden, Mr. Kelly stated that he spent three days in Austin last week and part of it pertained to the subject of grant funding. Mr. Kelly stated that funding comes from Washington to the states, and this year it looks like it is in good shape. Mr. Kelly stated that the Task Force provides a 25% match to 75% Federal funding. Mr. Kelly stated that half of the 25% is provided by the agencies and the other half comes from seizures and forfeitures that are liquidated and used for the matching funds.

In response to question by Presiding Councilmember Gorden, Mr. Kelly stated that about 65% of the money is personnel expense, and equipment and drug-buy money are the other big expenditures out of this grant.

In response to question by Councilmember Weems, Mr. Kelly stated that the task force has a full time statistician who reports to Washington via Austin to justify the funding for the Bureau of Justice. Mr. Kelly stated that the task force receives a printout quarterly and annually on their standings. Mr. Kelly stated that out of 46 task forces in the last year, the Deep East Texas Task Force was ranked #7. Mr. Kelly stated that this is the only rural task force.

In response to question by Councilmember Weems, Chief Collins stated that the City of Lufkin shares equally in the contributions and the remainder of the 25%

comes from forfeitures. Mr. Kelly stated that the task force has a \$200,000 cash match annually and \$101,00 is generated by the equal share paid by each member agency of \$13,900 and the remaining \$99,000 is generated from seizures.

Motion was made by Councilmember Tucker Weems and seconded by Councilmember Betty Jones that Resolution for membership in the Deep East Texas Narcotics Trafficking Task Force be approved as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

#### **8. ADDENDUM - APPROVED - DRUG TESTING POLICY**

Presiding Councilmember Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was an addendum to the drug testing policy.

City Manager Maclin stated that when the Federal Transportation Law changed a few years ago it required the City to update their policies for those employees who have commercial drivers licenses. City Manager Maclin stated that in reviewing the Federal guidelines for random testing staff felt like they needed to be very clear that the random drug testing is not limited to employees who drive large vehicles only (20-25% of the employee population), but that all employees are subject to random testing. City Manager Maclin stated that in conference with the City Attorney he made the recommendation that this addendum be made for clarification purposes. City Manager Maclin stated that the City has been drug testing every year for the past four years, testing each employee annually, and this addendum would give the City the option to test every one, or random testing as prescribed by Federal law.

In response to question by Councilmember Weems, City Manager Maclin stated that the drug testing program was a Decision Package approved by Council on a recurring basis three years ago.

Motion was made by Councilmember Tucker Weems and seconded by Councilmember Bob Bowman that the addendum to the drug testing policy be approved as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

#### **9. APPOINTMENT - APPROVED - CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD - DON BOYD**

Presiding Councilmember Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was the appointment of the City's representative to the Central Appraisal District Board.

Presiding Councilmember Gorden stated that Councilmember Don Boyd has represented the City on that Board the past several years, and has stated that he would be willing to continue serving in this position.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bob Bowman and seconded by Councilmember Tucker Weems that Don Boyd be reappointed to the Central Appraisal District Board. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

#### **10. PILOT PROJECT - APPROVED - SPEED BUMP PROGRAM**

Presiding Councilmember Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was the implementation of a pilot project "speed bump" program.

City Manager Maclin stated that for several months now staff has been researching and discussing the possibility of implementing a speed bump program. City Manager Maclin stated that staff has received some requests from residential areas of the City for consideration. City Manager Maclin stated that back in the '80's speed bumps went out because there were some citizens who went to Court and the Court ruled in front of the citizen who went over a speed bump and did damage to their vehicle and required the entity who made the speed bump to reimburse the

citizen for repairs. City Manager Maclin stated that this has changed in the Courts in the last several years, and staff has been monitoring closely the City of Houston, who about four years ago began to implement a speed bump program. City Manager Maclin stated that their reports are that they have lost no cases in Court by citizens who have brought claims against the City. City Manager Maclin stated that perhaps that will indicate that the Courts in general now have changed their attitude that perhaps speed bumps are a legitimate method of control for speed purposes in certain areas.

City Manager Maclin stated that also included in the packet is a letter of request from Ms. Conita Ferguson who is the Education Coordinator for the Pinewood Park Apartments relating to this request. City Manager Maclin stated that he visited with Ms. Ferguson and told her the City would attempt to see about perhaps using Pinewood Park Apartments as a pilot project to see if this does have some merit and benefit and determine what the positives and negatives are through a six month program. City Manager Maclin stated that Ms. Ferguson was willing to be the first community to exercise the possibility of speed bumps as a pilot project.

City Manager Maclin stated that included in the packet is a cross section of how the City would build a speed bump (Cross Section A-A) and a speed bump for curb and gutter streets (Cross Section B-B). City Manager Maclin stated that on the Council table is a handout of a cost estimate for speed bumps. City Manager Maclin stated that one of the problems that Houston got into when they opened this up City-wide is that they ended up having to budget a lot of money for speed bumps because in the residential non-thoroughfare locations that they allowed these speed bumps to be implemented in there were a lot of requests. City Manager Maclin stated that the speed bumps are not cheap when you take into consideration the manpower and equipment and materials needed to build a speed bump that will hold up to specifications.

City Manager Maclin stated that he is seeking permission from Council tonight to work with Pinewood Park Apartments in this speed bump pilot program. City Manager Maclin stated that staff will come back to Council in six months, and based on the report that staff gives at that time, see if Council desires to continue the program to other sections of the City.

In response to question by Councilmember Weems, City Manager Maclin stated that no determination has been made as to how many speed bumps would be built in Pinewood Park Apartments but he would guess that there would not be more than four to six.

In response to question by Presiding Councilmember Gorden, City Manager Maclin stated that the cost estimate is per speed bump. City Manager Maclin stated that a good portion of the cost is taking into account the City time and City equipment (force account). City Manager Maclin stated that the actual hard cost to the City is in the materials.

Councilmember Bowman asked if signs would be put up saying "Warning: Speed Bumps". City Manager Maclin stated that it is not required by law but we will probably put up a speed bump sign in each direction.

In response to question by Presiding Councilmember Gorden, City Manager Maclin stated that Ms. Ferguson had indicated to him that the situation in Pinewood Park has improved tremendously over the past several months particularly with the off-duty police officers they use for security. There are a lot of children who walk from their apartments to the education building where they have the computers, and without the speed bumps even with Police visibility in the area as well as it has been, she feels like it is unsafe for children to walk across the street because of the speed of which the cars can get up to from east of the education building going out the west exist of the complex.

In response to question by Presiding Councilmember Gorden, City Manager Maclin stated that this expense could be addressed in the budget process where there would be a line item added to the Street Department for the materials, and then on a first-come, first-serve basis. City Manager Maclin stated that Council will have to decide how much money they wanted to spend on a program of this nature, particularly the hard cost of the project. City Manager Maclin stated that Neighborhood Associations will be getting in line to have speed bumps in their neighborhoods.

Councilmember Jones stated that one of the criteria in prioritizing places where you would want to put the speed bumps would be the number of children and the number of elderly residents in an area that would be particularly vulnerable to accidents.

In response to question by Councilmember Weems, City Manager Maclin stated that the program could be measured in two ways: 1) feedback from the Neighborhood Associations, and 2) documented reduction in the number of speeding citations issued in an area. Mr. Wright stated that traffic counts would also be used. Traffic counts are usually 24 to 48 hour periods.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bob Bowman and seconded by Councilmember Betty Jones that the implementation of a pilot project "speed bump" program be approved as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

**11. BID - APPROVED - REHABILITATION OF GROUND STORAGE TANKS #3 AND #4 - TEXAS SANDBLASTING & PAINTING OF LUFKIN**

Presiding Councilmember Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was awarding the bid for rehabilitation of ground storage tanks #3 and #4.

City Manager Maclin stated that included in the Council packet is the bid tabulation for this project and the staff recommendation is to award the base bid and alternate bid of Texas Sandblasting & Painting of Lufkin in the amount of \$165,250.

Mr. Wright stated that Texas Sandblasting & Painting is located in Lufkin and he had asked for some references on the company, and they have painted tanks for Four Way Water Supply, Central Water Systems, Bryan & Bryan Oil Products, and the State of Texas Department of Corrections. Mr. Wright stated that the two firms he contacted told him that they had done a good job and they would recommend them. Mr. Wright stated that they have not done a job this large.

In response to question by Councilmember Bowman, City Manager Maclin stated that a total of \$250,000 had been budgeted for both tanks. City Manager Maclin stated that there was a carry over from last year's budget in a designated fund balance for one of the tanks that we not able to get to last year. City Manager Maclin stated that when two tanks are bid, you usually get a better price. City Manager Maclin stated that this came in well under budget. Mr. Wright stated that some of the budgeted funds will probably be used for rehab of the inside of the tanks once they are drained prior to painting. Mr. Wright stated that this will be an extra expense, but will be minor.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bob Bowman and seconded by Councilmember Tucker Weems that the bid of Texas Sandblasting & Painting of Lufkin in the amount of \$165,250 for rehabilitation of ground storage tanks #3 and #4 be approved as submitted. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

**12. BID - APPROVED - REPLACEMENT OF WATER MAINS - VALLEY DRIVE - WHIPPOORWILL DRIVE - J & D CONSTRUCTION**

Presiding Councilmember Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was the award of bid for the replacement of water mains on Valley Drive and

Whippoorwill Drive.

City Manager Maclin stated that this is more of the City's efforts to upgrade water lines and fire protection service. City Manager Maclin stated that these are bond items from the bonds of 1994. City Manager Maclin stated that staff recommendation is the low bid of J & D Construction in the amount of \$55,857.25.

Mr. Wright stated that the budget for this item was approximately \$25,000, which is for the materials. Mr. Wright stated that it was his intent to do this job with City crews, but in order to expedite the project it was necessary to bid it out. Mr. Wright stated that with the savings of the storage tanks there will be plenty to cover the additional cost to have a contractor to go ahead and do this project.

Councilmember Jones stated that this is probably one of the first problems that was brought to her attention when she came on the Council. Councilmember Jones stated that apparently the residents of this area have had problems with the taste and smell of their water.

Motion was made by Councilmember Betty Jones and seconded by Councilmember Bob Bowman that the bid of J & D Construction in the amount of \$55,857.25 for the replacement of water mains on Valley Drive and Whippoorwill Drive be approved as submitted. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

**13. BID - APPROVED - REPAIRS TO WATER WELL #6 - LAYNE-TEXAS**

Presiding Councilmember Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was bids for repairs to Water Well #6.

City Manager Maclin stated that included in the Council packet is a letter from M. D. Scarborough, the Water & Sewer Utilities Superintendent, regarding this problem along with a detailed explanation of repairing water well #6. City Manager Maclin stated that two bids were received and staff recommendation is to award the low bid of Layne-Texas in the amount of \$54,235.

City Manager Maclin stated that this is an emergency item, it was not budgeted, and the funds will need to come from the Utility Fund Contingency for this repair. City Manager Maclin stated that when a well goes down, it is better that it go down in November and December than June or July.

Mr. Wright stated that some vibrations started occurring in the well, which gave the indication that there was a problem. Mr. Wright stated that some samples were taken, and he had some well rehab people come in and look at the well. Mr. Wright stated that metal shavings were found in the samples which indicated that there was a problem. Mr. Wright stated that when the well was pulled, they were able to determine that the impellers were in bad shape and the bearings were out in two or three locations. Mr. Wright stated that, in his opinion, a lot of this has been due to the nature of the hydrogen sulfite gas that is in the City's ground water and some cavation in the pumps. Mr. Wright stated that one of the items included in the rehab is an epoxy coating of the system that has not been done in the past. Mr. Wright stated that he hopes that by epoxy coating the metal we will be able to get a longer life out of the pump in the future.

Presiding Councilmember Gorden stated that historically the pumps have not gone out that fast. Mr. Wright stated that this pump was pulled for repairs four years ago and before that it had been 15 years since it was repaired.

In response to question by Councilmember Weems, Mr. Wright stated that when the pump was repaired four years ago the work was done by Alsay.

Motion was made by Councilmember Tucker Weems and seconded by Councilmember Bob Bowman that bid of Layne-Texas in the amount of \$54,235 for

repairs to water well #6 be approved as submitted, and that the funds for this repair be taken from the Utility Fund Contingency. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

**14. BID - APPROVED - TV INSPECTION SYSTEM - WATER UTILITIES DEPARTMENT - TEXAS ENVIRONMENTAL SUPPLY**

Presiding Councilmember Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was bids for a TV Inspection System for the Water Utilities Department.

City Manager Maclin stated that included in the Council packet is a bid tabulation and staff recommendation is to award the low bid of the Texas Environmental Supply in the amount of \$99,677. City Manager Maclin stated that this about \$9,000 over what was anticipated but he feels that it can be made up within the budget.

Mr. Wright stated that he had some money funded in the budget for maintenance and repairs of the old camera and he feels that he can use this towards the purchase of the new camera.

In response to question by Councilmember Jones, City Manager Maclin stated that this was a Decision Package in the Depreciation Account of the Water and Sewer Fund in last year's budget.

In response to question by Presiding Councilmember Gorden as to whether this item could be purchased through the HGAC, City Manager Maclin stated that this is a more specialized piece of equipment.

In response to question by Councilmember Bowman, City Manager Maclin stated that this equipment has become an essential item because of the dollars saved by using the cameras to know exact locations of problems rather than digging up 150' to find an error, we can find the exact location with the camera. Mr. Wright stated that the City also committed to the TNRCC that we would do this for the reduction of our I & I (infiltration and inflow).

In response to question by Presiding Councilmember Gorden, Mr. Wright stated that this camera is better than the old camera and it is track operated rather than wheel operated which will give us more ability to pull through sections of pipe that we have not been able to get through in the past. Mr. Wright stated that the quality of the picture is clearer. Mr. Wright stated that hopefully the maintenance on the equipment will be easier to obtain. Mr. Wright stated that in the past he has had to send to California for parts for repairs to the camera.

In response to question by Councilmember Jones, Mr. Wright stated that he will keep the old camera as a standby unit.

In response to question by Presiding Councilmember Gorden, Mr. Wright stated that the City committed to TNRCC that we would maintain the system to inspect the sewer lines and improve areas where we have infiltration into the sewer from rainfall. Mr. Wright stated that we committed to TNRCC that we would use this camera as a tool, but we did not commit to them that we would maintain and upgrade it. Mr. Wright stated that the old camera was purchased when we initially told TNRCC how we were going to address our problem. Mr. Wright stated that this equipment is wearing out and we need to replace it and keep going.

Motion was made by Councilmember Tucker Weems and seconded by Councilmember Bob Bowman that the bid of Texas Environmental Supply in the amount of \$99,677 for a TV Inspection System for the Water Utilities Department be approved as submitted. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

**15. ADDENDUM TO AGENDA - REPAIR OF SEWER LINE - APPROVED - CRAWFORD CONSTRUCTION**

Presiding Councilmember Gorden stated that the next item was an addendum to the Agenda and is an emergency item pertaining to the collapse of a sewer line force main on the East Loop.

City Manager Maclin stated that this is a 16" force main. City Manager Maclin stated that a force main is where you are pumping the sewer over an elevation. City Manager Maclin stated that most of the City's system is gravity flow but because of this ridge we have to use pumps to get the sewer up over the hill and once it is over the hill on the south end it is able to be gravity-flowed back towards the plant. City Manager Maclin stated that this pipe was installed in the early '70's and is a concrete metal band pipe made by Gifford-Hill, which at the time was a popular pipe. City Manager Maclin stated that unfortunately the pipe subjects itself, because of the metal and concrete, to failure after about 20 years because of the gasses emitted by the raw sewage. City Manager Maclin stated that on Sunday afternoon there was a failure of the pipe just north of Lufkin Avenue to the surface road that accesses onto the Loop at that point. City Manager Maclin stated that as the crews began to dig it up they discovered that the upper half of the diameter of the circle of pipe was eaten away by the sewer gas over the past 20 years. City Manager Maclin stated that the original goal was to replace 100' feet of this pipe with PVC and reconnect the two ends. City Manager Maclin stated that in the meantime the force main pumps had to be shut off and in order to keep sewer from backing up in all our customers homes who are on that line, we have had to pump it by truck from the manhole on the north end over the hill to the south end and then put it back in the sewer line so it can go on to the plant for treatment. City Manager Maclin stated that as staff began to try and find an end to hook onto that had enough pipe and metal and strength left to attach a coupling to, we discovered that it was in such bad shape that that would be difficult if not impossible. City Manager Maclin stated that in the long term we will need to replace all of the cement metal band pipe from Kit McConnico lift station all the way to just south of Junior High East. City Manager Maclin stated that staff will be bringing some plans and proposals to Council in the near future, but to get the sewer back on line and avoid the cost of having to pump the sewer, staff is recommending that we replace some pipe. City Manager Maclin stated that on the Council table is an estimate to replace 1,850' of this 16" force main which would be from top of the hill just south of Al Meyer Ford just past the electrical sub station. City Manager Maclin stated that he had consulted with the City Attorney regarding the emergency need of this pipe replacement, and has gotten quotes per foot from two contractors who are experienced and capable of making this type of installation and are available to start as soon as tomorrow morning. City Manager Maclin stated that staff had received a bid from Crawford Construction Company in the amount at \$7.00 per ft. in the amount of \$12,950. City Manager Maclin stated that the City has the 16" C-900 pipe already on site to use as a water line extension from our new water well we are putting in as part of our water system improvements. City Manager Maclin stated that we will use that pipe and then go back out for bids and replace the pipe, which will save some time since we already have the C-900 pipe in stock. City Manager Maclin stated that staff is requesting Council authorization to proceed with the proposal by the Water Utilities Department. City Manager Maclin stated that we are also paying Winston Pumping anywhere from \$1,500 to \$2,300 per day for the pumping services, and that is 24 hours a day, seven days a week until we get this repair finished. City Manager Maclin stated that staff is of the opinion that this money can be taken out of the bond proceeds from the 1993 bond issue when the City issued approximately \$7 million worth of funds for water improvements that included our water line on the East Loop and the two million gallon elevated storage tank on White House. City Manager Maclin stated that we still have some funds available from that that we have been using for water projects where we upgrade water lines and add additional fire protection.

City Manager Maclin stated that recognizing that this is an emergency situation he is

seeking Council authorization to move forward. City Manager Maclin stated that if there are questions about the emergency status he would defer to the City Attorney.

In response to question by Councilmember Jones, City Manager Maclin stated that it will take five days to complete this repair.

Motion was made by Councilmember Betty Jones and seconded by Councilmember Tucker Weems that authorization be given to proceed with emergency repairs to the 16" force main at Loop 287 and Lufkin Avenue with funds being taken from existing funds from the bond proceeds in the amount of \$48,550. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

#### 16. COMMENTS

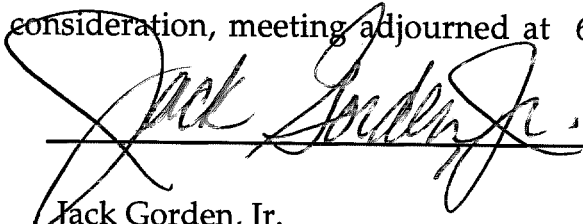
City Manager Maclin stated that the First Friday luncheon speaker will be Craig Pederson, Executive Director of the Texas Water Development Board, and he will be discussing Senate Bill 1 and the future of water in the State of Texas.


City Manager Maclin stated that next Thursday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m., there will be a Public Hearing by the Parks Advisory Committee to allow opportunity for the citizens to provide input into our Park Master Plan. City Manager Maclin stated the consultant that we have retained for the Kit McConnico Master Plan will be present to facilitate and aid in that Public Hearing.

In response to question by Presiding Councilmember Gorden, City Manager Maclin stated that staff has been contacting all the special interest groups who made presentations to the Parks Advisory Committee in the past, which is some 35 special interest groups. City Manager Maclin stated that staff has had cooperation from the media; the newspaper and TV station have both expressed an interest, and he had also asked KIBN - TV 11 to promote the Public Hearing. Councilmember Jones requested that the Neighborhood Associations be notified also.

Presiding Councilmember Gorden stated that he would like to welcome back Paula Metzinger, news reporter for the Lufkin Daily News.

17. There being no further business for consideration, meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

  
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Jack Gorden, Jr.  
Presiding Councilmember

ATTEST:   
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Atha Stokes - City Secretary