

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON THE
19TH DAY OF MAY, 1998 AT 5:00 P. M.

On the 19th day of May, 1998 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
Jack Gorden, Jr.	Mayor pro tem
R. L. Kuykendall	Councilmember, Ward No. 1
Don Boyd	Councilmember, Ward No. 2
Betty Jones	Councilmember, Ward No. 3
Bob Bowman	Councilmember, Ward No. 4
Tucker Weems	Councilmember, Ward No. 6
C. G. Maclin	City Manager
James Hager	Asst. City Manager/Finance
Tommy Deaton	Asst. City Attorney
Atha Stokes	City Secretary
Keith Wright	City Engineer
Stephen Abraham	Director of Planning
Kenneth Williams	Director of Public Works

being present when the following business was transacted.

1. Meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Cody Bartley, Associate Pastor, United Pentecostal Church.

2. Mayor Bronaugh welcomed visitors present.

3. **PRESENTATION OF SERVICE AWARD - PERCY SIMOND**

Mayor Bronaugh presented a Service Award plaque to Percy Simond, former Councilmember of Ward 1, who served on the City Council for 18 years.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Councilmember Don Boyd and seconded by Councilmember Tucker Weems that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 5, 1998 be approved as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

5. **ORDINANCE - APPROVED - SECOND READING - ZONE CHANGE - RESIDENTIAL SMALL SINGLE FAMILY DISTRICT TO SINGLE FAMILY/MIXED USE DISTRICT - ROSIE TEEL ET AL. - LUBBOCK & HODGE STREETS - LONG & WOOD AVENUES - WARREN STREET**

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was Second Reading of an Ordinance to change the zoning on approximately 84.54 acres of land generally bounded by Sunrise Avenue on the north, Lubbock and Hodge Streets on the east, Long and Wood Avenues on the south and Warren Street on the west, from a "RS" Residential Small Single Family District to a "SF/MX" Single Family/Mixed Use District as requested by Rosie Teel et al.

Motion was made by Councilmember Don Boyd and seconded by Councilmember Jack Gorden, Jr. that Ordinance for a zone change on approximately 84.54 acres of land generally bounded by Sunrise Avenue on the north, Lubbock and Hodge Streets on the east, Long and Wood Avenues on the south and Warren Street on the west from a "RS" Residential Small Single Family District to a "SF/MX" Single Family/Mixed Use District be approved on Second and Final Reading as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

6. ORDINANCE - APPROVED - FIRST READING - ZONE CHANGE - RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM SINGLE FAMILY TO LOCAL BUSINESS - LOTS 4 AND 5 - BLOCK 3 - OAKLAND ADDITION - FRANK AVENUE AND MOORE AVENUE - BRUCE SHELBY - JEAN Mc VICKER

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was the request of Bruce Shelby on behalf of Jean McVicker et al. to change the zoning from "RL" Residential Medium Single Family to "LB" Local Business on Lots 4 and 5, Block 3, of the Oakland Addition (generally located on Moore Avenue east of Bynum Street) and the vacated alley between Frank Avenue and Moore Avenue, extending from Bynum to Bledsoe Street.

Michelle Charanza, attorney representing the Medina family, stated that the Medinas are the property owners who previously objected to this zone change. Ms. Charanza stated that as an update to Council she would like to point out that the development company offered to purchase her client's property, and their opposition is being withdrawn based on the representations of Shelby Development that they would purchase the property and the zone change contingent on that purchase. Ms. Charanza stated that she wanted Council to understand that and to know that her client is requesting that any zone change be contingent on the closing of those transactions.

Dean Leggett stated that he was representing Mr. Shelby who called earlier to say that he would not be able to attend tonight's meeting. Mr. Leggett stated that he had a copy of a letter of April 27, 1998 which the City received where Mr. Shelby states that he has agreed to buy the Medina's property and has that property under contract. Mr. Leggett stated that he was requesting that the Council proceed with the zone change by passing it at tonight's meeting.

City Manager Maclin asked that the City Attorney comment on a zone change contingent upon a seller's contract. Mr. Deaton stated that he had spoken with Ms. Charanza earlier today. Mr. Deaton stated that obviously it is difficult for the City to make a zone change contingent upon a sale. Mr. Deaton stated that this is First Reading of the Ordinance. Ms. Charanza stated that there have been a few delays connected with the work at the Texaco location, which will delay the closing of the sale past the Second Reading of the Ordinance. Ms. Charanza stated that the Contract does require the cooperation of her clients in not opposing any further zone changes and would be conditioned on the closing of the sale. Ms. Charanza stated that her clients have rights under that contract, and the Council would be hearing again if that were not to happen. Mr. Deaton asked Ms. Charanza if she understood that it is difficult for the Council to pass something that is contingent upon a real estate transaction. Ms. Charanza stated that she understood, and wanted the Council to be aware that this condition exists. Ms. Charanza stated that it is her understanding that everyone is negotiating in good faith. Ms. Charanza stated that Shelby Development contacted her client and made this offer and pursued this course.

Mr. Deaton stated that he saw no reason for not passing this Ordinance on First Reading, and certainly Second Reading could be delayed if further problems arise.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bob Bowman and seconded by Councilmember Jack Gorden, Jr. that Ordinance to change the zoning from "RM" Residential Medium Single Family to "LB" Local Business on Lots 4 and 5, Block 3 of the Oakland Addition (generally located on Moore Avenue east of Bynum Street) and the vacated alley between Frank Avenue and Moore Avenue, extending from Bynum to Bledsoe Street be approved on First Reading as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

7. ORDINANCE - APPROVED - FIRST READING - ZONE CHANGE - RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM SINGLE FAMILY TO COMMERCIAL - ATKINSON DRIVE AND MOFFETT ROAD - MIKE HAMILTON - CHAMPION INTERNATIONAL CORP.

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was the request of Mike Hamilton of Champion International Corp. to change the zoning from "RM" Residential Medium Single Family to "C" Commercial on approximately 3.20 acres of land located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Atkinson Drive (Hwy. 103) and Moffett Road (Hwy 842).

City Manager Maclin stated that included in the Council packet is a memorandum of explanation from the Planning Department. City Manager Maclin stated that the Comprehensive Land Use Plan calls for this area to be either Commercial or Industrial and it is the opinion of staff that an office building would be a most compatible non-residential use for this location. City Manager Maclin stated that the request comes from the Planning & Zoning Commission with a unanimous vote of approval for the zone change as requested.

Leo Warden, 2903 Atkinson Drive, stated that he appeared before the Planning & Zoning Commission and at first was opposed to the request. Mr. Warden stated that since that meeting he had been contacted by Mr. Hamilton, and he is no longer concerned about what will be built on the property. Mr. Warden stated that the zone change would prevent he and his neighbors from selling their homes for real estate purposes.

Mr. Warden stated that he was concerned about the water and sewer hook up that would be connected to the proposed office building. Mr. Warden stated that there have been problems with the water line that resulted in a City crew coming out daily to repair the line. Mr. Warden stated that Ron Wesch promised him that the water line would be repaired and that has not happened. Mr. Warden stated that the repair crew has been out to the intersection of Myrtle and Atkinson Drive to repair this line more times than he could count, and he was present tonight to ask the City Council to do something with this water line. Mr. Warden stated that after the line is repaired, sometimes within an hour it is broken further down the line.

Motion was made by Councilmember Don Boyd and seconded by Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall that Ordinance to change the zoning from "RM" Residential Medium Single Family to "C" Commercial on approximately 3.20 acres of land located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Atkinson Drive (Hwy. 103) and Moffett Road (Hwy. 842) be approved on First Reading as presented.

Councilmember Bowman recused himself from voting.

Motion carried with six affirmative votes.

8. ORDINANCE - APPROVED - FIRST READING - SPECIAL USE PERMIT - COMMUNICATIONS TOWER - COMMERCIAL DISTRICT - LOT 2 - BLOCK 1 - LUFKIN S. E. SUBDIVISION - MYRNA AND CHURCH STREETS - SHEP POULAND - GTE MOBILNET - ROBERT RAUSCH

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was the request of Shep Pouland of GTE Mobilnet on behalf of Robert S. Rausch to grant a Special Use Permit for a "communications tower" within a "C" Commercial District located on Lot 2, Block 1 of the Lufkin S. E. Subdivision, and generally located northeast of the intersection of Myrna and Church Street.

City Manager Maclin stated that included in the Council packet is a memorandum of explanation, and the memo indicates that the subject site is zoned Commercial, as is the property on the east side of Church Street, which includes an auto repair

facility and a grocery store. City Manager Maclin stated that the Planning & Zoning Commission, by unanimous vote, recommends approval of the Special Use Permit with five conditions: 1) A certificate of operations be obtained from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) prior to the construction of the tower; 2) The maximum height of the communications tower shall be 150 feet; 3) The tower shall be enclosed by an 8 foot tall chain link fence constructed no closer than the building line as established on the site plan; 4) There shall be planted and maintained, 5 gallon shrubbery along the perimeter of the fence, as shown on the site plan; and, 5) The property shall be developed according to the attached site plan.

Mr. Pouland stated that GTE is a service provider for this area and they were trying to improve the service by installing this communications tower. Mr. Pouland stated that this will improve service in the central part of the City, which is currently receiving weak service, and this will boost this coverage or improve it. In response to question by Councilmember Bowman, Mr. Pouland stated that GTE already has the City covered in all directions (north, south, east and west) and this is basically for the central part of the City.

In response to question by Councilmember Gorden, Mr. Pouland stated that GTE has some plans to "beef up" the system outside the City but they are not planned for this year.

Mr. Pouland stated that there are no guy wires associated with this tower, it is a self-supporting tower.

In response to question by Councilmember Kuykendall, Mr. Pouland stated that GTE will be able to meet the restrictions as set forth by the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bob Bowman and seconded by Councilmember Jack Gorden, Jr. that Ordinance for a Special Use Permit for a "communications tower" within a "C" Commercial District located on Lot 2, Block 1 of the Lufkin S. E. Subdivision, and generally located northeast of the intersection of Myrna and Church Streets be approved on First Reading with the following restrictions: 1) A certificate of operations be obtained from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) prior to the construction of the tower; 2) The maximum height of the communications tower shall be 150 feet; 3) The tower shall be enclosed by an 8 foot tall chain link fence constructed no closer than the building line as established on the site plan; 4) There shall be planted and maintained, 5 gallon shrubbery along the perimeter of the fence, as shown on the site plan; and, 5) The property shall be developed according to the attached site plan. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

9. REQUEST - WITHDRAWN - ZONE CHANGE - RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM SINGLE FAMILY TO COMMERCIAL - LOT 1, BLOCK 2- WESTBURY ADDITION - ATKINSON DRIVE - HEMLOCK ROAD - VIRGINIA WELCH - FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was the request of Virginia Welch on behalf of Lufkin's First Baptist Church to change the zoning from "RM" Residential Medium Single Family to "C" Commercial on property located on Lot 1, Block 2 of the Westbury Addition and generally located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Atkinson Drive and Hemlock Road.

City Manager Maclin stated that the applicant has requested that this item be withdrawn.

Motion was made by Councilmember Don Boyd and seconded by Councilmember Tucker Weems that the request of Virginia Welch on behalf of Lufkin's First Baptist Church to change the zoning from "RM" Residential Medium Single Family to "C"

Commercial on property located on Lot 1, Block 2 of the Westbury Addition and generally located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Atkinson Drive and Hemlock Road be withdrawn at the request of the applicant. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

10. TAXI CAB FRANCHISE - APPROVED - CITY CAB - RANDY FURRA

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was approval of a Taxi Cab Franchise. Mayor Bronaugh stated that Mr. Furra called in to say that he would not be present at tonight's meeting because of a funeral.

City Manager Maclin stated that this request was tabled at a previous meeting and referred to the Taxi Cab Committee to seek a recommendation from the Taxi Cab Committee. City Manager Maclin stated that included in the Council packet is a memo from Max Powers, Chairman of the Taxi Cab Committee, that states that they met with the applicant Randy Furra on May 13th, and also had Checkerboard Taxi owner Richard Rolle and UBC Taxi owner Julie Hughes in attendance at the meeting. City Manager Maclin stated that the Committee has determined after visiting with all of the individuals and reviewing the records of Checkerboard Taxi and UBC Taxi that the City Cab Company owned by Randy Furra should be granted a City of Lufkin taxi cab franchise.

Councilmember Boyd stated that, as he stated before, he could remember when there were three taxi cab companies in Lufkin and they all went out of business because they could not make enough money. Councilmember Boyd stated that since then the transit company has been added and that has cut down on the need for cabs. Councilmember Boyd stated that with another cab company coming in, the City might end up with no taxi cabs at all. Councilmember Boyd stated that Nacogdoches does not have a transit system and there might be a need for a lot of taxi cabs there, but the City of Lufkin has two taxi cab companies that are barely making ends meet and now another company is trying to come in. Councilmember Boyd stated that, in his opinion, the City did not need another taxi cab company.

Councilmember Kuykendall asked if the existing taxi cab companies were aware of the decision by the Taxi Cab Committee. City Secretary Atha Stokes stated that it was assumed when they left the meeting that the Taxi Cab Committee was going to make a recommendation in favor of the new cab company.

In response to question by Councilmember Bowman, Ms. Stokes stated that after the Taxi Cab Committee interviewed Mr. Furra they decided to call the other two cab companies in for an interview. Ms. Stokes stated that based upon information gathered at the interview with Checkerboard Taxi and UBC Taxi, the Committee voted unanimously to grant a franchise to Mr. Furra.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bob Bowman and seconded by Councilmember Jack Gorden, Jr. that request of Randy Furra for a taxi cab franchise be approved as presented. The following vote was recorded:

Aye: Councilmembers Bowman, Gorden, Jones, Weems and Mayor Bronaugh

Nay: Councilmembers Boyd and Kuykendall

Motion carried with five affirmative votes.

Councilmember Kuykendall stated that he would like to hear from the other two taxi cab companies. Mayor Bronaugh stated that the City Council had turned this request over to the Taxi Cab Committee for a recommendation and are now accepting their recommendation.

Mayor Bronaugh stated that it was his understanding that there were certain times through the week that the taxi cabs would not run because of one person's religious

convictions that did not allow them to work that one day. Councilmember Boyd stated that that has been changed since Mr. Rolle took over; that was the religious conviction of the lady who previously owned the cab company. Ms. Stokes stated that Mr. Rolle stated in the Taxi Cab Committee meeting that he was also the same religious faith as Mrs. Bazell and that he, too, would close that one day.

11. APPOINTMENTS - APPROVED - DETCOG - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was appointments to the DETCOG Board of Directors. Mayor Bronaugh stated that presently the City has four members serving on the Board of Directors and they are Councilmembers Weems, Boyd, Gorden and himself.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bob Bowman and seconded by Councilmember Betty Jones that Mayor Bronaugh, Tucker Weems, Jack Gorden, Jr. and Don Boyd be appointed to the DETCOG Board of Directors. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

12. PROGRESS REPORT - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP - BILL WELLBORN

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was a progress report of the Economic Development Partnership by Bill Wellborn.

Bill Wellborn, Executive Director of the Economic Development Partnership, stated that Councilmembers had received a copy of the report in their Council packets. Mr. Wellborn stated that the first thing he wanted to do in the Economic Development Program was to assist existing local companies if they could, and do whatever possible to help them grow and prosper and create jobs. Mr. Wellborn stated that to implement that program they put together a committee chaired by Bob Brown, and on that committee are persons representing Angelina College, the City, and a number of other businesses. Mr. Wellborn stated that to date they have called on approximately 25 local manufacturers and received some valuable insight. Mr. Wellborn stated that they have been able to assist a number of companies to include Chromium Corporation. Mr. Wellborn stated that Chromium has created about 79 new jobs and \$4 million in new capital investment. Mr. Wellborn stated that they are working with Texas Foundries for an incentive package for a potential expansion. Mr. Wellborn stated that they have helped Precision Lumber Company with a rail load out facility which helped them to put on another shift and add approximately 35 new jobs. Mr. Wellborn stated that they have helped Angelina Hardwood with training assistance. Mr. Wellborn stated that they worked with Champion to put together an incentive package for Donohoe. Mr. Wellborn stated that they worked with the City of Diboll towards developing an Enterprise Zone. Mr. Wellborn stated that they have also worked with several companies at risk trying to help bolster their operations. Mr. Wellborn stated that they had worked with Louisiana Pacific when they made their announcement of their plant closing and helped call together a group of people from DETCOG, Texas Workforce Commission, Angelina College, the City and County to see what they could do to put these people back to work. Mr. Wellborn stated that to date about 60% of these people have been re-employed in the local economy.

Mr. Wellborn stated that in regard to their national/international marketing program, they are working very closely with DETCOG toward a \$250,000 grant which will be used to develop a regional data base on each of the counties within the DETCOG district to put together a target market study and also kick off a regional marketing effort that will let the rest of the world know what East Texas has to offer.

Mr. Wellborn stated that they are also working with Temple Inland and TU Electric on the trade shows they attend trying to "piggy back" with them on their efforts. Mr. Wellborn stated that they have put together a direct mail effort targeting wood products companies and value added wood products companies. Mr. Wellborn

stated that they targeted initially some Texas companies and later expanded that to the Pacific/Northwest. Mr. Wellborn stated that the Texas response was not too good, but the response of the Pacific/Northwest was better.

Mr. Wellborn stated that they had also put together a marketing program with NITCO, the partner organization on the north side of the river (Nacogdoches). Mr. Wellborn stated that they have shared some advertising costs with them and run some ads in some national publications.

Mr. Wellborn stated that in terms of infrastructure developme, basically they knew they had to do some things to get their house in order to make it saleable. Mr. Wellborn stated that they put together a shell building committee because at that time there were not very many buildings available and buildings are one of the "hot" items on the national market today. Mr. Wellborn stated that since that happened they have had a couple of buildings that have come on the market, one of which is a Brookshire Bros. building. Mr. Wellborn stated that they knew they needed to do some work on their sites since they were fast running out of developable, industrial land and sites in Angelina County so they put together a site selection committee headed by David Perkins. Mr. Wellborn stated that the committee is working to put together some comprehensive site data. Mr. Wellborn stated that Southpark needed some improvements and so they listened to some prospects who looked at the land. Mr. Wellborn stated that a land clearing company was hired to go in and clear the land and it is now a lot more presentable today than it ever has been.

Mr. Wellborn stated that they had joined together with Nacogdoches and put together a regional labor survey because most of the people they visited with were concerned that wherever they went they would be able to find a work force of suitable size. Mr. Wellborn stated that they employed the University of Texas to help put together a 35 mile regional survey, the results of which were included in one of the handouts.

Mr. Wellborn stated that Brookshire Bros. has made available two buildings to be offered to prospective industry and to be the centerpiece of their national advertising effort.

Councilmember Bowman stated that he was very pleased with what Mr. Wellborn has accomplished with the Economic Development Partnership. In response to question by Councilmember Bowman, Mr. Wellborn stated that it was hard to give a number of jobs that have been created in Angelina County as a result of the partnership's work because most of the time what they do is in conjunction with a number of other organizations (the City, the County, the College). Mr. Wellborn stated that together, with all those other organizations, he would say that possibly 125 new jobs have been created.

Ronnie Robinson stated that he wanted to thank the City for their participation in the Economic Development Partnership. Mr. Robinson stated that it has helped their efforts in having the involvement of the City, the County, the College, the Chamber and private industry. Mr. Robinson stated that Mr. Wellborn had done an excellent job in melding the partnership and working with the different entities. Mr. Robinson stated that C. G. Maclin and Stephen Abraham have done an excellent job in using the City's assets.

13. REQUEST - APPROVED - HIRING OF INTERNS FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was request to hire interns for special projects.

City Manager Maclin stated that at the Council's Planning Retreat at Pine Island last week the Planning Department brought to the City Council a preview idea regarding utilization of summer interns to help collect some data and information that is

needed both for the City's geographic information system as well as a cost savings to the City in the future should we choose to update the Comprehensive Plan. City Manager Maclin stated that Council has discussed updating the Comprehensive Plan over the past several years and the Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended for Council's consideration an update to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. City Manager Maclin stated that the proposal for using the student interns this summer to collect this data would cost approximately \$8,100, and staff is seeking Council's consideration for that proposal tonight. City Manager Maclin stated that the funding would come from the General Fund Contingency. City Manager Maclin stated that the starting balance for the Contingency Fund was \$200,000; \$50,000 has been allocated for the HVAC improvements at City Hall, and \$25,000 has been allocated to replace the pavilion that was destroyed in Chambers Park by a storm in February. City Manager Maclin stated that if Council were to approve this \$8,100 it would leave a balance of approximately \$117,000 in the Contingency Fund.

Councilmember Gorden stated that he would question whether staff couldn't have found \$8,100 in the General payroll lapse fund. City Manager Maclin stated that in the larger departments that is feasible, in the Planning Department with four employees that would not create any extra funds.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bob Bowman and seconded by Councilmember Jack Gorden, Jr. that staff be authorized to hire interns for special projects. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

14. BID - APPROVED - SOLID WASTE FACILITY - LANGSTON CONSTRUCTION

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was award of bid for the Solid Waste facility.

City Manager Maclin stated that included in the Council packet is the bid tabulation and recommendation from the architect, Malcolm McKinney. City Manager Maclin stated that staff received four bids, and the staff recommendation is the low bid of Langston Construction in the amount of \$611,630, which includes the alternates for ceramic tile and plastic laminate wainscot.

Councilmember Bowman stated that he would like to see an artist's rendition of the front of the building.

Motion was made by Councilmember Don Boyd and seconded by Councilmember Tucker Weems that the bid of Langston Construction Company in the amount of \$611,630 (including the alternates for ceramic tile and plastic laminate wainscot) for construction of the Solid Waste Facility be approved as submitted. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

15. BID - APPROVED - GIRAFFE/RHINOCEROS EXHIBITS - MOORE BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was bids for the giraffe/rhinoceros exhibits.

City Manager Maclin stated that included in the Council packet is the bid tabulation, City Manager Maclin stated that two bids were received, one from Cox Contractors, Inc. and the low bid of Moore Brothers Construction Company in the amount of \$787,000. City Manager Maclin stated that this amount was outside of the anticipated budget from the architect's estimates and staff entered into negotiations with Mr. Moore along with the City Attorney to make sure that these negotiations were in accordance with State law. City Manager Maclin stated that \$236,022 of deductions were identified, the majority of which will provide for City personnel in the water and street departments to conduct these activities. City Manager Maclin stated that with those deductions, and with the understanding that the City

departments will be doing a lot of the dirt/earth moving, a lot of the water line irrigation, and line installation, staff would recommend the low, negotiated/amended bid of \$550,978 from Moore Brothers.

In response to question by Councilmember Bowman, City Manager Maclin stated that the funding source from the City is the gate receipts, and the balance of the funds are coming from the Temple Foundation, the Kurth Foundation, the Friends of the Zoo and the fund raising efforts that the Friends have provided.

Councilmember Jones stated she assumed that by pulling the City crews onto this project it would not unduly delay any of the other City projects. City Manager Maclin stated that it will not shut the City down in those departments but it will delay some projects temporarily because they cannot be at two places at one time. City Manager Maclin stated that he wanted to be up front with Council and recognize that, but at the same time the good gained to the City as a whole in terms of the Zoo as a tourism attraction as these two new exhibits are added will ultimately be in the City's best interest.

In response to question by Councilmember Boyd, City Manager Maclin stated that the approximate completion time for the project is 180 calendar days or six months.

In response to question by Councilmember Boyd, Gordon Henley, Zoo Director, stated that two white rhinos from the Gladys Porter Zoo in Brownsville, and one giraffe at the Houston Zoo and one giraffe from the Roger Williams Park/Zoo in Providence, R. I. have already been secured. Mr. Henley stated that the transporters have contacted him and are ready to deliver the animals.

Mr. Henley stated that last year there were 112,000 visitors to the Zoo, and this year he anticipates an attendance of between 120-130,000.

Motion was made by Councilmember Jack Gorden, Jr. and seconded by Councilmember Bob Bowman that the bid of Moore Brothers Construction in the amount of \$550,978 be approved as submitted. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Bronaugh recessed Regular Session at 6:01 p.m. to enter into Executive Session. Mayor Bronaugh reconvened Regular Session at 6:25 p.m. and stated that Councilmembers had discussed appointments to Boards and Commissions.

17. APPOINTMENT - APPROVED - CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION - ROYCE GARRETT

Motion was made by Councilmember Don Boyd and seconded by Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall that Royce Garrett be reappointed to the Civil Service Commission. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

18. APPOINTMENTS - APPROVED - BOARD OF ELECTRICIANS - GARY ALEXANDER - CHARLIE CAVER

Motion was made by Councilmember Bob Bowman and seconded by Councilmember Don Boyd that Gary Alexander and Charlie Caver be re-appointed to the Board of Electricians. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.


19. COMMENTS

Councilmember Bowman invited Councilmembers to a DETDA meeting Friday in Camden, where there will be free train rides.

City Manager Maclin stated that the annual DETCOG meeting will be held on

Thursday, May 28th at the Pitser Garrison Lufkin Civic Center.

20. There being no further business for consideration, meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.



Louis A. Bronaugh
Mayor

ATTEST


Atha Stokes - City Secretary