

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
LUFKIN, TEXAS. HELD ON THE
18th DAY OF APRIL 2000 AT 5:00 P. M.

On the 18th day of April 2000 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 Bronaugh	Mayor
Bob Bowman	Mayor pro tem
R. L. Kuykendall	Councilmember, Ward No. 1
Don Boyd	Councilmember, Ward No. 2
Lynn Torres	Councilmember, Ward No. 3
Dennis Robertson	Councilmember, Ward No. 6
C. G. Maclin	City Manager
James Hager	Asst. City Manager/Finance
Atha Stokes Martin	City Secretary
Bob Flournoy	City Attorney
Keith Wright	City Engineer
Kenneth Williams	Director of Public Work
Stephen Abraham	Director of Planning

being present, and

Jack Gorden, Jr.	Councilmember, Ward No. 5
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Being absent when the following business was transacted.

1. Meeting was opened with prayer by Chaplain Mary Harris.
2. Mayor Bronaugh welcomed visitors present.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the regular meeting of April 4, 2000 were approved on a motion by Councilmember Don Boyd and seconded by Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

4. PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION TO JOE HAVARD

Mayor Bronaugh presented a Proclamation to Joe Havard, the recipient of the Lone Star Achievement Award for volunteerism. Mayor Bronaugh stated Mr. Havard has served as the Chairman of the Mayor's Committee on Disabilities. Mayor Bronaugh stated that during his lifetime he has given many hours of time to volunteering. Mayor Bronaugh stated that Mr. Havard has volunteered for the Lufkin Kiwanis Club, Boy Scout Troop, Burke Center, Chestnut Drive Baptist Church, Lufkin Home Builders Association, Angelina County Chamber of Commerce, Small Business Development Council, Angelina County Association for Human Development, Lufkin-Nacogdoches Coalition on Housing, and the Southern Gospel Association.

Mayor Bronaugh stated that Melitia McCall, a member of the Mayor's Committee on Disabilities, nominated Mr. Havard for this award.

Mayor Bronaugh recognized Michael Stevenson, the present Chairman of the Mayor's Committee on Disabilities.

5. RECYCLING DEPARTMENT PROGRAM

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was a presentation by Dennis Webster, Recycling/Solid Waste Director, regarding improvements to the City of Lufkin's Recycling Program.

City Manager Maclin stated that included in the Council packet is an overview of a program that is known as the "Red Tag Program" to assist in correcting a problem that has developed over the last several years with the curbside recycling program. Mr. Maclin stated that this problem is particularly related to the residential curbside recycling. Mr. Maclin stated that when this program was begun on a pilot project basis with several of the Neighborhood Associations there was excellent participation with a very minimal contamination rate. Mr. Maclin stated that, in this case, contamination means items that are not recyclable or items that should not be placed in the gray container on Monday and Tuesday, which is household garbage. Mr. Maclin stated that over the last five years staff has seen the percent that started out in the low 90's recyclable materials with an 8-10% contamination rate increase to close to a 40+ percent contamination rate. Mr. Maclin stated that staff has been looking at some ways to correct this problem and believe that the "red tag" program is a tangible, positive method of improving that collection rate and reducing the contamination rate back to a more acceptable number.

Dennis Webster, Recycling/Solid Waste Director, stated that he proposes to go out to the neighborhoods to direct a tagging crew, two people per route, going the same route that the trucks will traverse to make sure that every container can be inspected. Mr. Webster stated that the crew would literally, physically open the containers and look inside and determine whether or not it is recyclable material contaminated or if it is household garbage. Mr. Webster stated that if they find recyclable material that have some items that are not really recyclable, they will red tag that particular container, mark the box that says "contaminated", and instruct the recycler to look at the back of the tag to find the items that are acceptable in the Recycling Program. Mr. Webster stated that if the container contains household garbage, they will mark the box on the red tag that says "contaminated – will not service", and will instruct the customer to remove the household garbage from the container and place it in the gray container for collection, and then instruct them to look at the back of the tag for the items that are recyclable. Mr. Webster stated that with these two methods he is looking forward to direct feedback, getting the customers involved, and having hands on experience as to what is and is not accepted within the Recycling Program.

In response to question by Councilmember Robertson, Mr. Webster stated that as he got a little short-handed with some prison staffing problems, they discontinued magazines within the curbside program. Mr. Webster stated that he does provide a bin for magazines at the Recycling Center where citizens and can drop the magazines off.

In response to question by Councilmember Bowman, Mr. Webster stated that he would start an educational program for the "red tags" as soon as it is approved by Council. Mr. Bowman stated that, in his opinion, there are a lot of people who are confused about what the Recycling Department does accept, and he would like to see an intense educational program for the citizens. Mr. Bowman stated that the "tag" did not clarify that the Recycling Department does not accept magazines or individual sheets of paper. Mr. Webster stated that Paul Metzinger, the Recycling Coordinator, has already started an educational project at this time. Mr. Webster stated that every medium that they have available to them will be used trying to explain this program a little more in detail. Mr. Webster stated that he has listed a number of items that are accepted or not accepted for recycling on the City's web page. Mr. Webster stated he understands that everybody does not have access to the web page and this information will be further disseminated through the newspaper and T. V.

Councilmember Bowman stated that he would like to see some PSA's regarding magazines before this campaign gets started.

Mayor Bronaugh stated that it was his understanding that the Recycling Program started out with newspaper and then added magazines, and now magazines are being excluded. Mr. Webster stated that the Department is still accepting magazines. Mr. Webster stated that he had backed away from collecting magazines because of a shortage in personnel. Mr. Webster stated that in the future the Department would make an effort to stay consistent in their policies and not change back and forth.

In response to question by Councilmember Bowman, Mr. Webster stated that at this time magazines are accepted at the drop-off site. Mr. Webster stated that magazines

could come in the same way the newspapers are by putting them in the blue bags when he gets the personnel from the Prison Program to handle that. Mr. Webster stated that at the Recycling Center there are people sorting different items and there was not enough people to separate the magazines. Mr. Webster stated that they are in the process of increasing prison help, which will allow them to go back and take magazines into their recycling program. Mr. Webster stated that if magazines are taken in now through the recycling program there are being composted. Mr. Webster stated that if enough magazines are collected there is a market through the Shelton mill for the de-inking process.

City Manager Maclin stated that several years ago when the Shelton mill started taking "slicks" and magazines there was extremely good cooperation from the Lufkin Daily News to publicize with large colored ads. Mr. Maclin stated that now that magazines are no longer acceptable it has not been nearly as evident and visible as when the Recycling Center started taking the magazines, and that might be where part of the confusion comes into play. Mr. Maclin stated that the City had had really good cooperation from the local press in running the colored ads about taking in magazines and there haven't been any colored ads saying that the Recycling Center is not taking them now. Mr. Maclin stated that the perception by a lot of people is based on their memory of the ads that the City is still taking "slicks".

In response to question by Councilmember Torres, Mr. Webster stated that there will be a process built into the program whereby people who violate the recycling container three times and have their container picked up will have the opportunity to get the container back. Mr. Webster stated that this is not a process for punishment but for education.

Mr. Webster stated that he plans to come back to Council in October to present a veritable rate system that would allow citizens to have another gray container at a cost of \$5.52 extra a month. Mr. Maclin stated that this would be for those people who chose not to participate in recycling and needed two containers for garbage.

City Manager Maclin stated that when a person has violated the rules three times and their container has been picked up, it would be replaced upon written request by the citizen saying that they will comply with the program.

City Manager Maclin stated that staff will go back and address some of the concerns about magazines, what is and what is not recyclable, and reinstatement, and bring them back to Council in the next month or so.

6. ORDINANCE – APPROVED – SECOND READING – ZONE CHANGE – RESIDENTIAL LARGE TO LOCAL BUSINESS – J. A. BONTON SURVEY – 1413 WEST FRANK AVENUE – MURRAY D. HOOKS

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was Second Reading of an Ordinance to change the zoning from "Residential Large" to "Local Business" on approximately 0.49 acres of land described as Tract 70 out of the J. A. Bonton Survey (Abstract No. 5) and more commonly known as 1413 West Frank Avenue as requested by Murray D. Hooks.

Motion was made by Councilmember Don Boyd and seconded by Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall that Ordinance to change the zoning from "Residential Large" to "Local Business" on approximately 0.49 acres of land described as Tract 70 out of the J. A. Bonton Survey (Abstract No. 5) and more commonly known as 1413 West Frank Avenue as requested by Murray D. Hooks be approved on Second and Final Reading as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

7. ORDINANCE – APPROVED – SECOND READING – ZONE CHANGE – RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM TO NEIGHBORHOOD RETAIL – WALKERS ADDITION – 700 MARTHA STREET – MARY SHANKLIN – MARY B. CLARK

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Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was Second Reading of an Ordinance to change the zoning from “Residential Medium” to “Neighborhood Retail” on approximately 0.228 acres of land described as the southwest half of Lots 11 and 12, Block 5 of the Walkers Addition and more commonly known as 700 Martha Street as requested by Mary Shanklin on behalf of Mary B. Clark.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bob Bowman and seconded by Councilmember Dennis Robertson that Ordinance to change the zoning from “Residential Medium” to “Neighborhood Retail” on approximately 0.228 acres of land described as the southwest half of Lots 11 and 12, Block 5 of the Walkers Addition and more commonly known as 700 Martha Street as requested by Mary Shanklin on behalf of Mary B. Clark be approved on Second and Final Reading as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

8. ORDINANCE – APPROVED – SECOND READING – TMRS – BUY-BACK PROVISION

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was Second Reading of an Ordinance for a TMRS buy-back provision.

Motion was made by Councilmember Don Boyd and seconded by Councilmember Dennis Robertson that Ordinance for TMRS buy-back provision is approved on Second and Final Reading as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

9. ORDINANCE – TABLED - ZONE CHANGE – LOCAL BUSINESS TO COMMERCIAL – DENMAN AVENUE – SOUTH THIRD STREET – FINLEY AVENUE – D. DAVID HEARNE – RHONEL D. DIDRIKSON – FLOYD C. MADDUX

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was the request of D. David Hearne on behalf of Rhonel D. Didrikson and Floyd C. Maddux to change the zoning from “Local Business” to “Commercial” on a triangular piece of land bounded by Denman Avenue, South Third Street and Finley Avenue and described as lots 1-1, 1-2, 3-2 and 4 of Block 45 in the Denman Addition.

City Manager Maclin stated that staff recommends that this item be tabled. Mr. Maclin stated that the request was tabled at the Planning and Zoning Commission and at such time that it is heard by them with a recommendation to Council it will be brought back for consideration.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bob Bowman and seconded by Councilmember Don Boyd that Ordinance to change the zoning from “Local Business” to “Commercial” on a triangular piece of land bounded by Denman Avenue, South Third Street and Finley Avenue and described as lots 1-1, 1-2, 3-2 and 4 of Block 45 in the Denman Addition be tabled. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

10. ORDINANCE – APPROVED - FIRST READING - ZONE CHANGE - RESIDENTIAL LARGE TO NEIGHBORHOOD RETAIL – ALLEN PROCTOR SURVEY – TULANE DRIVE AND HARMONY HILL DRIVE – DAVID C. MILES

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was the request of David C. Miles to change the zoning from “Residential Large” to “Neighborhood Retail” on approximately 2.977 acres of land described as Tract 27 of the Allen Proctor Survey (Abstract No. 510) and located at the southeast corner of Tulane Drive and Harmony Hill Drive.

City Manager Maclin stated that the memorandum of explanation from the Planning Department states that the Comprehensive Plan indicates the property is suitable for non-residential development. Mr. Maclin stated that the property is in an area along Tulane where the City has recently made street improvements by widening the street

and converting it into a thoroughfare with three lanes, curb and gutter streets. Mr. Maclin stated that this item comes to Council with a unanimous recommendation of approval from the Planning and Zoning Commission.

David Card, developer, stated that the Harmony Hill/Tulane Street area is changing with commercial adjacent to this property. Mr. Card stated that the improvements on Tulane have made this property a lot more visible to traffic. Mr. Card stated that, in his opinion, this property would serve the area as "neighborhood retail" because of the future 59 arterial feeder allocations.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bob Bowman and seconded by Councilmember Lynn Torres that Ordinance to change the zoning from "residential Large" to "Neighborhood Retail" on approximately 2.977 acres of land described as Tract 27 of the Allen Proctor Survey (Abstract No. 510) and located at the southeast corner of Tulane Drive and Harmony Hill Drive be approved on First Reading as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

11. BUDGET AMENDMENT #3 – APPROVED - PARKS MAINTENANCE – SPRAY PLAY CONSTRUCTION – MAIN STREET ITEMS – STREET DEPARTMENT

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was Budget Amendment #3 for Parks Maintenance and Spray Play construction, various Main Street and the Street Department.

City Manager Maclin stated that the initial prompting of this request was based on the new contract that the City has with the Texas Department of Transportation that gives the City responsibilities for street right-of-ways. Mr. Maclin stated that the other items for the spray-play construction and the Main Street items are previously approved items by Council that are requesting this budget amendment for audit-trail purposes. Mr. Maclin stated that in the handouts there is a letter requesting this budget amendment from the Director of Parks and Leisure Services, Don Hannabas, and behind that there is a spreadsheet showing the cost for the remainder of this fiscal year, and the anticipated cost for a full budget year. Mr. Maclin stated that basically staff is seeking Council authorization for this partial allocation for the remainder of the fiscal year, which is \$34,250 in the Parks Department and approximately \$6,685 in the Street Department.

In response to question by Councilmember Robertson, Mr. Wright stated that the Engineering Department has completed the survey at the Park for the location and obtained information from the equipment supplier. Mr. Wright stated that at this time he is trying to determine where he will get the water to furnish to the spray/play equipment. Mr. Wright stated that the line size at this time is not sufficient for the location, and the water line will have to be extended. Mr. Wright stated that he has promised Mr. Hannabas a completed design by May 5th, and shortly after that the project will be bid for construction.

City Manager Maclin stated that the next probable location for a spray/play park would be at Kiwansis Park. Mr. Hannabas stated that the expansion of Tulane Drive has provided adequate water for this location.

In response to question by Councilmember Robertson, Mr. Hannabas stated that currently he is planning on using the City Arborist to oversee these contracts since they will be landscaped related.

City Manager Maclin stated that staff hoped between now and the completion of the budget process to have a definitive, written commitment from TxDOT to use some of the beautification money for maintenance. Mr. Maclin stated that it might be that the City will still have this expense, but will have a new revenue source from TxDOT that will offset some of the expense. Mr. Maclin stated that it would be short-lived in that it will only be for a year or two, but will give some initial relief. Mr. Maclin stated that staff has received confirmation from Dennis Cooley, the District Engineer, that those beautification funds that have been won through the Keep Texas Beautiful Program can be spent for maintenance issues.

Motion was made by Councilmember Don Boyd and seconded by Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall that Budget Amendment #3 for Parks Maintenance and Spray Play construction, various Main Street items and the Street Department be approved as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

12. **REPORT – SPEED HUMP INSTALLATION PROGRAM**

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was a report and the future direction of the speed hump installation program.

City Manager Maclin stated that Council has on the table a copy of a presentation that will be presented by Kenneth Williams, Director of Public Works. Mr. Maclin stated that approximately one year ago the City had a request for speed humps which was initiated at Pinewood Park Apartments, and from there Council authorized a pilot project to review speed humps. Mr. Maclin stated that part of that was prompted by the fact that in the early '90's and late '80's, speed humps were considered a liability. Mr. Maclin stated that the City of Houston in the early to mid '90's began to implement speed humps and had success from a litigation standpoint that they were not successfully litigated relating to accidents or specifically damages to vehicles incurred as they went across speed humps too quick. Mr. Maclin stated that the program in the back of this handout reflects a lot of similarity to the success of the Houston program, which we used as a model since it had been successful.

City Manager Maclin stated that what staff is seeking today is some direction from Council as to the future of this program. Mr. Maclin stated that staff would present the results of the pilot program that has been conducted over the last 18 months and then see what Council's pleasure is for the future of this program.

Kenneth Williams, Director of Public Works, stated that he would start his presentation by giving the definition of a speed hump. Mr. Williams stated that a speed hump is a geometric design feature of a roadway consisting of a raised area in the roadway pavement perpendicular to traffic flow, whose primary purpose is to reduce the speed of vehicles. The base of the hump is about 12 – 14 feet wide and gradually slopes to a maximum height of 3 to 4 inches high. Mr. Williams stated that a speed bump is different than a speed hump, because a speed bump is basically 3 to 8" high, 1 to 3 feet long, with different results when a vehicle goes over the speed bump.

Mr. Williams stated that the City was getting requests from citizens for speed humps due to speeding in residential neighborhoods. Mr. Williams stated that the City had favorable results with the Pinewood Park study.

Mr. Williams stated that the desired effects of speed humps are to reduce the traffic volume. Mr. Williams stated that there has been a study to show that there has been a small increase of traffic on parallel, alternate routes of about 5%, but statistically speaking that is not a great volume of traffic for an increase. Mr. Williams stated that speed humps reduce traffic volume dependent upon the number of humps, spacing and the amount of cut through traffic and the availability of alternate routes. Mr. Williams stated that speed humps could be used to deter trucks and larger vehicles from using a street.

Mr. Williams stated that speed humps reduces speed and slows vehicles to approximately 15 mph at the hump, and should be installed on streets with a speed limit of 30 mph or less.

Mr. Williams stated that another of the desired effects is safety. Mr. Williams stated that with proper design and installation there is no problem with the speed hump.

Mr. Williams stated that the community reaction has generally been positive in the area of installation. Mr. Williams stated that the pictures in the handout show the actual photographs of neighborhoods in which the City conducted the surveys.

Mr. Williams stated that looking at the legal aspects, a speed hump is not a traffic control device, but a design feature of the roadway. Mr. Williams stated that accepted engineering principles, practice and judgment should be used in designing and installing speed humps.

Mr. Williams stated that in the 48-hour study of the speed humps on Mantooth Avenue the traffic analysis show that before the speed humps the volume of vehicles was 1750 and after it was 1267; the average speed was 32 mph before and 20 mph after.

In response to question by Mayor Bronaugh, Mr. Williams stated that to have a speed hump installed in a neighborhood the initial request must originate from a resident, business, school or other entity whose property is abutting the requested street segment.

Mr. Williams stated that traffic analysis was conducted on Mantooth, Grove and Cordelia.

Mr. Williams the average cost per speed hump is \$1,660 per hump, which includes materials, resources and labor. Mr. Williams stated that with the asphalt and tar only the out-of-pocket expense per speed hump is \$886.

Mr. Williams stated that staff is looking to do the speed hump program on a limited practice with a budget of \$15,000 per year for approximately five streets per year. Mr. Williams stated that the results of the program is: Positive citizen response; reduced speeding; reduced traffic volumes; preserved integrity of the neighborhoods and low cost enforcement – better utilization of police manpower.

Mr. Williams stated that in the back of the handout are the policies and procedures for speed hump installation, which includes how to request a speed hump, the eligibility, the diversion issue, notification/evidence of support petitions, speed hump location, cost responsibility, speed hump removal, and design standards, construction and maintenance. Mr. Williams stated that there is a provision for private funding for a speed hump.

Mr. Wright stated that if a developer wants to build a speed hump into a development, he would not have a problem with that, and the City staff would work with the developer.

In response to statement by Councilmember Robertson, Mr. Williams stated that one of the things staff learned from the survey was that once a speed hump is installed, people tend to use an alternate traffic pattern and that is why staff will consider diversion as part of the policies and procedures.

Mr. Wright stated that this presentation would be put on the web site.

In response to question by Mayor Bronaugh, Mr. Maclin stated that this \$15,000 would be added to the Street Department budget on an annual basis, starting October 1, 2000 until Council gives further direction.

Motion was made by Councilmember Dennis Robertson and seconded by Councilmember Bob Bowman that the speed hump installation program, as presented by staff, be adopted as City policy starting October 1, 2000 on an annual basis until further direction is given by Council. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

13. REVISIONS – APPROVED – ANGELINA-NECHES RIVER AUTHORITY – WATER CONTRACT – ANGELINA COUNTY FRESH WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was revisions to the Angelina-Neches River Authority water contract with the Angelina County Fresh Water Supply District.

City Manager Maclin stated that this is the Cedar Grove area where the City has been providing water to this area for over 30 years and sewer service for the last 10 years. Mr. Maclin stated that in addition to the memorandum stating the revision by the City

Engineer, there is also a letter from the TNRCC to the Angelina County Fresh Water Supply District operator (ANRA) stating that this change is needed for them to be in compliance with TNRCC rules and regulations. Mr. Maclin stated that basically this is just a minor update in the existing contract in order for the Angelina County Fresh Water Supply District to meet TNRCC rules.

Mr. Wright stated that there is one additional item. Mr. Wright stated that in the wholesale drought contingency requirements that TNRCC is requiring, there is a statement that TNRCC wants the City to make in their water contracts and he would ask that in the motion we be allowed to ration water pro rata to people the City sells water to wholesale that there will be the criteria that the water be rationed equitably between each wholesale entity.

Motion was made by Councilmember Don Boyd and seconded by Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall to approve the revised Angelina Neches River Authority water contract based on staff recommendations, including all TNRCC wording contracts as related to drought contingency as approved by the City Attorney. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

14. BID – APPROVED – TRUCK – SEWER REHAB DEPARTMENT - H-GAC

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was the purchase of a truck to be used in the Sewer Rehab Department.

City Manager Maclin stated that included in the Council packet is a bid quote through the Houston-Galveston Cooperative Purchasing Program for a Ford model 250 in the amount of \$23,866.86.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bob Bowman and seconded by Councilmember Dennis Robertson that the bid of H-GAC in the amount of \$23,866.86 for a truck to be used in the Sewer Rehab Department be approved as submitted. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Bronaugh recessed Regular Session at 6:20 p. m. to enter into Executive Session. Regular Session reconvened at 6:49 p. m. and Mayor Bronaugh stated that attorney/client matters and appointments to Boards and Commissions had been discussed.

16. APPOINTMENT – APPROVED – EXAMINING & SUPERVISING BOARD OF ELECTRICIANS – TOM PAXSON

Motion was made by Councilmember Don Boyd and seconded by Councilmember Bob Bowman that Tom Paxson be appointed to the Examining & Supervising Board of Electricians. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

17. APPOINTMENT – TABLED – LUFKIN BOARD OF DEVELOPMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Bob Bowman and seconded by Councilmember Dennis Robertson that appointments to the Lufkin Board of Development be tabled until the next Council meeting. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

18. COMMENTS

Councilmember Dennis Robertson stated that the City's Financial Committee met at 3:00 p.m. this afternoon for their quarterly meeting with Dick Long of Valley View Consultants. Mr. Robertson stated that Mr. Long presented the quarterly information on the City's portfolio. Mr. Robertson stated that the Federal Reserve Bank has raised its fund rate twice in the last quarter and that gets it up to 6%, which makes our interest a little better than last quarter. Mr. Robertson stated that the City's portfolio has increased since last quarter and the City is in good financial shape.

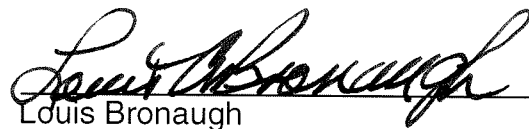
Councilmember Bob Bowman stated that he attended a Region I planning group meeting in Nacogdoches earlier in the day and there were two items of interest. Mr. Bowman stated that the first item is that the group has finished its task #3 which is a compilation of water supplies available in the region, and two, the group identified some reservoirs sites and some unique stream segment sites. Mr. Bowman stated that no recommendations were made at the meeting.

City Manager Maclin stated that the Municipal Court report was on the Council table and that revenues were up significantly.

City Manager Maclin stated that Early Voting for the May 6th General and Special Elections would begin tomorrow in the City Hall atrium at 8:00 a.m.

Councilmember Robertson commended staff on the speed hump presentation.

19. There being no further business for consideration, meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.


Louis Bronaugh
Mayor

ATTEST:


Atha Stokes Martin - City Secretary