

**MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON THE
20th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2001 AT 5:00 P. M.**

On the 20th day of February 2001 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
R. L. Kuykendall	Mayor pro tem
Lynn Torres	Councilmember, Ward No. 3
Bob Bowman	Councilmember, Ward No. 4
Jack Gorden, Jr.	Councilmember, Ward No. 5
James Hager	Asst. City Manager/Finance
Keith Wright	City Engineer
Atha Stokes Martin	City Secretary
Bob Flournoy	City Attorney
Kenneth Williams	Director of Public Works
Stephen Abraham	Director of Planning

Being present, and

Don Boyd	Councilmember, Ward No. 2
Dennis Robertson	Councilmember, Ward No. 6
C. G. Maclin	City Manager

Being absent when the following business was transacted:

1. City Attorney Bob Flournoy opened meeting with prayer.
2. Mayor Bronaugh welcomed visitors present.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilmember Bob Bowman and seconded by Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 6, 2001 be approved as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

4. GIS/INTERNET DEMONSTRATION

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the first item for consideration was a GIS/Internet demonstration.

Assistant City Manager James Hager stated that staff had put the GIS on the web site where citizens can access plats of the City.

Keith Wright, City Engineer, and Nick Popovich presented the GIS/Internet Demonstration to Council.

5. ORDINANCE – TABLED – FIRST READING – ZONE CHANGE – SMALL SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING TO APARTMENT – W. C. DENMAN ADDITION – 504 HOMER STREET

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was request of Dennis Dunton to change the zoning from "Small Single Family Dwelling" to "Apartment" on property described as Lot 3, Block 33 of the W. C. Denman Addition and more commonly known as 504 Homer Street.

Assistant City Manager Hager stated that this item had been tabled at the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting, and Council should likewise table the request until a recommendation is received from the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bob Bowman and seconded by Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall that the request of Dennis Dunton to change the zoning from "Small Single Family Dwelling" to "Apartment" on property described as Lot 3, Block 33 of the W. C. Denman Addition and more commonly known as 504 Homer Street be tabled. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

6. ORDINANCE – TABLED – FIRST READING – ZONE CHANGE – LARGE SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING AND APARTMENT TO NEIGHBORHOOD RETAIL – CROOKED CREEK DRIVE AND LOOP 287 – MACK COWARD – CHRISTOPHER WEIBLINGER

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was request of Christopher Weiblinger on behalf of Mack Coward to change the zoning from "Large Single Family Dwelling and Apartment" to "Neighborhood Retail" on approximately 1.084 acres of land located at the southwest corner of Crooked Creek Drive and Loop 287.

Assistant City Manager Hager stated that this item had been tabled at the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting, and Council should likewise table the request until a recommendation is received from the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Motion was made by Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall and seconded by Councilmember Lynn Torres that request of Christopher Weiblinger on behalf of Mack Coward to change the zoning from "Large Single Family Dwelling and Apartment" to "Neighborhood Retail" on approximately 1.084 acres of land located at the southwest corner of Crooked Creek Drive and Loop 287 be tabled. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

7. ORDINANCE – APPROVED – FIRST READING – MAY 5th GENERAL ELECTION

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was First Reading of an Ordinance setting a time and date for the May 5th General Election.

Assistant City Manager Hager stated that this Ordinance establishes an election for Wards 1 and 3 in accordance with the City's Charter and State law. Mr. Hager stated that the election would be held on Saturday, May 5th. The polling times would be from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

In response to question by Mayor Bronaugh, Mr. Hager stated that early voting would begin April 18th and continue through May 1st from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the City Hall atrium. Mr. Hager stated that polling place for Ward 1 is the Museum of East Texas and the polling place for Ward 3 is Herty School.

Mayor Bronaugh stated that it is a compliment to the Mayor, Council and staff that the two incumbents have filed for re-election.

Motion was made by Councilmember Lynn Torres and seconded by Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall that First Reading of an Ordinance setting a time and date for the May 5th General Election be approved as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

8. RESOLUTION – APPROVED – STREET BOND ELECTION – MAY 5th

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was a Resolution setting the time and date for the Street Bond Election on May 5th.

Assistant City Manager Hager stated that this is a recommendation from the Street Bond Election Committee. Mr. Hager stated that included in the Council packet is a Resolution for inclusion on the May 5th bond election and is for the issuance of \$7,690,000 in General Obligation Bonds for street improvements to Angelina Street, Abney Avenue, Lotus Lane and Whitehouse Drive.

Mayor Bronaugh recognized David Abney who was a member of the Committee.

Motion was made by Councilmember Lynn Torres and seconded by Councilmember Bob Bowman that Resolution setting the time and date for the Street Bond Election on May 5th be approved as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

9. **AMENDMENT – APPROVED – SECOND READING – PARKING ORDINANCE**

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was Second Reading of an Amendment to the Parking Ordinance.

Assistant City Manager Hager stated that this is Second Reading of an Ordinance to provide parking around the front of the Court House for jurors at various times through the day. Mr. Hager stated that the Ordinance outlines the method in which the parking will be allowed for those jurors.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bob Bowman and seconded by Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall that Amendment to the Parking Ordinance be approved on Second and Final Reading as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

10. **TRANSFER OF MEMORIAL/CHAMPION EMS AMBULANCE SERVICE - GOLD STAR EMS CONTRACT – APPROVED**

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was transfer of Memorial/Champion EMS ambulance service contract for licensing of Gold Star EMS in accordance with City Ordinance.

Assistant City Manager Hager stated that the City Attorney had drawn up a transfer agreement to accommodate the sale and transfer of non-emergency ambulance service from Champion EMS to Gold Star EMS, and the appropriate licensing of Gold Star by the Council is required by this Ordinance.

Ralph Crall stated that he had provided a packet of information for Councilmembers regarding their operation. Mr. Crall stated that Gold Star has been in business for three years and the principle parties involved have been managing EMS systems for the past 10 years in southeast Texas. Mr. Crall stated that they have in talks with Champion and are in full agreement with what needs to take place to transition in a smooth way over the next short period of time so that there is no lapse of service for the citizens of Lufkin.

In response to question by Councilmember Bowman, Mr. Crall stated that the transition date is somewhere between the first of March and something close thereafter.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bob Bowman and seconded by Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall that the transfer of Memorial/Champion EMS ambulance service contract and the licensing of Gold Star EMS in accordance with the City Ordinance be approved as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

11. **RESOLUTION – APPROVED – BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM**

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was a Resolution for the TxDOT bridge replacement program.

Assistant City Manager Hager stated that the attached Resolution is needed to utilize the in-kind allowance credit for City participation in the TxDOT bridge replacement program. Mr. Hager stated that this would allow the City to reduce its cash cost for bridge replacement.

Keith Wright, City Engineer, stated that basically what this Resolution allows the City to do is that the City's 10% match, which was \$33,000 for the Ellis Street bridge replacement under the TxDOT off-system bridge repair program, allows the City to take the match and instead of applying it to Ellis, to utilize it on another drainage structure of a culvert or bridge. Mr. Wright stated that staff would like to use our match to do some additional construction on a different structure. Mr. Wright stated that he is proposing the structure that is off of Tom Temple Drive on Park Lane around Chambers Park.

In response to question by Mayor Bronaugh, Mr. Wright stated that there are some other bridges that staff will have to address but that particular bridge on Ellis is the only one that qualifies under the TxDOT off-system road bridge program. Mr. Wright stated that there are other structures in the City that need to be repaired and staff is presently addressing the worse case bridges located at various locations. Mr. Wright stated that this allows the City to effectively double their money. Mr. Wright stated that the City could take the match funds and utilize them on another project in the Street Department.

In response to question by Mayor Bronaugh, Mr. Wright stated that TxDOT conducted an evaluation of all the City's bridges and staff is now going down that list by priority based on their recommendations.

Motion was made by Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall and seconded by Councilmember Lynn Torres that Resolution for the TxDOT bridge replacement program be approved as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

12. ORDINANCE – APPROVED – FIRST READING – IRRIGATION RATES

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was First Reading of the Irrigation Rates Ordinance.

Assistant City Manager Hager stated that as staff changed from the old billing system into one that was year 2000 compliant staff noticed that the irrigation rate for the City is not spelled out in the Ordinance. Mr. Hager stated that this is an attempt to clarify the rate ordinance. Mr. Hager stated that this Ordinance will set in place irrigation ordinances for lawn and garden watering for outside and it is consistent with the City's Water Conservation Program. Mr. Hager stated that these rates follow the same rate design of the residential water rate, which is an inverted rate, meaning that the more you use the more expensive it will be.

Motion was made by Councilmember Lynn Torres and seconded by Councilmember Bob Bowman that First Reading of the Irrigation Rates Ordinance be approved as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

13. LEASE EXTENSION – APPROVED – Z&OO RAILROAD

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was extension of lease for the Z&OO Railroad.

Assistant City Manager Hager stated that the Lion's Club has leased the railroad that goes around the Zoo property for a number of years and this is a 10-year extension that they are requesting of Council.

Jimmy Ford, Z&OO Railroad Treasurer, stated that they were in the process of building a new building to house the current train. Mr. Ford stated that there is a possibility in a few years that they will have to buy a new train at a cost of \$200-250,000. Mr. Ford stated that they are trying not to spend all of their money at one time, and are trying to get a building in place to house such a large investment. Mr. Ford stated that they noticed that their lease ran out in 2004 and before they built the new building they wanted to go ahead and get an extension of the lease that expires in 2004.

In response to question by Mayor Bronaugh, Mr. Ford stated that the plans have already been approved and the other building has been torn down.

In response to question by Mayor Bronaugh, Mr. Ford stated that they ride approximately 50-60,000 riders a year. Mr. Ford stated that the Lions Club is a large civic club and all of the labor except with the conjunction of the person who actually drives the train is done free of charge by volunteers. Mr. Ford stated that they take the funds that are generated by the train ride fees and put some back for the purchase of a new train and the rest goes back into the community mainly for children, which is their primary focus.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bob Bowman and seconded by Councilmember Lynn Torres that lease extension for the Z&OO Railroad be approved for a 10-year period with a 10-year renewal option. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

Councilmember Torres stated that she would like to commend the Lions Club on the job they do at the Zoo, and stated that it was a tremendous asset to our community to have the Z&OO Railroad.

Mr. Ford presented a \$10,000 check to Mayor Bronaugh to the City of Lufkin as the final installment of a \$30,000 commitment made to the Zoo some years ago by the Lions Club.

14. **BID – APPROVED – SECURITY SYSTEM – POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was bids for a security system for the Police Department.

Assistant City Manager Hager stated that staff took bids on a closed circuit security system inside the City by utilizing the security fund that was allowed by law last year through the Municipal Court collections. Mr. Hager stated that staff would like to put additional cameras in and around City Hall and on the second floor of the building.

Mr. Hager stated that three bids were received and the low bid was from B & D Security Systems in the amount of \$11,582.23.

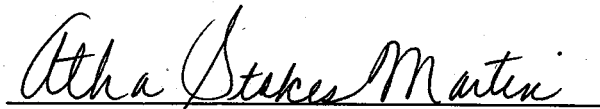
Motion was made by Councilmember Bob Bowman and seconded by Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall that bid of B & D Security Systems in the amount of \$11,582.23 for a security system for the Police Department be approved as submitted. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

15. There being no further business for discussion, meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.



Louis Bronaugh
Mayor

ATTEST:



Atha Stokes Martin - City Secretary