

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF OF THE
CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON THE 9th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1975, AT 7PM

Harvey Westerholm
Roger G. Johnson
Hayne Stokes

City Manager
City Secretary
Public Works Dir.

Grose Kiel
Edgar Hardin
Mrs. Edgar Hardin

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1. Open Hearing-Community Development Block Grant Application -
(\$250,000)

City Manager Westerholm officially opened hearing for discussion of proposed application for Community Development Block Grant funds for the year 1976. Mr. Westerholm stated that the purpose of this hearing was to discuss the possible areas where proposed funds to be received from application could be utilized. Mr. Westerholm read the primary objectives of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 and explained the areas where money received under this application could be utilized up to \$250,000. Mr. Westerholm stated that the primary purpose of this hearing was to receive input from the community and to determine the community need.

City Manager Westerholm recognized Mr. Grose Kiel who resided at 1922 Williams Street. Mr. Kiel asked Mr. Westerholm what procedure was necessary to complete the process of street dedication in his neighborhood. Mr. Westerholm asked Mr. Kiel to visit with the City Engineer and this procedure could be more clearly explained. Mr. Westerholm stated that the City Engineer would be available at City Hall and the City staff would also be prepared to answer any questions Mr. Kiel may have regarding same. Mr. Westerholm also explained that it may be necessary for property owners living along undedicated streets to give necessary ROW to the City for this purpose.

City Manager Westerholm also recognized Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Hardin who were present. Mr. Hardin expressed his concern that money to be received from application should be used throughout the City to clean weeded lots, flood-prone areas and mosquito infested locations. City Manager Westerholm explained that these funds could be used for blighted areas and agreed with Mr. Hardin that these improvements were necessary in many areas of the City.

Mr. Hardin also inquired as to the completion date of Keltys Street construction. Mr. Westerholm explained that this project would be considered for bid opening on January 8, 1976, and construction should follow as soon as possible thereafter.

City Manager Westerholm recognized Mrs. Hardin who requested funds be used for the construction of sheltered bus-stop stations in various areas throughout the City. Mr. Westerholm asked Mrs. Hardin if she would prepare a list of the various locations she believed to be in need of sheltered bus-stop locations. Mr. Westerholm further stated that members of City staff would also consider a survey where these sheltered stations should be located throughout the City and explained that constructions of this type could possibly be considered in existing City budget by approval of the City Commission due to low construction costs involved, if same was not included in pre-application.

Mrs. Hardin also requested more adequate police protection at Paul Avenue and Loop 287 school crossing. Mrs. Hardin explained that crossing guard located at this crossing did not have the protection of a school crosswalk and vehicles traveled through crossing at high rates of speed. Mr. Westerholm explained that this situation would be reviewed by the City and the Texas Highway Department as soon as possible.

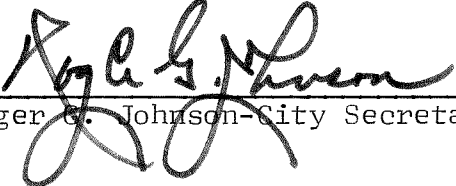
Mrs. Hardin also inquired as to the possibility of the City correcting blind corner which existed at the West Williams and Minnie Lou intersection. Hayne Stokes, Public Works Director who was present, requested that individuals present had brought attention to many items that could be corrected through his office and invited all to visit with him regarding same.

City Manager Westerholm explained that only the more costly improvements discussed at this meeting should actually be considered in the pre-application and additional information as discussed could be resolved through the Public Works Department.

2. City Manager Westerholm then declared hearing officially closed and explained to individuals present that another hearing in this regard would be held at the next regular meeting of the City Commission on Tuesday, December 16, 1975, at 5:00 p.m. City Manager Westerholm explained that a pre-application would be prepared prior to this meeting for consideration by the City Commission which would implement information discussed at this meeting and additional areas of the City where improvements were essential.
3. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p. m.


Harvey Westerholm - City Manager

ATTEST:


Roger C. Johnson - City Secretary