

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON THE
16th DAY OF OCTOBER 2001 AT 5:00 P. M.

On the 16th day of October 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	Councilmember, Ward No. 1
Lynn Torres	Councilmember, Ward No. 3
Bob Bowman	Councilmember, Ward No. 4
Jack Gorden, Jr.	Councilmember, Ward No. 5
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 Works

Being present, and

Dennis Robertson	Mayor pro tem
Don Boyd	Councilmember, Ward No. 2

Being absent when the following business was transacted.

1. Rev. Simon Purvis, Minister, Word of Life Church, opened meeting with prayer.
2. Mayor Bronaugh welcomed visitors present.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall and seconded by Councilmember Jack Gorden, Jr. that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 2, 2001 be approved as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

4. PUBLIC HEARING – ADOPTION OF REDISTRICTING PLAN

Mayor Bronaugh opened Public Hearing to consider adoption of a redistricting plan.

City Manager Maclin asked that the City Planner display the maps of the old Ward lines and the proposed Ward lines. Mr. Maclin stated that Dr. Leon Hallman and Dr. Ron Claunch were present, who provided the draft to insure that the City's Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 meet the standards and criteria set forth by the law to maintain the majority/minority population in Wards 1 and 2.

No one came forward to speak for or against the adoption of a redistricting plan.

Mayor Bronaugh closed the Public Hearing.

5. TRANSITION OF TRAFFIC FLOW IN DOWNTOWN AREA

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was the transition of the traffic flow in the downtown area.

City Manager Maclin stated that at the last Council meeting a Public Hearing was held to provide an opportunity for citizens to give input on this issue. Mr. Maclin stated that the Project Engineer for the downtown improvements is KSA and they gave a presentation at the last Council meeting and showed some options to Council that included some one-way street options and some two-way street options. Mr. Maclin stated that staff is basically in the preliminary plans and specifications process at this time. Mr. Maclin stated that what staff is seeking from Council tonight is some direction

as to the consensus of Council opinion as to whether they should draw plans and specifications with the one-way preferences as noted at the Public Hearing last time or the two-way preferences as noted at the Public Hearing last time. Mr. Maclin stated that staff was given some pros and cons for each approach. Mr. Maclin stated that there were a couple of additional items that Council requested at the last meeting and the first one was to gain accident data information, because one of the issues relating to one-way is that the engineers feel like it will provide an improved or increased measure of safety. Mr. Maclin stated that from January 1 through September 30th of this year there were 30 accidents in the downtown area. Mr. Maclin stated that in the preceeding 12 months from January 1st through December 31st there were 44 accidents in the downtown area. Mr. Maclin stated that the other item that Mr. Gorden had requested was that we place this item on the City's web page where the citizens could express their preferences between one-way or two-way options. Mr. Maclin stated that there were 54 preferences submitted over the City's web site; 25 of those were one-way and 29 of those were two-way preferences.

City Manager Maclin stated that 60% of the responses included some type of comment and in the case of the two-way preference there seemed to be some correlation with the previous failure of downtown blaming that on one-way streets. Mr. Maclin stated that there was also some confusion on some of the two-way preferences that they did not want to spend additional money for one-way, which the City's engineer told at the Public Hearing that the cost for one-way versus two-way is virtually the same, if you design it that way up front. Mr. Maclin stated that the Project Engineer is present to answer any further questions from Council.

Councilmember Lynn Torres asked if Council could review what the consensus of the business owners was at the last meeting. Jerry Adams, Main Street Advisory Board Chairman, stated that the Main Street Board met last month and it was the recommendation of the Board that they recommend the one-way streets to the Council. Mr. Adams stated that the Board felt like there were a lot of advantages of the one-way streets regarding safety issues and parking issues.

Councilmember Bowman stated that he had not received a single call on this issue and that he was ready to vote with the Main Street Advisory Board's recommendation.

Councilmember Gorden stated that he had a problem with taking those few streets and making them one lane as opposed to two lanes.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bob Bowman and seconded by Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall that the City adopt the one-way traffic flow in the downtown area. The following vote was recorded:

Aye: Councilmembers Torres, Bowman, Kuykendall and Mayor Bronaugh
Nay: Councilmember Gorden

Motion passed on a 4 to 1 vote.

City Attorney Flournoy stated that to change the traffic flow would require the passage of an Ordinance. City Manager Maclin stated that this is correct when the one-way traffic plan is officially implemented, but what staff is trying to do tonight is to give direction to the Project Engineers and City staff as to how the plans and specifications should be prepared.

6. ORDINANCE – APPROVED – FIRST READING – ADOPTION OF NEW WARD LINES WITHIN CITY OF LUFKIN

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was First Reading of an Ordinance adopting new Ward lines within the City of Lufkin.

City Manager Maclin stated that Dr. Hallman and Dr. Claunch made a presentation at a Public Hearing at the last Council meeting where the data and maps were presented so that the City would be in compliance with Federal mandates. Mr. Maclin stated that staff is ready to seek Council's approval so that the new Ward lines can be advertised and placed on the City web site and utilized in the City Council election next May. Mr.

Maclin stated that this information will have to be sent to the Justice Department for approval and that takes some time.

Mayor Bronaugh stated that Dr. Hallman and Dr. Claunch have been preparing the redistricting information for the City for 40 years.

Motion was made by Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall and seconded by Councilmember Bob Bowman that Ordinance adopting new Ward lines within the City of Lufkin be approved on First Reading as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

7. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was a report from the Finance Committee.

Councilmember Gorden stated that the Finance Committee had its quarterly meeting this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. with the financial advisor Dick Long and they reviewed the past quarters purchase and sale of securities and the City's adherence to our investment policy. Mr. Gorden stated that everything was found in order and along with the regular meeting the contract for the financial advisor is up and it is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to the Council that Mr. Long's contract be renewed for another two years.

Motion was made by Councilmember Jack Gorden, Jr. and seconded by Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall that the quarterly report from the Finance Committee be accepted as presented along with the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Financial Advisor Dick Long's contract be renewed for two years. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

8a. BID – APPROVED – FOUR RESIDENTIAL SIDE LOADER TRUCKS – SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT – H-GAC – LONE STAR TRUCK – HEIL OF TEXAS

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was bids for four residential side loader trucks.

City Manager Maclin stated that these trucks were purchased through the Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative Purchasing Program through their competitive bid process. Mr. Maclin stated that staff is recommending their bid for a Volvo truck from Lone Star Truck and for a Heil compaction body from Heil of Texas for a total of \$563,295.98 for the four units.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bob Bowman and seconded by Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall that the bid of H-GAC for a Volvo truck from Lone Star Truck and a Heil compaction body from Heil of Texas for a total of \$563,295.98 for the four units be approved as submitted. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

8b. BID – APPROVED – TWO FRONT END LOADERS – SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT – H-GAC- LONE STAR TRUCK – HEIL OF TEXAS

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was bids for two front end loaders for the Solid Waste Department.

City Manager Maclin stated that this bid is also through the H-GAC Cooperative Purchasing Program for the Volvo front end loader from Lone Star Truck and a Heil halfpack from Heil of Texas in the amount of \$291,760.84 for both trucks.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bob Bowman and seconded by Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall that the bid of H-GAC for a Volvo front end loader from Lone Star Truck and a Heil halfpack from Heil of Texas in the amount of \$291,760.84 for both trucks be approved as submitted. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

8c. BID – APPROVED – GRAPPLE TRUCK – SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT – H-GAC – LONE STAR TRUCK

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was bids for a grapple truck to be used in the Solid Waste Department.

City Manager Maclin stated that the grapple truck or knuckleboom truck with brush body bid is through H-GAC for Lone Star Truck and the bid amount is \$84,539.60.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bob Bowman and seconded by Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall that bid of H-GAC for knuckleboom truck with brush body in the amount of \$84,539.60 from Lone Star Truck be approved as submitted. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

8d. BID – APPROVED – ROLL-OFF CONTAINER TRUCK – SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT – H-GAC – LONE STAR TRUCK

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was bids for a roll-off container truck to be used in the Solid Waste Department.

City Manager Maclin stated that this is a Volvo truck from Lone Star Truck and will be purchased through the H-GAC Cooperative Purchasing Program, and staff is recommending this bid at \$100,298.08.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bob Bowman and seconded by Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall that the bid of H-GAC for a roll-off container truck from Lone Star Truck in the amount of \$100,298.08 be approved as submitted. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

In response to question by Councilmember Bowman, Mr. Maclin stated that this last bid was slightly over the budgeted amount but the other three bids were slightly under.

9. REQUEST – APPROVED – KIWANIS CLUB – TURKEY SHOOT – KIT McCONNICO PARK

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was a request from the Lufkin Kiwanis Club to host the annual Kiwanis turkey shoot at Kit McConnico Park.

City Manager Maclin stated that he was approached by Mike Miller of the Kiwanis Club about a problem they encountered this year with the annual turkey shoot. Mr. Maclin stated that the Kiwanis Club had been meeting for some years at the Pentecostal Campgrounds but due to expansion and growth by the Pentecostal Campground they had constructed a detention pond where the turkey shoot had traditionally been held. Mr. Maclin stated that they came to see if there was any assistance the City could provide and Scott DeGrant, Park Superintendent, took them out to Kit McConnico and found an archery range a site suitable for hosting their turkey shoot out there. Mr. Maclin stated that the Kiwanis Club is seeking Council's permission and authorization to conduct their turkey shoot Saturday week at Kit McConnico Park adjacent to the archery range.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bob Bowman and seconded by Councilmember Lynn Torres to approve the request by the Kiwanis Club to hold their annual turkey shoot at the archery range at Kit McConnico Park. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Bronaugh recessed Regular Session at 5:25 p. m. to enter into Executive Session. Regular Session reconvened at 6:07 p.m. and Mayor Bronaugh stated that the Council had discussed real estate matters and appointments to Boards and Commissions.

11. **APPOINTMENTS – APPROVED – ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT & APPEALS – KAREN HEATON – DON DURAN**

Motion was made by Councilmember Bob Bowman and seconded by Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall that Karen Heaton and Don Duran be re-appointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeals. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

12. **APPOINTMENTS – APPROVED – TAXI CAB COMMITTEE – RON DAVIS – BILL PHILMON**

Motion was made by Councilmember Lynn Torres and seconded by Councilmember Jack Gorden, Jr. that Ron Davis and Bill Philmon be re-appointed to the Taxi Cab Committee. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

13. **CALENDAR NOTATIONS FROM MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBER, AND CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Maclin stated that the Red Ribbon Parade would be held on Tuesday, October 23 at 4:30 p.m.


City Manager Maclin stated that the DETCOG meeting would be held in Newton on Thursday, October 25th.

City Manager Maclin stated that Tuesday, October 30th would be Awards Banquet for City employees at 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Center.

City Manager Maclin stated that the First Friday luncheon would be held on Friday, November 2nd and Doug Smith will give the history of Lufkin Industries.

City Manager Maclin stated that on Thursday, November 8th there would be a joint meeting of the City Council and the Lufkin Board of Development.

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


Louis Bronaugh
Mayor

ATTEST:


Atha Stokes Martin - City Secretary