MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON THE 9TH DAY OF MAY 2000 AT 5:00 P. M.

On the 9th day of May 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
Don Boyd	Councilmember, Ward No. 2
Lynn Torres	Councilmember, Ward No. 3
Jack Gorden, Jr.	Councilmember, Ward No. 5
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

R. L. Kuykendall	Councilmember, Ward No. 1

Being absent when the following business was transacted.

1. Meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Robert Schomp, Minister, First Christian Church.

2. Mayor Bronaugh welcomed visitors present.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Councilmember Don Boyd and seconded by Councilmember Lynn Torres that Minutes of the May 2, 2000 meeting be approved as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

4. **CANVASS OF ELECTION**

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the first item for consideration was to canvass the May 6th election.

The following votes were recorded:

Mayor:	**Early Voting**	**Election Day**	**Total Votes**
Louis Bronaugh	250	459	709
Dale Ingle	24	53	77
Max Alamo	17	55	72

Total votes cast for early voting was 858. One ballot was disqualified because the person voting marked the ballot for two candidates for Mayor.

Councilmember Ward #2:			
Don Boyd	28	38	66

Councilmember Ward #3:			
Lynn Torres	15	25	40

Councilmember Ward #4:

Bob Bowman	55	76	131

Motion was made by Councilmember Jack Gorden, Jr. and seconded by Councilmember Dennis Robertson that canvass of the May 6th election be accepted as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

5. **OATH OF OFFICE – MAYOR BRONAUGH – COUNCILMEMBERS BOYD, TORRES AND BOWMAN**

Mayor Bronaugh stated that in 1999 the Texas Legislature amended Section 602.002 of the Texas Government Code to allow City Secretaries to administer oaths for matters relating to City business. Mayor Bronaugh stated that this would be the first time that the City Secretary will be allowed to administer the Oath of Office.

City Secretary Atha Martin administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Bronaugh and Councilmembers Boyd, Torres and Bowman.

6. **AUTHORIZATION – APPROVED – CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS – MOBILE DATA COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM – POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was authorization to begin contract negotiations for a mobile data communications system for the Police Department.

City Manager Maclin stated that staff began over three years ago trying to identify initially the best methodology for the City to provide data communications capability from patrol cars back to the Police Department that would include field reporting, driver's license plate checks, as well as a data transmission capability between the dispatcher and the patrol officer to improve efficiencies of operation. Mr. Maclin stated that the first year and a half staff went on an unsuccessful attempt at using CDPD with GTE cellular at which time staff discovered that they were not willing to make the capital investments necessary to provide that level of service in this area at that time. Mr. Maclin stated that staff began to look at other options and during that time frame the Federal government, through the FCC, auctioned off radio frequencies by taking frequencies and splitting them in half and auctioning them off to the highest bidder. Mr. Maclin stated that the bad news for the City was that eventually we would have to vacate our current frequency that our radio traffic is on. Mr. Maclin stated that staff began to look for a data transmission as well as a new radio trunking system. Mr. Maclin stated that Chief Collins and his staff have done extensive research on this. Mr. Maclin stated that staff ran into a lot of obstacles as it relates to the inter-relation of the Police Department software, the dispatch software, and the computer-aided dispatch.

Chief Collins stated that Lt. Nowak was present and had been involved in perfecting all of the work for the RFPs and the evaluation of the bids that were received.

Chief Collins stated that the best technology available to do what they needed to be done in Lufkin is CDPD (cellular digital packet data). Chief Collins stated that this is the cell phone system and needs to be a separate system from the voice telephone system. Chief Collins stated that currently there is no one in the business who is willing to provide that service in the East Texas market because there are not enough subscribers to make the investment pay for itself. Chief Collins stated that when the Department finally concluded that they were not going to get CDPD service in Lufkin they began to look at the radio frequency method of transmitting data. Chief Collins stated that Lt. Nowak had his group write the RFP and send it out, and they received three bids, one of which was not acceptable. Chief Collins stated that one bid was received from Mobex and the other from Motorola.

Lt. Nowak stated that he received several sample RFPs and from those was able to develop what, in his opinion, was the best RFP for the Lufkin Police Department. Lt. Nowak stated that copies were sent to the City Attorney, David Cochran, Keith Wright, and all of the people in the City who had special expertise in different areas. Lt.

Nowak stated that the RFP was finalized in December and a pre-proposal conference was held with vendors on January 26th at City Hall. Lt. Nowak stated that on March 24th they received three proposals and then spent the next month evaluating them. Lt. Nowak stated that there were 10 people on the evaluation committee and they were: Keith Bickley, LPD Communications Supervior, Ruby Cottle, GIS System, David Moore, Information Technology Department, Charlie Graham and Jerry Smith, Patrol Sargeants who would actually be using this equipment on their jobs, David Cochran, Director of Purchasing, Bob Flournoy, City Attorney, Keith Wright, City Engineer, Debra Walsh, Records Management, Keith Lewing, Data Processing Supervisor. Lt. Nowak stated that he was the Project Manager. Lt. Nowak stated that upon receiving the proposals from the vendors, each of the Committee members was given a copy. Lt. Nowak stated that they had a presentation from Mobex, and went on a site visit to Motorola in Beaumont. Lt. Nowak stated that after careful evaluation it is the Committee's recommendation that Mobex, and his partners, Cerulean Technologies and Data Radio best meet the requirements set forth in the RFP, and is the company that the Police Department recommends that they begin negotiations with first.

Chief Collins stated that he would like to recommend to Council that they be allowed to begin contract negotiations with Mobex. Chief Collins stated that Mobex was the higher of the bids by $93,000 because they specked in some equipment that would be highly desirable, which is an automatic vehicle locater system, so that at any given moment there would be a picture on the dispatch scene of every piece of the rolling stock in operation.

Chief Collins stated that both bids came in way above what they anticipated the cost would be to build this system. Chief Collins stated that he would be looking at other options of different types of towers, different locations of towers, in order to get a final price that would be manageable in their budget. Chief Collins stated that his proposal tonight is to allow the Police Department to begin negotiations with Mobex to negotiate a contract that is more in line with the available money that has been allotted for this capital improvements program.

In response to question by Councilmember Robertson, Chief Collins stated that the original budget was for $1 million and is over by $800,000. Chief Collins agreed that putting the equipment on water towers could possibly make up the difference. City Manager Maclin stated that the other possibility that staff wants to explore to make sure that that has been thoroughly considered, and come back and give Council the option, is obviously leasing tower space. Mr. Maclin stated that the problem with most of the towers in town, the tall towers like the cable TV tower on White House and the Kelly Productions antennae just north of the High School, is that these locations are not as central as staff would like. Mr. Maclin stated that there are options for leasing space on those towers. Mr. Maclin stated that staff wanted to give Council the option of purchasing, leasing or building our own tower, and/or purchasing or putting towers on top of a water tower as opposed to building an expensive free-standing tower that runs the capital cost up substantially. Mr. Maclin stated that the cell towers that are popping up all over town are not tall enough to provide the coverage that the City needs. Mr. Maclin stated that what the Chief is asking today is to attempt to negotiate with Mobex to come up with some cost reductions, and bring back a final contract, including the cost reductions, in an effort to get it back closer to our budget. Mr. Maclin stated that if staff were not able to get back within our budget, then they would have to come back with additional options relating to the expansion of the Capital Improvement Program and how we may pay for those.

Chief Collins stated that one of the things staff would like to negotiate is if the City has to build their own towers, the possibly of renting out space on the City's towers in order to help recover our cost.

In response to question by Councilmember Gorden, Chief Collins stated that by having this equipment in the field it will increase the available manpower by 20%.

In response to question by Councilmember Bowman, Chief Collins stated that the lap top computers that were specified when they originally started this program is no longer sufficient to do the job under today's technology. Chief Collins stated that the present lap top computers have been in service three years. Mr. Maclin stated that those computers were low end Pentium I's and now the standard operation is Pentium III.

In response to question by Councilmember Robertson, Chief Collins stated that depending on the grade of lap top you buy, the life of the computer is three to five years.

Bill Parks of Mobex stated that the lap top configuration typically is the weakest link in a mobile data system primarily because of the vibration aspect in the vehicle. Mr. Parks stated that three to five years is a relatively good life for most public safety grade lap top computers, which has been specked in the RFPs. Mr. Parks stated that as far as the infrastructure (towers, etc.), their life is 10 to 15 years. Mr. Parks stated that there is quite a bit of growth capability built into the tower.

In response to question by Councilmember Gorden, Mr. Parks stated that as far as tracking, that is data when it comes into the system, and that has the capability of being archived. Mr. Parks stated that there is a certain amount of storage space that the server handles and eventually there would have to be a back up on the AVL capabilities as far as that information being archived. Mr. Maclin stated that the information can be transferred to a CD-rom and kept indefinitely.

Motion was made by Councilmember Don Boyd and seconded by Councilmember Jack Gorden, Jr. To authorize contract negotiations with Mobex for a mobile data communications system for the Police Department. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

City Manager Maclin stated that as a point of clarification, in the proposal it authorized staff, if approved, to negotiate with Mobex but in the event the negotiations are unsuccessful staff would then go to the second proposal of Motorola. Councilmember Boyd and Councilmember Gorden agreed, and a unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

7. **AUTHORIZATION – APPROVED – TRAFFIC UNIT – POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was authorization to create a traffic unit for the Police Department.

City Manager Maclin stated that Chief Collins recently received a notification from the U. S. Department of Justice that COPS Universal Hiring Program indicated that the City was eligible for an additional funding, basically because the City has done a good job with the two COPS grants that the City received and retained those officers to date. Mr. Maclin stated that Chief Collins also came to Council recently to address some concerns of Council through the creation of a traffic unit that Police specifically utilized for traffic safety enforcement on the West Loop, the East Loop and the North Loop. Mr. Maclin stated that recognizing that the traffic safety task force was a temporary pilot program to attempt to measure some tangible results as it related to the reduction of speed and specifically reduction of accidents. Mr. Maclin stated that Chief Collins was planning to bring this program to Council during the budget process, and in the meantime this grant potential came through and accelerated his need for making that request now as opposed to waiting until July during the budget process. Mr. Maclin stated that if the Council were to determine that this was something that they wanted to continue, then being able to receive a grant that pays $25,000 per year for three years of the cost for those six officers is a logical step to take. Mr. Maclin stated that it is important to look at this from a long-term standpoint as opposed to a temporary "fix".

City Manager Maclin stated that on the Council table is a fiscal impact sheet that Chief Collins will be referring to that was not included in the Council packet.

Chief Collins stated that in 1996 staff had Texas A & M University Extension Service conduct a traffic assessment for the City of Lufkin and the Lufkin Police Department to determine where the Department stood at that time in relation to the rest of the State in comparison to the Department's accident statistics and the way that the traffic enforcement was conducted. Chief Collins stated that Lufkin rated below average in every category of accident statistics, which is good. Chief Collins stated that from 1996 to 1999 the City's rating began to slip and we fell in the average and above average category of accidents at certain locations. Chief Collins stated that the Department worked very hard on seat belt enforcement and received some grants from the State as a result of some of these studies in order to try and improve our situation. Chief Collins stated that as a total the Department was losing it's position with the number of accidents and in their ability to enforce the traffic laws in a sufficient manner to gain a great degree of compliance between 1996 and the year 2000. Chief Collins stated that staff received notice of the availability of this grant, which must be received before May 30th.

Chief Collins stated that early in the year 2000 when the Department began to review the accidents statistics they realized that they were getting into the above average category in several areas of traffic enforcement and traffic accidents. Chief Collins stated that on February 23rd the Department created a Traffic Safety Unit by pulling manpower from the patrol service and from Community Policing to create a temporary traffic unit to study the results of an accelerated enforcement program. Chief Collins stated that the results have been very positive in every regard except that it has increased the patrol response time to the other calls for service that the patrol service gets due to a reduction in manpower that is available to answer those calls. Chief Collins stated that some of the results received from the traffic safety units activities during the months of March and April were: On Loop 287 West from the intersection of U S Highway 59 north to the intersection of Highway 94 including the intersections of Copeland and Pershing in 1999 there were 19 reported accidents and in 2000 there were 16 reported accidents for a 16% reduction. Chief Collins stated that on Loop 287 East including all areas from the intersection of U S 59 north to U S 59 south with the main enforcement areas being the truck stop, crossovers and the Moffett area where the approaching traffic into this area is critical and usually at an excessive speed there were 17 reported accidents in 1999 and 3 reported accidents in 2000. Overall there were 80 reported accidents for the year 1999 and 58 reported accidents for the year 2000 – a reduction of 28%. Chief Collins stated that the cost of the 1999 accidents in Lufkin was $17 million. Chief Collins stated that in 1999 for a two-month period the Department was averaging 755 citations per month. In the year 2000 the Department is averaging 1,881 citations per month. Chief Collins stated that the Municipal Court revenue in 1999 during that two-month period averaged $67,832; in 2000 during that same period the revenue per month averaged $81,665 or an increase of $13,833 per month.

Chief Collins stated that he has tried to breakdown the total cost of having a police officer working for the City of Lufkin to include his uniforms, his training, travel, etc. into the figures provided in the Traffic Safety Unit-Fiscal Impact report. Chief Collins stated that the COPS grant pays $25,000 per officer per year and the City is obligated to pick up the total cost in year four of the grant. Chief Collins stated that in the first year if the City gets six officers (five policemen and a sergeant) to comprise a Traffic Safety Unit the cost would be $293,803. The grant (six officers @ $25,000 per officer) would be $150,000. The City's investment would be $143,803. Chief Collins stated that the projected added revenue would be $156,000 for a net gain of $13,000.

Chief Collins stated that the second year, fiscal year 2001-2002, the total cost would escalate to $304,428. Chief Collins stated that in the second year you begin to pay longevity and Certificate Pay, which would escalate the cost. Chief Collins stated that the grant would still pay $150,000; the City's investment would be $154,428. The projected revenue would remain the same at $156,000 for a net gain of $1,572.

Chief Collins stated that the third year, fiscal year 2003-2003, the total cost would be $309,563; the City's investment would be $159,563. The projected revenue would be $156,000 again with a cost to the City of $3,563.

Chief Collins stated that the fourth year when the City picks up 100% of the cost the estimated cost would be $314,768, with an additional revenue of $156,000, and the cost to the City would be $158,768. Chief Collins stated that the amount of savings to the citizens of Lufkin and the reduction in traffic accidents is a great deal more than what he anticipates the cost of this program. Chief Collins stated that there has been a very positive citizen response to the traffic safety test that the Police Department ran for two months. Chief Collins stated that the only negative part that has come to his attention is the slight increase in response time by the patrol division. Chief Collins stated that if he was able to replace these missing officers with a traffic unit the response time could be eliminated.

Chief Collins introduced Linda Huggins-Martin, owner of Huggins-Martin Real Estate, located on Loop 287. Ms. Huggins-Martin stated that she had brought letters addressed to each individual Councilmember and also a letter from State Farm agent Gerald Crump who had a client killed on the way out of his office last year on Turtle Creek. Ms. Huggins-Martin stated that the fatality in February on the Loop ended up in her front door and did damage to one of her associates cars. Ms. Huggins-Martin stated that the police had used her parking lot as a base of their operations. Ms. Huggins-Martin stated that she would like Council to seriously consider approving this request tonight.

Maxey Kirkley, a businessman located on the West Loop, stated that he had noticed a reduction in speed since the traffic enforcement has taken place on the Loop. Mr. Kirkley stated that he would strongly support a traffic safety unit.

In response to question by Councilmember Robertson, Chief Collins stated that as long as the officers are used in a community policing effort they could be re-directed. Councilmember Boyd stated that the way Lufkin is growing the City will probably still need these officers to work traffic in the next four to five years.

In response to question by Councilmember Bowman, Chief Collins stated that after the grant runs out the cost to the City would be $314,768 per year offset by the added revenue.

In response to question by Councilmember Bowman, City Manager Maclin stated that if you assume the revenue of $156,000 to offset roughly half of the cost, then you would be looking at 1 ½ cent tax rate increase in the 2003-2004 budget, based on a static situation in terms of other factors (property tax values, sales tax, and other needs of the City whether it be capital improvements, streets, etc.). Mr. Maclin stated that looking at this from a medium case scenario, we would have to be prepared in the 2003 budget to commit to a 1 ½ cent tax rate increase based on these numbers. Councilmember Bowman stated that by then the City should be well involved in the water project. Mr. Maclin stated that that is feasible based on the fact that we know it is going to take 5 to 7 years to go to Rayburn for water and we know that based on the study Council has already received by the year 2010 the City will be at a point that they will be dependent on water from Rayburn in order to meet the needs of the City. Councilmember Bowman stated that obviously to do that the City would have to raise taxes and raise fees. Mr. Maclin stated that right now staff is primarily looking at fee increases. Mr. Maclin stated that Council always has the option of a combination of tax and revenue bonds. Mr. Maclin stated that initially staff would attempt to do that strictly through revenue bonds through increased fees for water and sewer services. Mayor Bronaugh stated that we have not taken into consideration the increase in traffic for that four-year period. Mr. Maclin stated that the only thing Chief Collins has taken into account on the increase is the cost relating to the officers based on longevity.

In response to question by Councilmember Bowman, Chief Collins stated that the City would be obligated for a four-year period, after that they would not be obligated.

Councilmember Robertson stated that he would like to commend Chief Collins and his officers for a good session with the Mantooth Park Neighborhood Association last Saturday. Councilmember Robertson stated that Sgt. Cottle and the two detectives did an excellent job in presenting the case to the neighborhood, which involved robberies and drug dealing.

Councilmember Gorden stated that he would also like to commend Chief Collins on the traffic work that really has made a difference on the West Loop.

Motion was made by Councilmember Jack Gorden, Jr. and seconded by Councilmember Don Boyd that authorization be given to the Police Department to create a traffic unit and to submit a grant to the Department of Justice for the COPS Program. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

8. **WAIVER – APPROVED – 21 GUN SALUTE – POLICE MEMORIAL DEDICATION**

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was a waiver from the Ordinance to allow a 21-gun salute for Police Memorial Dedication.

City Manager Maclin stated that included in the Council packet is a memo from the Chief requesting a waiver or variance from the City Ordinances relating to firearms within the City in order to allow for a 21-gun salute at a Police Memorial Dedication to be held at the Court House May 16th.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bob Bowman and seconded by Councilmember Jack Gorden, Jr. to allow a waiver to the Ordinance to allow a 21-gun salute for the Police Memorial Dedication. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

9. **AUTHORIZATION – APPROVED – GRANT REQUEST – KURTH MEMORIAL FOUNDATION – RADAR SPEED SIGN**

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was authorization to request a grant from the Kurth Memorial Foundation to purchase a radar speed sign.

City Manager Maclin stated that a couple of months ago staff came to Council with a request as part of the traffic task force to utilize a radar speed sign to help bring to the attention the speed of motorists on the public streets but particularly on the West Loop and East Loop. Mr. Maclin stated that that sign was leased and staff is seeking authorization from Council to submit a grant to a local, private foundation to see if this is something they would be willing to support through a grant to purchase a sign to be used on a permanent basis.

Councilmember Boyd stated that if the Foundation does not fund this item, perhaps the Chief could find the money in his budget. Mr. Maclin stated that if the Foundation does not fund it, it might appear as a Decision Package in the budget process.

Motion was made by Councilmember Don Boyd and seconded by Councilmember Bob Bowman that authorization to request a grant from the Kurth Memorial Foundation to purchase a radar speed sign be approved as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

10. **AUTHORIZATION – APPROVED – BACKHOE – WATER UTILITIES DEPARTMENT – EAST TEXAS MACHINERY**

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was authorization to purchase a backhoe for the Water Utilities Department.

City Manager Maclin stated that included in the Council packet is the bid tabulation and the staff recommendation is to award the low bid of East Texas Machinery in the amount of $45,927.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bob Bowman and seconded by Councilmember Don Boyd that the bid of East Texas Machinery in the amount of $45,927 for a backhoe to be used in the Water Utilities Department be approved as submitted. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

11. **AUTHORIZATION – APPROVED – SALE OF PROPERTY – 910 CARVER**

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was authorization to sell property located at 910 Carver.

City Manager Maclin stated that this is property that staff has taken bids on, and three bids were received. Mr. Maclin stated that the best bid was received from Gloria Toran, Toran Insurance, in the amount of $7,500. Mr. Maclin stated that staff recommendation is to award the sale of this seized property to the Toran's at a cost of $7,500.

In response to question by Councilmember Boyd, Mr. Cochran stated that Jake Lyons had appraised the property at $17,300.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bob Bowman and seconded by Councilmember Jack Gorden, Jr. that authorization is given to sell property located at 910 Carver Street to Toran Insurance for $7,500. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

12. **AUTHORIZATION – APPROVED – SALE OF PROPERTY - ZAVALLA**

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was authorization for the sale of property in Zavalla.

City Manager Maclin stated that this goes back to three years ago when the Police Department provided assistance to the DEA on a drug raid, and as a result the City was able to get benefit of the seized property. Mr. Maclin stated that this property is.79 acres and staff is recommending awarding the bid of Guy Husband in the amount of $12,500.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bob Bowman and seconded by Councilmember Lynn Torres that authorization be given for the sale of property in Zavalla to Guy Husband for $12,500. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

13. **STEET CLOSING – APPROVED – FIRST READING - RICKS ROAD AND TULANE**

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was closing portions of Ricks Road and Tulane Drive after rerouting of Tulane Drive.
City Manager Maclin stated that this item was discussed and approved in principal by Council a couple of years ago when staff began negotiations on Tulane Drive and the construction and rerouting to tie into David Street. Mr. Maclin stated that included in the Council packet is a plat showing the old portion of Tulane and a portion of Ricks Road, which will revert to the Forest Service. Mr. Maclin stated that in exchange the Texas Forest Service gave the City some property where the new Tulane is going. Mr. Maclin stated that this is basically just a housekeeping item to complete the appropriate documentation of the closing of these portions and the rerouting of the new Tulane.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bob Bowman and seconded by Councilmember Don Boyd that portions of Ricks Road and Tulane Drive be closed after the rerouting of Tulane Drive. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

14. **BID – APPROVED – DUMP TRUCK – WATER POLLUTION CONTROL DEPARTMENT - HOUSTON FREIGHTLINER**

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was a dump truck for the Water Pollution Control Department.

City Manager Maclin stated that the staff recommendation is the low bid of Houston Freightliner in the amount of $65,900. Mr. Maclin stated that this is a dump truck that is used to haul sludge from the Wastewater Treatment Plant to land application sites.

Motion was made by Councilmember Don Boyd and seconded by Councilmember Lynn Torres to approve the low bid of Houston Freightliner in the amount of $65,900 for a dump truck to be used in the Water Pollution Control Department. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

15. **BID – APPROVED – REPLACEMENT OF 10" WATER LINE – COBURN'S**

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was award of bid for the replacement of a 10" water line.

City Manager Maclin stated that this is a project that will be done inhouse by City crews. Mr. Maclin stated that staff is seeking Council authorization for the purchase of materials. Mr. Maclin stated that this property is located near FM 819 and the staff recommendation is to award the low bid of Coburn's in the amount of $29,305.81.

In response to question by Councilmember Robertson, Mr. Wright stated that the house was built over an asbestos cement water line and has been like that for years. Mr. Wright stated that when FM 819 came in, the line where this line was feeding off of from Highway 59 had to be shut down in order to do the construction and moved for the right-of-way.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bob Bowman and seconded by Councilmember Dennis Robertson to award the low bid of Coburn's in the amount of $29,305.81 for the replacement of a 10" water line. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

16. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Bronaugh recessed Regular Session at 6:10 p. m. to enter into Executive Session. Regular Session reconvened at 6:20 p. m. and Mayor Bronaugh stated that attorney/client matters, real estate, and appointments to Board and Commissions had been discussed.

17. **COMMENTS**

Councilmember Robertson stated that he was pleased to see that the City had a $350,000 grant for a Multi-Modal Transit Terminal. Mayor Bronaugh stated that this is in addition to a $1.3 million grant.

Mayor Bronaugh read an excerpt from the Council meeting minutes of April 18, 1999 concerning the election of a Mayor pro tem. Mayor Bronaugh stated that he would open nominations for Mayor pro tem. Councilmember Gorden stated that he would like to nominate R. L. Kuykendall for Mayor pro tem. Mr. Maclin stated that this item would be on the May 23rd agenda as an item to be voted on.

City Manager Maclin stated that this Thursday, May 11th, at 10:00 a.m. Council is invited to a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Rufus Duncan Criminal Justice facility for another house that was built through the HOME program utilizing prison laborers.

City Manager Maclin stated that this Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. the TML Region 16 meeting would be held at Crown Colony. Jim McReynolds will be the speaker.

City Manager Maclin stated that the next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 23rd, and the Council Retreat will be held on Wednesday, at 11:30 a.m. at Pine Island.

City Manager Maclin stated that on Thursday, May 25th, the annual DETCOG meeting will be held at the Pitser Garrison Civic Center, and the speaker will be Lt. Governor Rick Perry.

18. There being no further business for consideration, meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Louis Bronaugh
Louis Bronaugh
Mayor

ATTEST:
Atha Stokes Martin
Atha Stokes Martin - City Secretary