MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON THE 6th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2001 AT 5:00 P. M.

On the 6th 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
Don Boyd	Councilmember, Ward No. 2
Bob Bowman	Councilmember, Ward No. 4
Jack Gorden, Jr.	Councilmember, Ward No. 5
Dennis Robertson	Councilmember, Ward No. 6
C. G. Maclin	City Manager
James Hager	Asst. City Manager/Finance
Keith Wright	City Engineer
Atha Stokes Martin	City Secretary
Bob Flournoy	City Attorney
Stephen Abraham	Director of Planning

Being present, and

Lynn Torres	Councilmember, Ward No. 3

Being absent when the following business was transacted:

1. Rev. Abraham Riser opened meeting with prayer.

2. Mayor Bronaugh welcomed visitors present.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Councilmember Don Boyd and seconded by Councilmember Dennis Robertson that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 16, 2001 and Called Meeting of January 23, 2001 be approved as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

4. **ORDINANCE – APPROVED – FIRST READING – DESIGNATED PARKING – WARD BURKE FEDERAL COURTHOUSE**

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the first item for consideration was approval of designated parking for the Ward Burke Federal Courthouse.

City Manager Maclin stated that at last meeting Council had a request from David Maland, U. S. District Court Clerk, regarding their need for some designated parking for Federal jurors. Mr. Maclin stated that after discussion Council was asked to table this request so that staff could get together with the Police Department, the City Attorney and the District Court and work out an Ordinance that includes these requests. Mr. Maclin stated that included in the Council packet there is a proposed draft of an Ordinance that would provide for juror designated parking only from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., then after 10:00 a.m. it would go to 90 minute parking like the rest of the adjacent downtown area. Mr. Maclin stated that there is also a provision for one loading/unloading-parking slot that would have a 15-minute limit that would accommodate the frequency of FedEx and UPS deliveries that they receive at the Federal Court. Mr. Maclin stated that the Court has agreed to provide juror tags that would be placed on the mirror that would identify those jurors who would then be legally parking in those designated slots, and then they would work with the Police Department on any other problems relating to violations on the 15 minute loading zone. Mr. Maclin stated that the Police Chief feels comfortable with his Department being able to enforce this Ordinance. Mr. Maclin stated that there was a conference call with Mr. Maland on Friday, and all parties are in agreement that this is a good, workable solution to the request that was submitted to Council at the last meeting.

City Attorney Flournoy stated that there would be seven spaces in front of the Court House and five on the south side of the Court House on Lufkin Avenue. Mr. Flournoy stated that there is one space in front of the seven that will be designated just for loading and unloading. Mr. Flournoy stated that if a juror were seated in a case they would have the ability to park there at 7 a. m. in the morning and stay.

In response to question by Councilmember Robertson, Mr. Flournoy stated that the District Court would work with the City to provide the wording for signage.

Motion was made by Councilmember Jack Gorden, Jr. and seconded by Councilmember Bob Bowman that Ordinance for downtown parking is approved on First Reading as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

5. ORDINANCE – APPROVED – SECOND READING – ANNEXATION – AMERICAN COLOR GRAPHICS – STATE HIGHWAY 103 AND FM 842

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was second reading of an Ordinance annexing approximately 14.06 acres of land located at the northeast corner of State Highway 103 and FM 842.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bob Bowman and seconded by Councilmember Don Boyd that Ordinance annexing approximately 14.06 acres of land located at the northeast corner of State Highway 103 and FM 842 be approved on Second and Final Reading as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

6. ORDINANCE – APPROVED – SECOND READING – ZONING CLASSIFICATION - LIGHT MANUFACTURING – STATE HIGHWAY 103 AND FM 842 – AMERICAN COLOR GRAPHICS

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was second reading of an Ordinance establishing a Light Manufacturing zoning classification on approximately 9.792 acres of land located at the northeast corner of State Highway 103 and FM 842.

Motion was made by Councilmember Don Boyd and seconded by Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall that Ordinance establishing a Light Manufacturing zoning classification on approximately 9.792 acres of land located at the northeast corner of State Highway 103 and FM 842 be approved on Second and Final Reading as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

7. RECOMMENDATION BY STREET BOND ELECTION COMMITTEE – APPROVED

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was a recommendation by the Street Bond Election Committee.

Mayor Bronaugh introduced the following members of the Street Bond Committee: Ella Austin, Dr. Patricia McKenzie, Royce Garrett, Jay Glick, David Abney, Tommy Thompson and Dr. Elaine Jackson. Members not present were: Greta Rich, Louise LaVane, Kenzy Hallmark, Jesus Gomez and Rodger Clements.

City Manager Maclin stated that included in the Council packet is the report and recommendation from this Committee. Mr. Maclin stated that the Committee had sought input from citizens in their neighborhood, their churches and their places of business and got some insight as to what the public attitude would be towards a Street Bond Election. Mr. Maclin stated that in the Comprehensive Plan Update survey recently we likewise got some positive feedback about support for street improvements. Mr. Maclin stated that in this recommendation it outlines some of the systematic process that was utilized to help determine streets for consideration as well as input from the public. Mr. Maclin stated that the Committee recommendation is as follows: "The City Council place on the May 5th General Election ballot a bond referendum to make street and drainage improvements to Whitehouse Drive, Abney Street, Angelina Street and Lotus Lane. The tax rate increase required to support this bond issuance will be .064 per $100 evaluation and should be spread over three years at .02 cents per year. By spreading the rate increase over three years, the impact of the tax increase is diffused and deemed more affordable, particularly for senior citizens and others on a fixed income. If approved by the Council and placed on the May 5th ballot, the Committee will continue to serve as a marketing and education vehicle to the public to assist with the passage of this important bond issue."

Mr. Maclin stated that also included in the Council packet is a street ranking by the Committee members and rate impact information. Mr. Maclin stated that the Committee members felt unanimously that the public appreciated the 1994 bond election and the results that came from that. Mr. Maclin stated that they are optimistic that the citizens will once again support a bond election to provide some capital improvement benefits to the City.

In response to question by Councilmember Bowman, Mr. Wright stated that Lotus Lane will be improved from Hill Street to the Loop, Whitehouse from the new Tulane Street back to FM 58, Angelina Street would be from Raguet over to Atkinson where it comes together with Abney and then Abney from where the MLK improvements are over to Raguet. Mr. Wright stated that this will include drainage, relocation of utilities, curb and gutter, storm sewer, and utilities improved and upgraded, and all of this is included in the estimates.

In response to question by Councilmember Gorden, Mr. Wright stated that the total amount of these improvements would be $7,686,332.

Councilmember Gorden thanked the Committee for their work on this project.

Mr. Wright stated that it was his hope that the City could work with TxDOT in regard to a traffic signal at Hill and Frank.

Councilmember Robertson asked if any of the streets qualify for sidewalks. Mr. Wright stated that sidewalks were included on Abney because it tied into the sidewalks that were already there, and there is not a lot of foot traffic on the other streets.

In response to question by Councilmember Gorden, Mr. Maclin stated that specifications for these streets will basically be the same as the other four streets in the 1994 bond election, and that was three-lane, curb and gutter. Mr. Wright stated that the staff would provide the specifications to all the engineers so the streets will all be the same.

David Abney stated that in talking with the public everyday, the people were not as concerned about the street they drive on as they were about the understructure. Mr. Abney stated that flooding was a concern of the majority of the people he spoke with.

Motion was made by Councilmember Don Boyd and seconded by Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall that recommendation of the Street Bond Election Committee for street and drainage improvements to Angelina Street, Abney Street, Lotus Lane and Whitehouse Drive be approved as presented, and that the Street Bond be included on the May 5th City election. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

8. TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT – APPROVED – BLUE BELL CREAMERIES, L. P.

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was the request of Blue Bell Creameries, L. P. for approval of a Tax Abatement Agreement.

City Manager Maclin stated that included in the Council packet is a memorandum from the Director of Planning that includes the letter of request from Mr. W. J. Rankin, the Chief Financial Officer of Blue Bell Creameries, and a map showing the proposed location of their facility and then the actual application for Tax Abatement. Mr. Maclin stated that the point system page of the threshold necessary to qualify for Tax Abatement within the City of Lufkin's Tax Abatement Policy is also included. Mr. Maclin stated that this facility would be a distribution facility and have approximately 24 employees, and under the eligible percentages if the abatement were approved it would be 100% for the first three years, 75% the fourth year, 50% the fifth year, 25% the sixth year and 10% in the seventh year. Mr. Maclin stated that staff believes this application does meet the criteria and qualifications for the City's Tax Abatement Policy.

Mr. Abraham stated that since this property is located in the Enterprise Zone no Public Hearing would be required.

Bill Wellborn stated on behalf of the Economic Development Partnership he would request Council's approval of this project. Mr. Wellborn stated that the Chamber has been working with Blue Bell Creameries for the past six months and they will be a good accretion to Angelina County. Mr. Wellborn passed around pictures of the facility as proposed for Lufkin, and construction pictures of other Blue Bell locations.

Richard Smiley, Sales Manager who is headquartered in Longview, thanked Council for giving consideration to the Tax Abatement. Mr. Smiley stated that their facility would be modern and very up-to-date. Mr. Smiley stated that Blue Bell would make a very good neighbor in the community.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bob Bowman and seconded by Councilmember Jack Gorden, Jr. that Tax Abatement Agreement as requested by Blue Bell Creameries, L. P. be approved as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

9. RANGE USE FEES – APPROVED – LUFKIN POLICE DEPARTMENT SHOOTING RANGE

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was range use fees at the Police Department Shooting Range.

City Manager Maclin stated that included in the Council packet is a memorandum from Lt. Nowak that basically establishes guidelines for other agencies who use the tactical firearm range/tire house. Mr. Maclin stated that this is something that has needed to be done for some time. Mr. Maclin stated that this establishes a clear delineation of policies and procedures but also provides for a fee to be paid to help offset some of the City's costs and upkeep of the range. Mr. Maclin stated that this is a very nominal fee – $1 per student on basic in-service qualifications, $2 per student for the turning target system, $2 per student for the Basic Academy Firearms Class, $2 per student for the Tactical Firearms Course, regular range, $3 per student for the Tactical Firearms Courses using the Turning Target System, $4 per student for the Tactical Firearms Course with steel targets, tire house, TTS and $5 per student for the Tactical Firearms Courses, all facilities including lights.

Mr. Maclin stated that the Police Department staff has visited with the other agencies that use the range and none of them are in opposition of the fee schedule.

Councilmember Robertson asked if there was a chance to involve the other agencies that would be using the range in some kind of a taskforce group to deal with the policies and guidelines over time. Mr. Maclin stated that Lt. Nowak had accomplished that in his visits with the other agency representatives prior to bringing the request to Council.

Motion was made by Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall and seconded by Councilmember Bob Bowman that range use fee schedule for the Lufkin Police Department Shooting Range be approved as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

10. STEP WAVE GRANT AGREEMENT – APPROVED – SPEED AND OCCUPANT RESTRAINT ENFORCEMENT DURING SELECTED HOLIDAY PERIODS

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was approval of a STEP Wave Grant to conduct additional speed and occupant restraint enforcement, surveys, and education and media activity during selected holiday periods.

City Manager Maclin stated that the City has participated in the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program through the Texas Highway Safety Program grants in previous years and has been offered the opportunity to participate again this year in the amount of $10,000. Mr. Maclin stated that these funds are used primarily for overtime for officers for additional enforcement during holiday periods for speeding, wearing seatbelts, etc. Mr. Maclin stated that a copy of the grant agreement is included in the Council packet.

Motion was made by Councilmember Don Boyd and seconded by Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall that STEP Wave Grant Agreement to conduct additional speed and occupant restraint enforcement, surveys, and education and media activity during selected holiday periods be approved as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

11. RESOLUTION – APPROVED – GROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT – ANGELINA AND NACOGDOCHES COUNTIES

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was a Resolution in support of the formation of a Ground Water Conservation District for Angelina and Nacogdoches Counties.

City Manager Maclin stated that two years ago in the Legislative Session there was some effort and discussion about the establishment of a Groundwater District. Mr. Maclin stated that there are several groundwater districts that have been formed over the last several years and at the last Legislative Session there were several that were lumped into one Bill that was minimal in its impact and had a limited time that was designed to expire at the end of this year. Mr. Maclin stated that the City did not participate in a Groundwater District in the last Legislative Session but since then staff's research has indicated that the potential for groundwater management by State agencies continues to increase to where it appears that it is inevitable that there will some types of controls and regulations over groundwater by either the TNRCC, the Texas Water Development Board or a combination, or even some other new agency that may be in the minds of some legislators. Mr. Maclin stated that staff feels that it is appropriate that the City be proactive to protect it's interests. Mr. Maclin stated that the City of Lufkin and Angelina County uses more ground water gallons than any other area in East Texas between Beaumont and Tyler. Mr. Maclin stated that the City is 100% dependent on ground water; the Papermill is about 50% dependent on groundwater, and they are the single largest user of groundwater in East Texas. Mr. Maclin stated that the studies the City did three or four years ago as part of our preparation in moving towards our consideration to utilize our surface water rights indicate that at our current rate of growth we would reach our peak pumping capacity by 2010. Mr. Maclin stated that this would be the maximum we could pump per day if all the entities in Angelina County grew and continued to pump water in the manner that they are now on a pro-rata basis based on the growth of the last several years.

Mr. Maclin stated that, with all that in mind, and with the anticipated potential for other government entities and/or other areas to include us in a Groundwater District in which we would not have local control, staff feels that it would be appropriate for the City to be pro-active to go to the Legislature and seek legislation that would establish a Groundwater District for Nacogdoches and Angelina Counties, because we are the two largest users of all the counties in the Deep East Texas area. Mr. Maclin stated that staff looked at a variety of options with other counties contiguous to us or within the Deep East Texas area and felt like smaller districts are more manageable and we have more control over our own destiny than to get lumped in with a larger district. Mr. Maclin stated that staff has worked with the City of Nacogdoches, Nacogdoches County, Angelina County, the County Judges, City Managers and other representatives of major industry in meetings over the past few months and we have proposed legislation that will be carried by Senator Staples in the Senate and Representatives Christian and McReynolds in the House. Mr. Maclin stated that staff hopes that this will go through without opposition and would go through the legislative process and become law.

Mr. Maclin stated that there are several factors included in this proposed legislation that he feels are important. Mr. Maclin stated that they are that the district, by the legislation as submitted, would not levy taxes; it would be funded by a small user fee that basically will be the maximum of one cent per thousand; it exempts agricultural users by law, and it also exempts small wells that have a pumping capacity of less than 25,000 gallons per day. Mr. Maclin stated that probably the most important thing that he sees that would initially be gained by a Groundwater Conservation District is that we would be able to pool our resources from the two counties from all the water entities that sell water and retain expertise in the engineering field that would help accurately determine the current condition of our groundwater resources, determine the aquifer re-charge rates, determine protective withdrawal rates, determine proper well sizing and well spacing, provide information on groundwater conditions to encourage controlled and sustained economic growth, provide information to protect groundwater recharge zones and monitor or prevent activities that may cause groundwater contamination. Mr. Maclin stated that out of all those, it is important that we understand accurately how water consumption in Angelina County and surrounding areas will impact the future of our ability as a City to provide groundwater for our citizens. Mr. Maclin stated that to know a little more accurately what is the peak pumping capacity and how does what we use in Lufkin versus Nacogdoches affect each other and surrounding areas. Mr. Maclin stated that these are some things that we do not have scientific, accurate answers to and the Groundwater District is the best way to spread the cost amongst all the water users to find a definite answer to those questions.

City Manager Maclin stated that basically staff feels that this is a proactive method of being able to use local control to control our own destiny as it relates to groundwater whereas if we just sit back and wait we are very fearful that State agencies or others would incorporate us into a groundwater district that we would lose local control and be at the mercy of State control.

Councilmember Robertson stated that, in his opinion, agriculture users being exempt was bad law because they can affect this as much as cities can with possible contamination. Councilmember Robertson stated that we should be proactive and start looking at trying to bring them into this somewhat so they can be a party to help protect the water quality. Mr. Maclin stated more and more agriculture is being brought into groundwater runoff issues as it relates to fertilizer and poultry farms because those things do have an impact on streams and rivers in terms of quality of the water. Mr. Maclin stated that we will continue to see more laws, rules, and regulations placed on the agriculture community as TNRCC continues to try to meet the Clean Rivers Act and other issues to improve water quality not only for water consumption purposes, but also for recreational purposes.

In response to question by Councilmember Gorden, Mr. Maclin stated that each entity by law has to submit a pumping report to the TNRCC and that is the primary vehicle for determining the pumpage. Mr. Maclin stated that if you do not submit the report to TNRCC they could shut your pump down. Mr. Maclin stated that just because the Council approves this Resolution today does not mean that it will be approved in Austin. Mr. Maclin stated that staff met a week ago with Senator Staples and Representative McReynolds and Representative Christian and they all three requested Resolutions of support from as many entities as we could get them from to show local support.

City Manager Maclin stated that next Tuesday the City would be hosting a meeting at the public library to go over this issue. Mr. Maclin stated that certified letters were sent to every rural water supply entity that sells water in Angelina County to invite them to an informational meeting to seek their support.

In response to question by Councilmember Gorden, Mr. Maclin stated that even with a groundwater district we could not legally by State law prevent an Ozarka from pumping ground water and selling it as bottled water in large quantities, but what we could do is require permitting and other issues that would make us less desirable than another area that doesn't have a groundwater district.

In response to question by Councilmember Bowman, Mr. Maclin stated that the proposed fee would be levied on City water users, Huntington, Diboll, Hudson, Angelina Four Way, Redland and each water entity in the County who bills water.

City Manager Maclin stated that the City of Lufkin, by legislation, would have a representative on the Board, as would the City of Nacogdoches, and there would be representatives appointed by the County, one of which would need to be from the rural water supply community.

In response to question by Councilmember Boyd, Mr. Maclin stated that we would have to have a confirmation election in the November election and it would have to be placed on a ballot both in Angelina County and Nacogdoches County and the citizens of the two counties would have to have an affirmative vote to finalize its authorization.

Councilmember Bowman stated that the Texas Water Development Board would have some oversight on the Groundwater District.

Motion was made by Councilmember Dennis Robertson and seconded by Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall that Resolution in support of the formation of a Groundwater Conservation District for Angelina and Nacogdoches Counties be approved as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

12. **RESOLUTION – APPROVED – TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD – LOW INTEREST FUNDING – SURFACE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY – SAM RAYBURN**

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was a Resolution in support of application to the Texas Water Development Board for low interest funding with possible grants for the implementation of surface water treatment facility on Sam Rayburn.

City Manager Maclin stated that Council approved to move forward with some of the preliminary aspects towards the City's long term goal of being able to utilize our surface water rights on Sam Rayburn that were obtained by the City by contract in 1967 when the Lake was built. Mr. Maclin stated that staff is moving forward with items relating to insuring the long term contractibility of our surface water rights, but in the meantime it came to our attention that we could qualify for some low interest loan money as a result of the 1989-90 census data that showed that Lufkin was qualified under the low-to-moderate category for low interest loans from the Texas Water Development Board. Mr. Maclin stated that a low interest loan in this case is 1% money. Mr. Maclin stated that we would also include in this application a Resolution of Intent to participate from Huntington and Zavalla that could then possibly qualify us because they meet the definition of distress communities with their income levels for what is called a 15% grant forgiveness. Mr. Maclin stated that this means that possibly up to 15% of the loan that was allocated by the Texas Water Development Board could be forgiven. Mr. Maclin stated that if we wait until next year to make this application, we would possibly miss this opportunity in that when the new census data comes out in July there is a pretty good change that we will be above the limit. Mr. Maclin stated that, in his opinion, the new data has a greater risk of exceeding that limit, thereby if we miss this opportunity of submitting this application now we would miss the 1% money and be looking at 4% money and possibly miss the opportunity for some of the forgiveness. Mr. Maclin stated that staff feels it is prudent for the City to utilize what qualifications they have under the current data. Mr. Maclin stated that this is a competitive thing and there is a finite amount of money and this is spread across the state. Mr. Maclin stated that if Lufkin were selected we would have until 2004 to determine if we want to participate fully or not. Mr. Maclin stated that submitting the Resolution of support does not guarantee us that we will get it, or obligate us.

City Manager Maclin stated that this is actually through the Lower Neches Valley Authority and they would be submitting the grant for the City, Huntington and Zavalla and we would work out the details in terms of a payback based on how much we borrowed and how much we qualified for.

Motion was made by Councilmember Don Boyd and seconded by Councilmember Bob Bowman that Resolution in support of application to the Texas Water Development Board for low interest funding with possible grants for the implementation of surface water treatment facility on Sam Rayburn be approved as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

13. **TXDOT COMPLAINT – TXU – OVERCHARGES ON PHOTOCELL CONTROLLED LIGHTING**

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was complaint of TxDOT against TXU for overcharges on photocell-controlled lighting.

City Manager Maclin stated that included in the Council packet is a copy of a letter from Ted Ross, Asst. Attorney General with the Attorney General's office, and a copy of the actual complaint of the Texas Department of Transportation against TXU Electric Company. Mr. Maclin stated that basically the short version of this is TxDOT and the Attorney General in representation of TxDOT believes that TXU used the wrong billing category for some of the services that were provided for outside lighting for the last several years. Mr. Maclin stated that the charges go back to 1984 and was calculated to be $141,000 in this district. Mr. Maclin stated that TxDOT has come to the City because the City holds the local franchise with TXU for the City of Lufkin, but ultimately the Public Utilities Commission is the final say in these types of issues. Mr. Maclin stated that all staff is seeking from Council tonight is referral to the PUC so that TxDOT and the Attorney General can continue in their process of seeking resolution and relief to what they feel like was an over billing by TXU over the state. Mr. Maclin stated that apparently there was a similar complaint with the City of Dallas, and that has been resolved. Mr. Maclin stated that as a result of that resolution, they are seeking other relief in other areas.

Mr. Maclin stated that it would be his recommendation, and the recommendation of the City Attorney, that the City Council defer to the Public Utilities Commission.

Bob Brown, TXU Manager, was present.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bob Bowman and seconded by Councilmember R. L.Kuykendall that the TxDOT complaint against TXU for overcharges on photocell-controlled lighting be deferred to the PUC. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

14. **BID – APPROVED – MOWER – PARKS DEPARTMENT – COOK'S SAW SHOP, INC.**

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was bids for a mower for the Parks Department.

City Manager Maclin stated that included in the Council packet is the bid tabulation and the staff recommendation is the low bid of Cook's Saw Shop in the amount of $10,127.

Motion was made by Councilmember Jack Gorden, Jr. and seconded by Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall that bid of Cook's Saw Shop in the amount of $10,127 for a mower for the Parks Department be approved as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

15. **AUTHORIZATION – APPROVED – FRONT-LOADING REFUSE TRUCK – HGAC – SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT**

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was authorization to purchase a front-loading refuse truck through HGAC for the Solid Waste Department.

City Manager Maclin stated that included in the Council packet is the backup information relating to this item. Mr. Maclin stated that staff is proposing to purchase this front loader through the Houston-Galveston Area Council Purchasing Program in the amount of $126,872.99. Mr. Maclin stated that this bid includes a Heil half-pack front loader, and a Volvo truck chassis.

Motion was made by Councilmember Don Boyd and seconded by Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall that authorization be given to purchase a front-loading refuse truck through HGAC for the Solid Waste Department. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

16. **CALENDAR NOTATIONS FROM MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS AND CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Maclin stated that tomorrow at 10:30 a. m. at Dunbar School there will be an Arbor Day celebration and immediately following that there will be a Trees Across Texas celebration where the City of Lufkin will plant a tree in honor of the City of Lubbock.

City Manager Maclin stated that the Transportation Committee of the Chamber of Commerce would hold a meeting to discuss the commercial air study at 12:00 noon tomorrow.

City Manager Maclin stated that the First Friday luncheon will be held this Friday, February 9th at Crown Colony and the Mayor and Judge Berry will be the guest speakers.

City Manager Maclin stated that February 13th the City would be hosting a meeting of the area water suppliers at 7:00 p.m. discussing the ground water conservation district at the public library.

City Manager Maclin stated that on the 15th at 3:30 p.m. there would be a meeting of the Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee.

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

Louis Bronaugh
Mayor

ATTEST:

Atha Stokes Martin

Atha Stokes Martin - City Secretary