

MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON THE
11TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1998 AT 9:00 A. M.

On the 11th day of August, 1998 the City Council of the City of Lufkin, Texas, convened in a called meeting in the Council Chambers of City Hall with the following members thereof, to wit:

Louis A. Bronaugh	Mayor
Jack Gorden, Jr.	Mayor pro tem
R. L. Kuykendall	Councilmember, Ward No. 1
Don Boyd	Councilmember, Ward No. 2
Betty Jones	Councilmember, Ward No. 3
Tucker Weems	Councilmember, Ward No. 6
C. G. Maclin	City Manager
James Hager	Asst. City Manager/Finance
Bob Flournoy	City Attorney
LaJune Yates	Administrative Secretary
Keith Wright	City Engineer
Kenneth Williams	Director of Public Works

being present, and

Bob Bowman	Councilmember, Ward No. 4
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being absent when the following business was transacted.

1. Meeting was opened with prayer by City Manager Maclin.

2. BID - APPROVED - BRIDGE FOR OLETA STREET IMPROVEMENTS - SHIR-BUILT

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the meeting had been called to consider bids for a bridge for Oleta Street improvements.

City Manager Maclin stated that since there was no advance notice to Council in terms of the bid tabulation he would ask the City Engineer to come forward and explain the project. City Manager Maclin stated that the real urgency in going ahead and trying to meet today is to try and get this project bid awarded so that the work can be done and minimize the down time for this location.

Keith Wright, City Engineer, stated that the Oleta Street bridge was a wooden structure and after making some inspections on the bridge staff felt that the bridge was unsafe and was a potential for a public safety concern. Mr. Wright stated that staff is considering replacing the bridge through the normal budget process. Mr. Wright stated that the plans show that this structure will be replaced with a concrete "C" that will sit down on some concrete piers that will be poured underneath the bridge. Mr. Wright stated that the "C" channel is approximately three quarters of a box and it will sit on the piers, and a concrete apron will be poured underneath the bottom. Mr. Wright stated that it is staff's opinion that this will be the most expedient way to replace this bridge and the "C" Channels have already been ordered and are ready to be delivered. Mr. Wright stated that staff had had a problem in that they were unable to find anyone who was willing to bid the project. Mr. Wright stated that this is a small project and at this time contractors are extremely busy. Mr. Wright stated that staff had tried to take bids on three different occasions but nobody bid the project. Mr. Wright stated he was finally able, after some persuasion, to get two contractors to bid the project.

Mr. Wright stated that staff would like to get started on this project as quickly as possible since there had been some complaints from residents. Mr. Wright stated

that replacing the bridge will involve a detour of one block around the bridge. Mr. Wright stated that he was attempting to have the bridge replaced before school starts, but it will be very close. Mr. Wright stated that the water and sewer line that were in the way at the bridge structure have already been relocated. Mr. Wright stated that the old bridge has been removed and the new structure should be in place in one to two weeks, depending upon the rainfall.

Mr. Wright stated that basically all the contractor will have to do is form up the channels in the bottom that the "C" will sit in, which is a very simple construction. Mr. Wright stated that the "C" will be paved over with asphalt.

In response to question by Councilmember Gorden, Mr. Wright stated that staff had approached TxDOT for help in funding this project. Mr. Wright stated that they will help on certain bridges, but this is one that did not fit in their requirements to provide funds for.

Mr. Wright stated that Gifford-Hill is the only company that manufactures the boxes and they took two months to make them, because they were behind in their orders.

In response to question by Councilmember Weems, Mr. Wright stated that the budget estimate for this project was approximately \$70,000, and the project is \$5,000 over.

Motion was made by Councilmember Boyd and seconded by Councilmember Betty Jones to approve the recommendation of staff to award the bid of Shir-Built in the amount of \$42,360 for the replacement of a bridge on Oleta Street. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

3. COMMENTS

City Manager Maclin asked that Councilmembers wishing to attend the TML Region 16 meeting in Jasper call the Administrative offices for reservations.

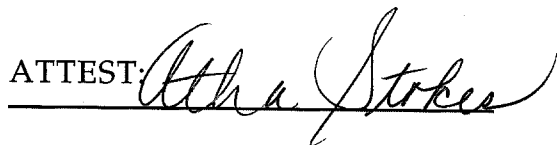
City Manager Maclin stated that the Town and Country magazine had been received today announcing the TML fall conference in San Antonio.

4. There being no further business for consideration, meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.



Louis A. Bronaugh
Mayor

ATTEST:



Atha Stokes - City Secretary