

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON THE
4TH DAY OF MARCH, 1997 AT 5:00 P. M.**

On the 4th day of March, 1997 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
Don Boyd	Mayor pro tem
Bob Bowman	Councilmember, Ward No. 4
Jack Gorden, Jr.	Councilmember, Ward No. 5
Tucker Weems	Councilmember, Ward No. 6
C. G. Maclin	City Manager
Darryl Mayfield	Asst. City Manager/Finance
Stephen Abraham	City Planner
Bob Flournoy	City Attorney
Atha Stokes	City Secretary
Keith Wright	City Engineer
Kenneth R. Williams	Public Works Director

being present, and

Percy Simond	Councilmember, Ward No. 1
Betty Jones	Councilmember, Ward No. 3

being absent when the following business was transacted.

1. Meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Abraham Riser, Jr., Chaplain, Hospice in the Pines.
2. Mayor Bronaugh welcomed visitors present, and recognized Boy Scouts Kyle Swearingen and Brett Parson of Troop 136, sponsored by the Evening Lions Club. Mayor Bronaugh stated that the Scouts were working on their Communications Merit Badge. Asst. Scout Master Jeff Swearingen was also present.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Councilmember Don Boyd and seconded by Councilmember Bob Bowman that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 18, 1997 be approved as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

4. **ORDINANCE - DENIED - FIRST READING - ZONE CHANGE - RESIDENTIAL
LARGE SINGLE FAMILY TO DUPLEX - 1104 SOUTH RAGUET - HARRY KERR -
CARRIE BELL WATSON**

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was the request of Harry Kerr, on behalf of Carrie Bell Watson to change the zoning from "RL" Residential Large Single Family to "D" Duplex on property located at 1104 South Raguet Street.

City Manager Maclin stated that included in the packet is a memorandum from the Planning Department giving an explanation of the request, and a unanimous vote from the Planning & Zoning Commission recommending denial, predicated on the large amount of opposition from the residents within this area.

Eileen Milstead, who lives at 1104 South Raguet, stated that she and Mr. Kerr had purchased this property from Carrie Bell Watson. Mrs. Milstead stated that they are trying to upgrade this property. Mrs. Milstead stated that the residents are afraid that once the zone change is approved that she and Mr. Kerr will build apartments on the large lot behind her residence, which includes several acres. Mrs. Milstead

stated that her main purpose in requesting the zone change is so that she can rent part of the large house and make it into a duplex. Mrs. Milstead stated that she has homesteaded the property, she does live there herself, and she wants to rent part of the house to another lady. Mrs. Milstead stated that there are two houses on the property, one of which is rented. Mrs. Milstead stated that if she and Mr. Kerr are not able to rezone the property she would like to know what they can do in order to be able to rent part of the house.

Bill Bryant stated that he resides at 201 Lee Lane, at the corner of Lee Lane and South Raguet, which borders the property in question. Mr. Bryant stated that he represented several of the homeowners in the neighborhood at the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting and voiced their opposition to the zone change request, primarily because they are concerned about the front acreage turning into rental apartments or duplexes. Mr. Bryant stated that according to the tax records there is a little over three acres involved and if it is rezoned and takes in the entire three acres it could be sold to a developer who could divide the property and start building duplexes on the property. Mr. Bryant stated that as a homeowner on the end lot he is very much opposed to this type of transition because there is a severe drainage problem coming off the back hill. Mr. Bryant stated that anything that lands on the hillside has to flow through his yard to get to the street. Mr. Bryant stated that if this property is developed putting in curbs and gutters and went to underground drainage for the overflow of water, everything would then swamp his house even worse. Mr. Bryant stated that as a group at the P&Z Commission meeting they had voiced their opinion that they are concerned about property values degrading into rental property in the neighborhood. Mr. Bryant stated that he is particularly concerned over the general condition of the property as it exists currently. Mr. Bryant stated that there is an enormous amount of materials that are being stored on the property and it becomes a rodent haven. Mr. Bryant stated that he has spent in excess of \$75 a year for rat poison and extermination of rodents migrating off of this property. Mr. Bryant stated that several people in this same area have complained as well. Mr. Bryant stated that there have been numerous complaints filed with the City about trash burning and garbage hauling and dumping in the back lot and burning, and this is very offensive and very irritating to him personally for health reasons. Mr. Bryant stated that the biggest concern is that if this property is sold the residents would no longer have control over their neighborhood as far as traffic. Mr. Bryant stated that, in his opinion, crime statistics will increase.

Harry Kerr stated that he and Mrs. Milstead are partners in this property because neither of them had the money to buy it outright. Mr. Kerr stated that he has been working on this property for over five years trying to clean it up. Mr. Kerr stated that he had talked to the City and the Fire Marshal about the burning and this is the only way he could clean up the lot. Mr. Kerr stated that he did not have any roaches or rats on this property. Mr. Kerr stated that he has been in the process of cleaning up this property for a long time, and it is a thousand times better now than it was. Mr. Kerr stated that neither he nor Mrs. Milstead have any intention of developing this property. Mr. Kerr stated that everyone is concerned about development on this property, and he could put a church on the property without even asking anybody if he wanted to. Mr. Kerr stated that he could also put single family homes on the property. Mr. Kerr stated that at his age, and no more money than he has, he could not develop this property under any circumstances. Mr. Kerr stated that he did not know that he and Mrs. Milstead were so offensive to the neighbors in wanting to have a duplex on this property. Mr. Kerr stated that people living in duplexes are no different than people living in homes. Mr. Kerr stated that there is a duplex on the corner from this property and a duplex three blocks away. Mr. Kerr stated that one block away there is a Motel 6, and wanted to know how you could make the property any worse if you develop it further or continue to improve the property. Mr. Kerr stated that by having another single lady live in the home it would help he and Mrs. Milstead to pay the notes on the house, pay the taxes and pay the insurance. Mr. Kerr stated that he was raised on this property and does not have any reason to sell it to a developer.

Mr. Kerr stated that there is a stand of pines on the property and neighbors on both sides are throwing their garbage on this part of the property, and he has not said anything to them about it. Mr. Kerr stated that kids play on this part of the property and have cut down about a dozen of the pines.

Mayor Bronaugh stated that at the beginning of Mrs. Milstead's remarks she asked what they could do with the property if the zone change is denied, and he would like Mr. Abraham to come forward and tell Council what she could do on this property. Mr. Abraham stated that if the zoning is not changed it would be limited to those uses that are found in Residential Large, and they are single family residential, and such things as churches and schools. Mr. Abraham stated that the house could be utilized by another individual but Mr. Kerr and Mrs. Milstead could not make the structure into a duplex separating the uses, separating the utilities, and providing uncommon areas. Mr. Abraham stated that there is nothing in the Zoning Ordinance that says that another individual could not move into the house as long as its not more than four people occupying the house not related by blood. Mr. Abraham stated that the reason the whole area was being considered in the zone change request is because to rezone just the house would be considered "spot zoning".

In response to question by Councilmember Boyd, Mr. Abraham stated that the Comprehensive Plan calls for single family Residential Large in this area. Mr. Abraham stated that the Comprehensive Plan specifically talks about the older residential neighborhoods and not doing things that will tend to accelerate their decline, such as changing zoning in the middle of established neighborhoods.

Mr. Kerr stated that he was told by the City that they could not have two families in the house unless it was separated. Mr. Kerr stated that all he ever wanted was a way to be able to rent the front part of the house. Mayor Bronaugh stated that he would encourage Mr. Kerr to get together with the Planning Department and work together for a solution. In response to question by Mr. Kerr, Mr. Abraham stated that he would not be able to have separate utilities, and this lady would just be renting rooms in the house. Mr. Kerr stated that at one time he had attempted to have separate utilities and had an electrician put up three electrical boxes which were never hooked up to electricity. Mr. Kerr stated that when he called the gas company to come out and install additional gas meters, Mr. Bryant went to the City and complained. Mr. Kerr stated that he has had the Zoning Department on his back for over a year now because Mr. Bryant has complained that he has more than one person living in his house. Mr. Kerr stated that there has never been more than one person in the house, and feels that he has been harassed enough by some of his neighbors. Mayor Bronaugh stated that part of the problem was the multiple-service approach, which makes it a duplex in that sense. Mr. Kerr stated that he would like to see the zone changed so that he could separate the utilities because he does not want to rent out the rooms and pay the utilities for the renter.

Samuel Possey stated that he had been elected by the people in this area for several years to represent them, and no one in this area wants a change from single family to something of this caliber.

Motion was made by Councilmember Don Boyd and seconded by Councilmember Tucker Weems that the request of Harry Kerr on behalf of Carrie Bell Watson to change the zoning from "RL" Residential Large Single Family to "D" Duplex on property located at 1104 South Raguet Street be denied as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

5. ORDINANCE - APPROVED - FIRST READING - ZONE CHANGE - RESIDENTIAL SMALL FAMILY TO COMMERCIAL - 101 A NORTH TIMBERLAND DRIVE - LONG BELL LUMBER COMPANY, ADDITION NUMBER 2 - OSCAR HIGHTOWER - DEAN LEGGETT

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was the request of Dean Leggett, on behalf of Oscar Hightower, to change the zoning from "RS" Residential Small Family to "C" Commercial on lots 13 through 15 of the Long Bell Lumber Company, Addition Number 2, including the abandoned alley and generally located at 101 A North Timberland Drive.

City Manager Maclin stated that included in the Council packet is an explanation memorandum from the Planning Department which notes that according to the Comprehensive Plan it calls for this area to be Commercial, and the Planning & Zoning Commission, by unanimous vote recommends approval of the zone change.

Dean Leggett was present to represent the request. There was no opposition present.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bob Bowman and seconded by Councilmember Jack Gorden, Jr. that the request of Dean Leggett, on behalf of Oscar Hightower, to change the zoning from "RS" Residential Small Family to "C" Commercial on lots 13 through 15 of the Long Bell Lumber Company Addition Number 2, including the abandoned alley, and generally located at 101 A North Timberland Drive be approved on First Reading as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

6. ORDINANCE - APPROVED - FIRST READING - ALLEY CLOSING - CONN STREET - EAST KERR - SOUTH THIRD - CHARLTON

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was a request to close the alley bounded by Conn Street, East Kerr, South Third and Charlton.

City Manager Maclin stated that included in the Council packet is a memorandum from the City Engineer's office regarding this request. City Manager Maclin stated that this request was actually initiated several months ago when the City Engineer was recontacted by the property owners in the area and asked that this be considered further.

Keith Wright, City Engineer, stated that Mr. Wright and Mr. Collins, adjacent property owners to the alley, were present at tonight's meeting. Mr. Wright stated that Mr. Wright and Mr. Collins had initiated contact with Ron Wesch prior to his illness and there are records dating back to 1995 regarding this request. Mr. Wright stated that in accordance with policy, the City has been turning alleys over to property owners at their request based on appraised value. Mr. Wright stated that this will eliminate the City's need to maintain these alleys. Mr. Wright stated that included in the packet is a copy of the Ordinance.

In response to question by Councilmember Boyd, Mr. Wright stated that a copy of the appraisal had been placed on the Council table, and the appraised value of the alley is \$6,280. Mr. Wright stated that the City has retained an easement for utilities.

Motion was made by Councilmember Don Boyd and seconded by Councilmember Bob Bowman that the Ordinance to close the alley bounded by Conn Street, East Kerr, South Third and Charlton be approved on First Reading as presented for the appraised value of \$6,280. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

7. ANNEXATION PROCEEDINGS - APPROVED - WHITE HOUSE DRIVE - BRENTWOOD DRIVE - CHESTNUT STREET (HIGHWAY 58)

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was the request of City Staff to initiate annexation proceedings on approximately 428 acres of land generally located south of White House Drive northeast of Brentwood Drive and west of Chestnut Street (Highway 58).

City Manager Maclin stated that included in the Council packet is an explanation from the Planning Department, a map of the proposed area, and a letter from David Shirley who actually began the process in requesting annexation for 64 acres of this total 428 acre tract. City Manager Maclin stated that the map represents the area that Council had reviewed previously to determine what would square up the City limits. City Manager Maclin stated that primarily what staff is seeking from Council tonight is to initiate the annexation process and for Council to approve the calendar that is listed on the last page of this item. City Manager Maclin stated that basically this calendar calls for the presentation of the request tonight, when the Public Hearing goes to the newspaper, when the notice appears when the Public Hearings would be held (the first one on March 18, and the second one on April 1), then ultimately to the Planning and Zoning Commission for consideration, and finally the two readings of the actual annexation ordinance in May to complete the process. City Manager Maclin stated that this is a 77 day process based on the calendar that has been presented.

Motion was made by Councilmember Don Boyd and seconded by Councilmember Tucker Weems that annexation proceedings on approximately 428 acres of land generally located south of White House Drive northeast of Brentwood Drive and west of Chestnut Street (Highway 58) be approved, to include the annexation calendar, as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

8. RESOLUTION - APPROVED - NATIONAL POISON PREVENTION WEEK

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was a Resolution for National Poison Prevention Week.

Mayor Bronaugh stated that he had been asked to bring this Resolution before the Council at the request of the National Poison Prevention Program. Mayor Bronaugh stated that four entities are involved in this program and they are: Memorial Medical Center of East Texas, Columbia Woodland Heights Hospital, Angelina County-Cities Health District and the City of Lufkin. Mayor Bronaugh stated that the idea for the future is to see that Lufkin is truly a poison prevention center.

Mayor Bronaugh stated that present tonight is Kathy Griffin, Director of the Pharmacy Department, and John Lampkin of Memorial Medical Center of East Texas. Mayor Bronaugh recognized Kevin Collins the newly appointed administrator of the Angelina County-Cities Health District. Also present representing the City of Lufkin, was Chief Murry Brown of the Fire Department.

Ms. Griffin stated that the Pharmacy Department at Memorial feels strongly that poison prevention is very important. Ms. Griffin stated that a group from the department has developed a program for the children of Lufkin which they will be presenting to kindergarten and first grade classes. Ms. Griffin stated that the program will include a puppet show, and a program on poison prevention to teach children about the proper storage of poison and proper labeling. Ms. Griffin stated that they will also be distributing the "Mister Yuk" stickers and a poison prevention information package for the children to take home.

Mayor Bronaugh complimented Chief Brown on the Fire Department employees who respond to the 911 calls, on the fine program they have for poison cases.

Motion was made by Councilmember Tucker Weems and seconded by Councilmember Jack Gorden, Jr. that Resolution for National Poison Prevention Week be approved as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

9. **SPEED STEP RESOLUTION - APPROVED**

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration is the Speed Step Resolution.

City Manager Maclin stated that included in the Council packet is a Resolution for consideration to approve a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation. City Manager Maclin stated that at a previous meeting someone made the statement that the City has received grants for seat belt and DWI enforcement and why not apply for a grant for speed limit enforcement. City Manager Maclin stated that this is a \$10,000 grant that will provide overtime dollars for officers to specifically work speed limit enforcement under this grant program.

Motion was made by Councilmember Don Boyd and seconded by Councilmember Jack Gorden, Jr. that the Speed Step Resolution be approved as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

10. **STREET OVERLAY PROGRAM - APPROVED**

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was the street overlay program for the City of Lufkin.

City Manager Maclin stated that included in the Council packet is a memorandum from the City Engineer providing detailed information that he will explain, as well as a listing of the streets proposed for the 1997 overlay program. City Manager Maclin stated that some additional information has been placed on the Council table that is titled "City of Lufkin Street Program Information".

Keith Wright, City Engineer, stated that he and Kenneth Williams, Director of Public Works, began a review of the Water Utility Department projects and the street overlay projects that are scheduled for this year and determined that there was some conflict between the two projects. Mr. Wright stated that there would be some streets that were scheduled to be overlaid prior to having water utilities installed which they felt would be counterproductive, and a waste of City funds. Mr. Wright stated that a list of some of the streets that had been removed from the original estimate for street overlay projects had been included in the Council packet. Mr. Wright stated that these streets are areas where the City will be doing either water or sewer projects. Mr. Wright stated that as a result of these streets being taken off the list, some other streets had been added. Mr. Wright stated that one of the key elements of street maintenance is drainage, and if the drainage problems are not solved a lot of the street problems will not be fixed. Mr. Wright stated that since taking the job as City Engineer he had found out through numerous telephone calls that the City of Lufkin has some localized drainage problems throughout the City. Mr. Wright stated that he is keeping a file on these complaints and reviewing each one. Mr. Wright stated that he would like to propose to Council to shift a little of the money for street overlay projects into repairing some of the localized drainage problems where there is some potential for property loss and damage.

Kenneth Williams, Director of Public Works, stated that he would give Council a brief summary of some of the activities that have been completed by the Street Department and an overview of some things that are being proposed. Mr. Williams introduced Steve Poskey, newly appointed Street Department Superintendent.

Mr. Williams stated that the City has had an aggressive street overlay program and a

lot of progress has been made in this area. Mr. Williams stated that they are looking at some preventive programs for streets. Mr. Williams stated that at the end of this year 200 street overlays will be completed at a cost of approximately \$2 million. Mr. Williams stated that the amount of the street bond program was \$8,200,000 which will include work on Feagin, Tulane, MLK, and Paul Avenue. These streets will be widened, resurfaced, curb and guttered, with a center left turning lane. Mr. Williams stated that as far as existing maintenance goes, the Street Department will continue to patch holes using the patch machine. Mr. Williams stated that the Street Department will be purchasing an asphalt distributor truck, which will enable the department to be more efficient in the overlay program. Mr. Williams stated that later he will be proposing that the focus be changed in some of the Street Department programs, with the emphasis on quality maintenance by using preventive measures and proper procedures in working on potholes. Mr. Williams stated that moisture is the biggest problem in the street overlay program, and his goal is to prevent this problem.

Mr. Williams stated that in the back of the packet is a survey and a pavement and inventory form. Mr. Williams stated that he had inventoried every street in the City of Lufkin, grading and surveying every street, using different variables to determine the overall riding quality of the street. Mr. Williams stated that as a result of this survey he was able to compile some information using a street condition inventory form, taking each Ward in town and assigning a "Good", "Average", "Fair", or "Poor" rating to each street. Mr. Williams stated that 51% of the City's streets are in "Good to Average" condition and 78% are "Good to Fair" condition as far as riding quality.

Mr. Williams stated the last sheet in the packet is an "overlay money spent per Ward form", which shows how much is being proposed for the next budget year per Ward. Mr. Williams stated that more money is being spent for Wards 2 and 3, where the inventory form indicates that these Wards have the most problems.

Mr. Williams stated that as far as new programs, the Street Department will be coming back to Council later for financing of a chip sealing program, and a crack seal program for moisture prevention. Mr. Williams stated that he is also considering a milling program which cuts the streets down and helps with drainage.

Mr. Wright stated that one of the things that initiated this program is when the City staff attended a meeting with the Realtors Association and conducted a survey and one of the things that came out was that the City streets receive a lot of attention. Mr. Wright stated that as a result the Street Department has decided to be more scientific in their approach to street maintenance.

In response to question by Councilmember Gorden, Mr. Wright stated that he is looking at the drainage projects as far as property damage, if people have had historical flooding in their houses they will be prioritized. Mr. Wright stated that localized flooding on streets will have a lower priority.

Motion was made by Councilmember Don Boyd and seconded by Councilmember Bob Bowman that the street overlay program be approved as presented, with \$100,000 being transferred from the street overlay program from the streets that were removed from the list and this amount applied to drainage projects this fiscal year. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

11. PURCHASE OF PROPERTY - APPROVED - WATER WELL - REIMBURSEMENT TO UTILITY FUND - BOND PROCEEDINGS

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was approval of purchase of property for a new water well with reimbursement to the City's Utility Fund from bond proceeds upon delivery.

City Manager Maclin stated that included in the Council packet is a memorandum

describing a two-and-one-half acre tract of land on FM 843 that is in the well field and has the best quality underground water for the City's water supply system. City Manager Maclin stated that he is seeking Council's authorization to purchase this property at approximately \$5,000 an acre, and with the deed and title and other closing costs the City's cost is \$13,154. City Manager Maclin stated that he would like for the minutes to reflect that the City will reimburse itself from the utility fund with bond proceeds upon delivery. City Manager Maclin stated that in this years budget Council approved several utility fund projects (the water well, ground storage tank, clarifiers at Wastewater Treatment Plant), and since the City has not taken delivery on the bond proceeds as yet, staff would want appropriate documentation in the minutes so that the fund would be reimbursed later in the summer when the proceeds are delivered to the City.

City Manager Maclin stated that at the next Council meeting staff will have a formal Resolution that will incorporate all this information.

Motion was made by Councilmember Jack Gorden, Jr. and seconded by Councilmember Bob Bowman that the purchase of property for a new water well with reimbursement to the City's Utility Fund from bond proceeds upon delivery be approved as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

12. REVISION OF PERSONNEL CLASSIFICATION - APPROVED - FIRE DEPARTMENT - LIEUTENANT POSITIONS

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was the revision of Fire Department personnel classification to reflect an increase in the Lt. positions. City Manager Maclin stated that he wanted to make it clear that this does not include any new personnel.

City Manager Maclin stated that included in the Council packet is a letter from the Fire Chief requesting a reclassification of three firefighter positions to Lieutenant positions. City Manager Maclin stated that these positions did exist back in the '80's, but due to some reorganization that was done they went back to firefighter positions. City Manager Maclin stated that in the last year the Department has taken delivery of a new aerial ladder truck and it is at the Central Fire Station, and the Chief feels that it is in the City's best interest that a veteran firefighter operate the truck. City Manager Maclin stated that if left under the current classification the truck could be operated by a first year rooky firefighter driving the new ladder equipment.

City Manager Maclin stated that this request was heard by the Civil Service Commission last week and they unanimously approved the request and forwarded this recommendation on to the City Council.

Motion was made by Councilmember Don Boyd and seconded by Councilmember Jack Gorden, Jr. that revision of the Fire Department personnel classification to reflect an increase in the Lt. positions be approved as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

13. APPOINTMENTS - DISCUSSED - ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was the appointment of an Animal Control Facility Development Committee.

City Manager Maclin stated that included in the Council packet is a letter from Cathy Clark, Director of Animal Control and Protective Services. City Manager Maclin stated that in recent months the City Council had appointed a couple of other citizen advisory committees to help provide a liaison from the public to the City Council for more public involvement in City projects. City Manager Maclin stated that these committees were the Master Drainage Plan Advisory Committee and the

Master Parks Plan Advisory Committee, and they will be making reports to the Council in the near future.

City Manager Maclin stated that Ms. Clark has expressed the need for a new Animal Control facility and there are many areas that have depreciated with many areas being beyond an economic feasible rehabilitation at the current facility. City Manager Maclin stated that based on the strength of a recent inclusion from the Kurth Foundation of some financial resources designated specifically for animal control, and human treatment of animals, the City has a funding source that Council authorized two years ago, that these funds would be put aside in a special fund to be reserved for the purpose of developing a new facility. City Manager Maclin stated that at this time there is approximately \$200,000 in the fund. City Manager Maclin stated that the City receives quarterly contributions from the Foundation. City Manager Maclin stated that he had a letter from Mr. Wyatt Leinart, Executive Director of the Kurth Foundation, indicating that according to the requirements of the Trust that this will be provided to the City as long as it is used in the way that it was intended for perpetuity.

City Manager Maclin stated that in order to move forward staff wanted to seek Council's authorization to form an Animal Control Development Facility Committee and use citizens who have an interest in the animal control area to provide some input to work with the Animal Control Department staff and to come back to Council later this summer with a plan both for what will meet the needs of the City for years to come, have a potential for growth, and also how to pay for the facility.

City Manager Maclin stated that included the Council packet information are some color photographs of some of the unique problems and deterioration that have created the need for this consideration today. City Manager Maclin stated that the current facility is 35 years old.

City Manager Maclin stated that staff has provided a list of names recommended by Ms. Clark, who if asked to serve would be willing to serve. City Manager Maclin stated that Buddy Zeagler, President of the Humane Society, had recommended that Lynn Fisher be the representative from the Humane Society. City Manager Maclin stated that staff felt that Dr. Ashburn, who is willing, would be a good representative from the veterinary community. City Manager Maclin stated that staff would like to recommend that five names be chosen from the list to serve on the Committee.

Mayor Bronaugh stated that because two Councilmembers were absent at tonight's meeting he would recommend that the Council be given two more weeks to make their decision.

Motion was made by Councilmember Don Boyd and seconded by Councilmember Tucker Weems that members of the Animal Control Facility Development Committee be selected at the April 7th meeting. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

14. BID - APPROVED - INDUSTRIAL TUB GRINDER - RECYCLING DEPARTMENT - INDUSTRIAL DISPOSAL SUPPLY

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was bids to purchase an industrial tub grinder for the Recycling Department.

City Manager Maclin stated that five bids had been received for this item, and staff recommendation is to award the low bid of Industrial Disposal Supply in the amount of \$193,951.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bob Bowman and seconded by Councilmember Jack Gorden, Jr. that bid of Industrial Disposal Supply in the amount of \$193,951 be accepted as submitted. A unanimous affirmative vote was

recorded.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION - DEMOLITION OF DILAPIDATED HOUSES

Mayor Bronaugh recessed Regular Session at 6:05 p.m. to enter into Executive Session. Mayor Bronaugh reconvened the meeting at 6:21 p.m. and stated that Council had discussed attorney-client matters and real estate matters, and no decisions were made.

Motion was made by Councilmember Don Boyd and seconded by Councilmember Bob Bowman that the following dilapidated houses be approved for demolition as recommended by the City Attorney.

1. 209 S. Warren
2. 715 Highland
3. 108 South End Blvd.
4. 233 N. Banks
5. 1111 North Ave.
6. Fairy Street - Block 5, 2.7' of Lot 2 in the Fairgrounds Addition

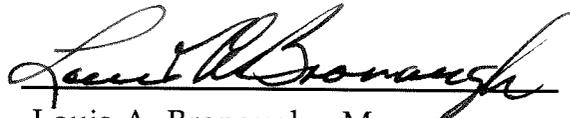
A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

16. COMMENTS

City Manager Maclin stated that the Parks Master Plan Advisory Committee have scheduled a retreat Thursday afternoon at the Red Barn from noon until 5:00 p.m. to try and come up with their decision ranking sheets.

City Manager Maclin stated that Drayton MacLane, owner of the Houston Astros, will be the speaker of the First Friday luncheon.

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


Louis A. Bronaugh - Mayor

ATTEST:

Atha Stokes - City Secretary