

**MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE  
7TH DAY OF JUNE, 1993 AT 10:00 A.M.**

On the 7th day of June 1993 at 10:00 a.m., 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 Bronaugh	Mayor
Percy Simond, Jr.	Councilman, Ward No. 1
Don E. Boyd	Mayor pro tem
Larry Kegler	Councilman, Ward No. 3
Bob Bowman	Councilman, Ward No. 4
Tucker Weems	Councilman, Ward No. 6

being present,

Jack Gorden, Jr.	Councilman, Ward No. 5
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being absent when the following business was transacted.

1. Meeting was opened by Mayor Louis A. Bronaugh.

2. **CANVASS OF BOND ELECTION - APPROVED - JUNE 5, 1993**

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the Council had met to consider the canvass of the Bond Election held on Saturday, June 5, 1993, for the improvements to streets, parks and downtown.

The following votes were recorded:

	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Ward No. 1		
Proposition I	105	90
Proposition II	108	97
Proposition III	81	116

Total people voting in Ward No. 1 - 194

Ward No. 2		
Proposition I	99	122
Proposition II	80	134
Proposition III	73	140

Total people voting in Ward No. 2 - 217

Ward No. 3		
Proposition I	58	114
Proposition II	47	123
Proposition III	36	134

Total people voting in Ward No. 3 - 172

Ward No. 4		
Proposition I	285	264
Proposition II	261	290
Proposition III	205	338

Total people voting in Ward No. 4 - 530

	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Ward No. 5		
Proposition I	457	246
Proposition II	394	309
Proposition III	331	367

Total people voting in Ward No. 5 - 530

Ward No. 6		
Proposition I	189	215
Proposition II	174	231
Proposition III	155	248

Total people voting in Ward No. 6 - 408

Early Voting		
Proposition I	731	907
Proposition II	581	1,043
Proposition III	534	1,095

Total people voting in Early Voting - 1,633

There were five more votes than voters in the Early Voting canvass. City Secretary Atha Stokes stated that she had discovered this discrepancy on Sunday. Mrs. Stokes stated that when the votes were being counted by the Early Ballot Board the chairman of the group, Benny Moye, discussed five ballots with her as to their validity. Mrs. Stokes stated that, in her opinion, these five ballots were counted twice.

Councilman Weems stated that the number of votes cast did not balance out with the number of people voting. Councilman Weems stated that he counted 34 discrepancies in the results - 19 of the votes were in Ward No. 4.

Motion was made by Councilman Tucker Weems and seconded by Councilman Bob Bowman to accept the canvass of votes as presented conditioned on an audit of the election results. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

In response to question by Councilman Simond, Mrs. Stokes stated that the election judges at the individual polling places count the ballots. There is an Early Voting Ballot Board that counts the early ballots (absentee voting).

Councilman Simond stated that he had been out on Saturday and several people he encountered said that once they saw Harry Castleberry endorse the Bond Election, they were against it. Councilman Simond stated that he objected to anyone connected to the bond election campaign being involved with Mr. Castleberry. Councilman Simond stated that Mr. Castleberry said on television that now that the City has agreed to let the County collect the City's taxes, he would vote for the Bond Election. Councilman Simond stated that he did not think that the people were as concerned about the taxes being raised as we think.

Councilman Simond stated that he would like for someone to research and give him a legal opinion on whether each district/ward can vote on their own to get things done in their district. Councilman Simond stated that he would like an opinion from the Attorney General on this.

Mayor Bronaugh stated that no one from the City was involved with Mr. Castleberry on the bond issue, and that the City does not have anything to do with who the TV stations put on television.

Councilman Boyd stated that the attitude of the people in the voting line when he voted in Early Voting was that some people had paid to get their streets paved and

everyone else could pay for their own streets.

Councilman Bowman stated that the public has spoken in regard to parks and downtown Lufkin. Councilman Bowman stated that he felt that the street improvements were important and could possibly pass in another election. Councilman Bowman stated that he would like to see staff continue researching ways to present the street improvements in another election in the future.

Mayor Bronaugh stated that Ward 6 was the only Ward that did not have a street for improvement.

Councilman Kegler stated that he, too, was disappointed that the Propositions did not pass.

City Manager Maclin stated that he wanted to reiterate that Mr. Castleberry's appearance on TV had nothing whatsoever to do with the City of Lufkin.

City Manager Maclin stated that having previously researched wards by requesting information from TML, the reason you can have a liquor vote within a precinct and the reason you can't do the same to vote on expenditure of funds within a Ward is that the liquor vote doesn't effect property taxes. City Manager Maclin stated that the taxes that are collected in Ward 1 are co-mingled with all the other taxes collected in Ward 2-6, and that is why the Government doesn't allow you to do that.

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the voters have spoken and the City Council will continue to carry out their wishes to run this City as efficiently as we can.

3. There being no further business for consideration, meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

  
Louis A. Bronaugh - Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Atha Stokes - City Secretary