

**MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON THE
31ST DAY OF AUGUST, 1993, AT 12:00 O'CLOCK NOON**

On the 31st day of August, 1993, 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
Don Boyd
Percy Simond
Larry Kegler
Tucker Weems
C. G. Maclin
Ron Wesch
Darryl Mayfield
Molly Hicks
Atha Stokes

Mayor
Mayor pro tem
Councilman, Ward No. 1
Councilman, Ward No. 3
Councilman, Ward No. 6
City Manager
Asst. City Mgr./PW
Asst. Cit Mgr./Finance
Director of Accounting
City Secretary

being present, and

Bob Bowman
Jack Gorden, Jr.

Councilman, Ward No. 4
Councilman, Ward No. 5

being absent when the following business was transacted.

1. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Louis A. Bronaugh.

**2. GRANT APPLICATION - RESOLUTION - APPROVED - COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR 1993**

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the Councilmembers had met in a Called Meeting to consider the approval of a Grant Application and Resolution for a Community Development Block Grant for 1993.

City Manager Maclin stated that on page 3 of the packet there is a brief description of the work on this project which calls for the replacement of an existing 6" concrete sanitary sewer line on Martin Luther King Drive. City Manger Maclin stated that this project will serve between 500 and 750 people. City Manager Maclin stated that there is a definite need due to the deterioration of the old pipe and the infiltration and inflow problems that occur during heavy rainfalls. City Manager Maclin stated that this project will call for installing approximately 3,240' of 10" and 12" PVC sewer main and 15 new manholes, which will help to eliminate the overflowing of sewage along Martin Luther King Drive.

City Manager Maclin stated that there is a replacement page for Table 1, which showed the total cost of the project to be \$239,160. There was a \$10,000 error on Table 1, and the total cost of the project should have been \$249,160.

Raymond Vann, Grant Consultant, stated that one of the primary reasons that this project will do well with the Regional Review Committee and the State is because it is a sewer project. Mr. Vann stated that the State, year after year, has set as their Number One priority water, sewer and housing projects. Mr. Vann stated that with this project being a sewer project, that will help a great deal. Mr. Vann stated that in addition to that, this project will impact 500-750 people. After a survey of the residents is completed, this number may be higher, but will be within this range.

Mr. Vann stated that this project will benefit a large number of people and will cut down the cost per person served, which is another consideration of the Regional Review Committee. Mr. Vann stated that he is anticipating the low to moderate income percentage will be a solid (70-75%), which will be very helpful for the project. Mr. Vann stated that the City has in the last few years done very well at the Regional Review Committee, however, on the State level the City has not done quite as well. Mr. Vann stated that there are a number of reasons for this, and one of the reasons is that the last application submitted was for a street project rather than a sewer project. Mr. Vann stated that there are other factors that are beyond the City's control, such as the percent of persons living in poverty, which is a census data score (per capita income). Mr. Vann stated that the City of Lufkin is better off financially than some of the smaller cities that apply for these funds. Mr. Vann stated that these factors do hurt the City of Lufkin in every application they submit, and this will not change with this application. Mr. Vann stated that to overcome that problem, the City has to continue to do well in the Regional Review Committee by improving its scores and that is what he will be attempting to do on the sewer project application.

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the City of Lufkin gets an additional 10 points for never having been funded before.

Councilman Simond stated that Mrs. Simond, as a member of the Top Ladies of Distinction, had participated in the neighborhood survey in preparation of this application and had received some verbal abuse from neighbors regarding the curb and guttering of Scarborough Street. Mr. Vann stated that he appreciated the help of the TLOD, and could not have put this project together without them. Mr. Vann stated that one of the Public Hearings was held at the Top Ladies of Distinction House.

Councilman Simond stated that he would like to see this matter of the curb and guttering addressed. Mr. Mayfield stated that staff had sent everyone who had outstanding curb and gutter bills with the City of Lufkin a letter concerning a special program (with the City Attorney's approval), where if people paid within a certain time frame the City did not charge interest for that year. Mr. Mayfield stated that a number of people from that area came in and staff worked with them to get their accounts paid up. Mr. Mayfield stated that there still some outstanding bills and staff continues to bill for those accounts. Mr. Mayfield stated that in those letters staff explained how much they owed, why they owed that particular amount, and what happened to the interest that was being charged to each account. Mr. Mayfield stated that staff is willing at any point to work with any one of the citizens should they have a problem by putting them on a special payment plan.

In response to question by Councilman Simond as to whether or not it was mandated that the citizens have to pay the interest, Mr. Mayfield stated that staff does not have the authority to tell them that they don't have to pay the interest. Mr. Mayfield stated that last year the special arrangements to hold off on the interest on this project for those citizens who came in and paid down on their account was approved by the City Council and the City Attorney. Mr. Mayfield stated that it would be up to the City Council to make a determination regarding waiving of payment of interest on these accounts.

Mayor Bronaugh stated that perhaps the citizens on Scarborough were thinking about the people who live on Glenn and O'Quinn Streets, which were curbed and guttered through a Grant, and that they should not have to pay either.

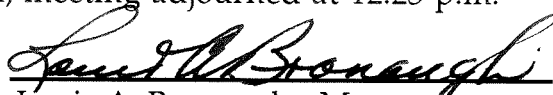
In response to question by Councilman Boyd, Mr. Vann stated there is a map in the handout material that will show where the line starts. Keith Wright stated that the line is approximately 300-400' off of Kurth Drive. Mr. Wright stated that he had seen films of the line and there are cavities and breaks in the pipe. Mr. Wright stated that not only is the line in bad condition, it was too small to begin with.

Asst. City Manager Mayfield stated that in addition to the Top Ladies of Distinction, the Old Lufkin Neighborhood Association and the North Lufkin Association also participated in the survey for this project.

Mr. Vann stated that he has also looked at submitting an application for a housing rehabilitation project in this area and will come back and discuss it with Council at a later date. Mr. Vann stated that this is under the HOME Program and is separate from the Texas Community Development Program. Mr. Vann stated that the HOME Program application would add support to the sewer project and would improve its chances of being funded.

Motion was made by Councilman Don Boyd and seconded by Councilman Larry Kegler that Grant Application and Resolution for Community Development Block Grant for 1993 be approved as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

3. There being no further business for discussion, meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.


Louis A. Bronaugh - Mayor

ATTEST:


Atha Stokes - City Secretary