

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON THE  
21ST DAY OF JANUARY, 1997 AT 5:00 P. M.**

On the 21st day of January, 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
Betty Jones	Councilmember, Ward No. 3
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
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being absent when the following business was transacted.

1. Meeting was opened with prayer by City Manager C. G. Maclin.
2. Mayor Bronaugh welcomed visitors present.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Councilmember Don Boyd and seconded by Councilmember Betty Jones that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 7, 1997 be approved as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

4. **ORDINANCE - APPROVED - SECOND READING - ZONE CHANGE - RESIDENTIAL LARGE SINGLE FAMILY TO LOCAL BUSINESS - OLD UNION ROAD AND LARGENT - ROBERT WOOD - ROYCE GARRETT - CHARLES LARGENT**

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was Second Reading of an Ordinance to change the zoning on "RL" Residential Large Single Family to "LB" Local Business on approximately 4.87 acres of land including tracts 139 through 143 of the J. A. Bonton Survey, located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Old Union Road and Largent Street as requested by Robert Wood, Royce Garrett and Charles Largent.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bob Bowman and seconded by Councilmember Tucker Weems that Ordinance to change the zoning on "RL" Residential Large Single Family to "LB" Local Business on approximately 4.87 acres of land including tracts 139 through 143 of the J. A. Bonton Survey located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Old Union Road and Largent Street as requested by Robert Wood, Royce Garrett and Charles Largent be approved on Second and Final Reading as presented.

Councilmember Jack Gorden, Jr. recused himself from voting since his residence is located within 200' of the proposed property.

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the request carried with five affirmative votes.

**5. GRANT APPLICATION - APPROVED - JUVENILE OFFICERS - POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was a grant for the funding of four juvenile officers for the Police Department.

City Manager Maclin stated that included in the Council packet is a proposed Resolution and a synopsis of the U. S. Department of Justice Community Policy Grant Application.

Chief Collins stated that this is a continuation of the Clinton administration's effort to put 100,000 police officers on the streets of America, and they are doing it through a Community Policing grant program they started several years ago. Chief Collins stated that he received a notice that they would send a grant request for officers involved in community policing that specialized in the area of juvenile crime and gang related criminal activity for future funding. Chief Collins stated that his staff has prepared a grant request for Council consideration. Chief Collins stated that this request will allow for two officers starting in the 1997-'98 fiscal year and two additional officers in the 1998-'99 fiscal year under this program. Chief Collins stated that this is a little different from the grants that have been presented to Council in the past in that they did not start out at a fixed percentage - they will furnish 75% of the money and the City will match that with 25%. Chief Collins stated that this grant states that they will fund up to \$75,000 for the three years of the funding cycle per officer which means that they are only funding \$25,000 per officer on a three year cycle, unless the City requests and is granted a waiver. Chief Collins stated that, in his opinion, the City should not seriously consider this grant without the waiver. Chief Collins stated that along with the grant request he is also requesting a waiver for them to go up to a 75% match the first year, a 70% match the second year and a 65% match the third year for the funding in order to reduce the City's share.

Chief Collins stated that in dollars if they only pay \$25,000 per officer per year it would cost the City \$17,295 per officer for a total of \$34,590 for two officers the first year of funding, the second year of funding for four officers would cost the City \$69,180. Chief Collins stated that if the City had four officers they would receive \$100,000, and the City would spend \$69,180. Chief Collins stated that for the four years of the Contract, the bottom line is that the City's output would be \$380,757 and the Federal share would be \$450,000 for four officers under the entire grant.

Chief Collins stated that he is requesting that Council allow him to submit the grant request with a request for a waiver so that the Federal government would fund up to 75% of it the first year. Chief Collins stated that he would be coming back to Council at the time of the 1997-'98 budget workshop to ask for the match money and would have to come back again to amend the Classification Plan for the additional slots. Chief Collins stated that he is asking that Council approve the Resolution and let him submit the grant and a request for waiver and see what they approve.

In response to question by Mayor Bronaugh, Chief Collins stated that if the money is allocated for the first year and the grant is not approved he would not be able to use the money for anything else within his Department; it can only be used for salaries and benefits, and if the positions were not approved the money would not be used.

City Manager Maclin stated that because this would have an October 1 start up date, Chief Collins will come back to Council requesting \$34,590 as part of a Decision Package for his budget, and then the manpower slots have to be amended for Civil Service, which will require a vote by Council. City Manager Maclin stated that if this request is approved by Council, they have "bought" a three-year Decision Package. Chief Collins stated that if the grant is not approved he would not ask for the money. Chief Collins stated that the next round of decisions will be in April,

and he should know whether the grant is approved just prior to budget time.

Chief Collins stated that one of the things that is a plus in looking at this grant is that at this time there is a desperate need in the City for additional traffic enforcement. Chief Collins stated that juvenile officers and those with specialists in community policing would give the Department the means to free up some of their patrol officers to do more traffic enforcement.

In response to question by Councilmember Bowman, Chief Collins stated that the officers would have to be hired through Civil Service. Councilmember Bowman asked how the Chief would designate the new hires for anti-gang if they are not minority hires, and how effective will they be if he cannot hire minorities. Chief Collins stated that they would be restricted somewhat in their effectiveness but the same as he is doing now in all other areas of law enforcement. Chief Collins stated that these officer's primary responsibility would be crime prevention, working with schools, juvenile probation, and all of the entities that are involved with juveniles trying to prevent crime. Chief Collins stated that it would be 80% on crime prevention and 20% for follow up to actual crime. Councilmember Bowman asked if there was any way of getting around hiring through Civil Service for this particular program. Chief Collins said "No, sir".

Councilmember Gorden stated that it was his understanding that the last grant the City had with COPS was rolling off the end of this year and the next budget year would be the first year for the City to fund this program without any grant money, which will be approximately a \$200-250,000 hit to the budget. Councilmember Gorden asked if there was some way to approach this with something like the "Sunset Commission", so that at the end of the grant periods beginning with this grant, that whoever is around then (Council, Management, Police Chief), be instructed by this Council that they re-evaluate what is being done this year, rather than letting the grants roll into enlarging the force.

In response to question by Councilmember Gorden, Chief Collins stated that at the end of the fourth year the City would have to pay \$177,640 for the four officers.

In response to question by Councilmember Bowman as to the annual obligation for the previous COPS Program, City Manager Maclin stated that for five officers it is approximately \$200-250,000.

City Manager Maclin stated that there are two ways of looking at this, that as the City grows we will need more Police Officers and if the City can take advantage of Federal funds to subsidize that it gives the Department a way to ease this into the budget process without having to spend that amount of money at one time. City Manager Maclin stated that with the waiver program 75%, 70%, and 65% eases the burden to the local taxpayer by basically taking some Federal dollars that we all send to Washington and bringing them back to Lufkin and subsidizing the City of Lufkin as it expands the Police Department. City Manager Maclin stated that the other thing that it does is it gives the City the opportunity as we grow to increase the local service, in this case, we are creating a special task force to work with juveniles and gang intervention to combat a problem that is rapidly growing in some of the metroplex areas.

In response to question by Councilmember Jones, Chief Collins stated that the only area of crime in Lufkin right now that is growing is juvenile crime, the overall crime rate is coming down at a rate of 5% per year for the last five years. Chief Collins stated that he estimates that juvenile crime is accelerating at 20% a year. Chief Collins stated that there are several causes for this - there is not a focus on prevention and we do not have the facilities to deal with juvenile offenders as far as incarceration. Chief Collins stated that the best deterrent for crime is swift, sure punishment, and now there is none. Chief Collins stated that the County will have to take care of this.

Motion was made by Councilmember Don Boyd and seconded by Councilmember Betty Jones that Resolution for grant application for the funding of four juvenile officers for the Police Department with the waiver be approved as presented, and that the grant be reviewed in four years. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

**6. REFUND REQUEST - APPROVED - NCNB TEXAS NATIONAL BANK - CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT**

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was a request of the Tax Assessor/Collector for a refund to NCNB Texas National Bank as authorized by the Central Appraisal District.

City Manager Maclin stated that included in the packet is a letter of request from Bill Shanklin, Tax Assessor/Collector, followed by a property I. D. and legal description from the Central Appraisal District with a note signed by John Whitley (Interim CAD Director), saying that an error was made in 1995 on this account. City Manager Maclin stated that when this transaction took place an extra building was included in the assessment that was not actually purchased by the bank and the amount they paid was in error. City Manager Maclin stated that because of the dollar amount this request requires that each of the taxing entities approve the refund.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bob Bowman and seconded by Councilmember Jack Gorden, Jr. that the refund request of NCNB Texas National Bank in the amount of \$598.02, as authorized by the Central Appraisal District, be approved as presented. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

**7. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Bronaugh recessed Regular Session at 5:30 p.m. to enter into Executive Session. Mayor Bronaugh reconvened the meeting at 6:15 p.m. and stated that Council had discussed legal matters and personnel matters. No decisions were made in Executive Session.

**8. COMMENTS**

Councilmember Weems stated that the Investment Committee met this afternoon and reviewed the past quarter, and the City has had to use some of its money on some of its projects. Councilmember Weems stated that the City has received a 5.2% yield, which is up about 30 points. Councilmember Weems stated that it looks like from their economic review that the year will end with about a 3% increase and looks like the Federal Reserve is still targeting 5.25 as far as Federal funds are concerned. Councilmember Weems stated that, in his opinion, this was a good review.

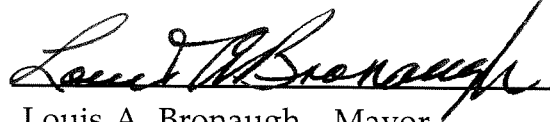
City Manager Maclin stated that, for the minute record, a copy of the Investment Committee report had been given to each Councilmember.

Mayor Bronaugh reminded Councilmembers of the DETCOG meeting in San Augustine, Thursday, January 23rd, and the TML Region 16 meeting in Beaumont later that day.


City Manager Maclin stated that January 29th will be Lufkin/Nacogdoches Day in Austin.

City Manager Maclin reminded Councilmembers of a reception to be held in honor of Kenneth Williams, Public Works Director, at 10:00 a.m. Thursday in the City Hall Atrium.

9. There being no further business for consideration, meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

  
Louis A. Bronaugh - Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Atha Stokes - City Secretary