REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: Anita R. Rodriguez ........................................... Mayor
         Tim Faulkner .................................................. Councilmember
         Rodney Jahn ..................................................... Councilmember
         Timothy L. McCoy ............................................. Councilmember
         Kevin M. Coleman ............................................. City Manager
         Kenneth E. Kvinta ............................................. City Attorney
         Theresa A. Bowe ................................................ City Clerk

ABSENT: Elorine Sitka .................................................. Mayor Pro-Tem

MAYOR Rodriguez called the City Council meeting to order and Councilmember McCoy gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all attending. Visitors were acknowledged and welcomed. Officer Glen Berry was introduced and welcomed as the newest City of Yoakum Police Officer.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Faulkner to adopt the minutes from the meeting of December 10, 2013 as presented. Second was made Councilmember Jahn. Motion carried unanimously.

ECONOMIC/Community Development Coordinator Patrick J. Kennedy was present to provide information regarding a request from Precision Saddle Tree of Yoakum, Texas for a funding request to the Yoakum Economic Development Corporation. Mr. Thom Stevenson with Precision Saddle Tree was also present to address questions. After review, Councilmember McCoy made a motion to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 2013-23) on the second of two readings approving a project proposed by Precision Saddle Tree, Inc. of Yoakum, Texas with the Yoakum Economic Development Corporation for the allocation of Type B Sales Tax Funds in the Amount of $50,000. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Jahn and carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER McCoy made a motion to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 2059) on second and final reading amending the City of Yoakum Code of Ordinances, specifically Chapter 7. Finance and Taxation. Second was made by Councilmember Faulkner; motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION was provided and review was held of the proposed City of Yoakum Policy Manual. After review and discussion, Councilmember Jahn made a motion to approve the proposed City of Yoakum Policy Manual including all departmental, purchasing, and travel and training policies. Motion was seconded by Councilmember McCoy and carried unanimously.

YOAKUM Independent School District Superintendent Tom Kelley was present to make a request on behalf of the YISD for the closure of a portion of McKinnon Street. Among the discussion items and questions were current utilities within the current street location, and bus ingress and egress. Mr. Kelley informed the Council that the architects are aware of the utilities within the area and plans are being made to provide access to utility providers. The project is in the design phase at this time and the school hopes to start construction at the end of the current semester. Upon conclusion of discussion, Councilmember Faulkner made a motion to approve the petition for the
closure of McKinnon Street from Goldman to Baldwin Streets as presented. Second was made by Councilmember Jahn; motion carried unanimously. A public hearing will be scheduled for the February 11, 2014 meeting, and the first reading of the ordinance will be considered upon conclusion of the public hearing. Staff will bring the ordinance back to the Council for final consideration when construction is ready to begin.

MRS. Christi Fojt representing the Yoakum Shape Shop was present to make a request for street closures for the Annual Dash for Downs event. Questions were received and addressed. A motion was made by Councilmember Faulkner to approve the request from the Yoakum Shape Shop for the closure and use of certain streets for the Annual Dash for Downs 5K Run & Kids Fun Run on May 10, 2014 as presented and allow the use of ATVs during the event. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Jahn and carried unanimously.

TEXAS Gas Service has submitted paper work to initiate a rate increase to fund the maintenance of the company’s infrastructure (Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program (“GRIP”) initiated by the Texas Legislature in 2003). Mr. Terry Lane was present representing Texas Gas Service. Mr. Lane explained that the increase will average about $2.30 per customer meter. Cities have 45 days to review the information and make a decision on how to proceed. The structure of the state law dictates that the gas company is entitled to certain rate increases and any cost of litigation brought on the case will be borne by the city initiating the litigation. The city has the option to adopt a resolution that will suspend the rate increase for a period of time. After discussion, Councilmember McCoy made a motion to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 2014-01) suspending the February 17, 2014 effective date of the proposal by Texas Gas Service Company — South Texas Service Area to implement interim GRIP rate adjustments for gas utility investment in 2011-2012 and requiring delivery of this resolution to the company and legal counsel. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Jahn and carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER McCoy made a motion to authorize the purchase of a 2015 F750/Heil PT100 Truck for the Solid Waste Department from a BuyBoard vendor, Heil of Texas of Houston, Texas in the amount of $143,795. Second was made by Councilmember Faulkner and motion carried unanimously.

IN order to complete the audit for 2013, the auditor has recommended that the net income over expenses in the Utility Fund be committed to the Capital Reserve Account (Fund 32). After discussion, Councilmember Jahn made a motion to approve the allocation of the unrestricted cash balance from the Utility Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund. Motion was seconded by Councilmember McCoy and carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER Faulkner made a motion to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 2014-02) authorizing, establishing the procedures for, and appointing election officials for the City’s General Election to be held on May 10, 2014. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Jahn and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilmember McCoy to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Lease Agreement of Election Equipment with Lavaca County for the May 10, 2014 City of Yoakum General Election. Second was made by Councilmember Jahn; motion carried unanimously.

UNDER the City Manager’s Report, the Council was invited to the Guadalupe Valley Water Association meeting being hosted by the City of Yoakum Public Works Department at the Yoakum Community Center on January 16, 2014; an invitation was also extended to the Yoakum Area Chamber of Commerce 96th Annual Banquet being held at the Yoakum Community Center on
January 23, 2014; and the Yoakum Volunteer Fire Department will hold their annual fund raising event on February 16, 2014, also at the Yoakum Community Center. Council was reminded of the upcoming Clean-Up Day scheduled for March 8, 2014. A final inspection for the grant funded portion of the Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project is scheduled for January 15, 2014; engineers are scheduled to do a walk-through with the contractor and organize a punch list. An application for the remaining funds will be made once complete. The contractor plans to bring two crews in to work in separate parts of town. The quarterly report on investments was presented to the Council for review; with the significant increase from October, staff may move a portion of the funds into a CD to maintain the fund balance.

COUNCIL entered into Executive Session at 6:40 PM to discuss a wholesale power purchase agreement and electric utility-related matter (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.086), and to deliberate the creation, appointment, employment, and duties of a Utility Administration Clerk (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.074). The meeting re-opened to the public at 7:05 PM. Action resulting from the Executive Session: Councilmember McCoy made a motion to create and fill a Utility Administration Clerk position. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Faulkner and carried unanimously.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Anita R. Rodriguez, Mayor
City of Yoakum, Texas

ATTEST:

Theresa A. Bowe, City Clerk
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT:  
Anita R. Rodriguez ............................. Mayor  
Elorine Sitka ...................................... Mayor Pro-Tem  
Tim Faulkner ...................................... Councilmember  
Rodney Jahn ....................................... Councilmember  
Timothy L. McCoy ................................. Councilmember  
Kevin M. Coleman ................................ City Manager  
Theresa A. Bowe .................................. City Clerk

ABSENT:  None

CITY Manager Coleman presented information to the Council regarding dedicated budget funds to assist in developing long term goals for the City. A presentation was made and discussion was held regarding a comprehensive plan and annexation possibilities. The existing plan was developed in 2010 which indicated the main goals as cleaning up Yoakum, filling the empty buildings in the downtown area, and possible incentives to repair those buildings. Discussion was held regarding contracting with a facilitator and the scheduling of a strategic planning session.

DIRECTION was given to the City Manager to make contact with facilitators to determine a cost and timeline, and provide information to Council to finalize a date and schedule with a target of the end of February or beginning of March 2014.

THERE being no further business, the meeting closed at 7:32 AM.

Anita R. Rodriguez, Mayor
City of Yoakum, Texas

ATTEST:

Theresa A. Bowe, City Clerk
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT:  Anita R. Rodriguez  ....................................................... Mayor
            Elorine Sitka   ............................................................ Mayor Pro-Tern
            Tim Faulkner ............................................................. Councilmember
            Rodney Jahn ............................................................... Councilmember
            Timothy L. McCoy .......................................................... Councilmember
            Kevin M. Coleman ........................................................... City Manager
            Kenneth E. Kvinta ........................................................... City Attorney
            Theresa A. Bowe ............................................................... City Clerk

ABSENT:  None

MAYOR Rodriguez called the City Council meeting to order and gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all attending. Visitors were acknowledged and welcomed.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Faulkner to adopt the minutes from the meetings of January 14, 2014 and January 22, 2014 as presented. Second was made Mayor Pro-Term Sitka. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR Rodriguez opened a Public Hearing to hear citizen comments regarding the petition from the Yoakum Independent School District requesting the closure of McKinnon Street from Goldman to Baldwin Streets. Yoakum Independent School District Superintendent Tom Kelley was present to make a request on behalf of the YISD for the closure of a portion of McKinnon Street. Mr. David Aselin was present and requested additional information concerning the impact on traffic for the other streets in the area, safety concerns, and bus ingress and egress. Information was provided. A traffic study has not been completed; the traffic impact should be minimal; and the purpose of the street closure is to increase the safety of the students crossing on continual basis throughout the school days. Upon conclusion of discussion the Public Hearing closed.

MAYOR Pro-Term Sitka made a motion to adopt an ordinance on first reading permanently closing McKinnon Street from Goldman to Baldwin Streets. Second was made by Councilmember McCoy; motion carried unanimously.

CITY Manager Coleman presented information to the Council recommending a budget amendment for Utility Administration Personnel budget line item to create a position for an additional Utility Administration Clerk and provide funding for the Interim Director of Public Works during the training period needed in response to the retirement of the current Director of Public Works. After discussion, Councilmember Faulkner made a motion to approve the budget amendment as presented. Second was made by Councilmember Jahn. Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF recommended utilization of a website, GovDeals.Com, for the sale of City surplus equipment. The website assists local governments in selling surplus equipment to a broader sales pool at a cost of 12.5% premium with the concept of bringing in higher bids versus only utilizing local advertising. A list of items recommended to be placed on the GovDeals.com website was presented for consideration. After review and discussion, Councilmember McCoy made a motion to approve
the use of GovDeals.com for the sale of City surplus equipment and authorize the City Manager to place the following equipment on the GovDeals.com website as surplus equipment:

1) 2001 GMC/Heil Sanitation Route Truck (Solid Waste Department)
2) 2001 Chevrolet S10 pickup (Parks and Recreation Department)
3) 1993 GMC Pickup (Water Department),
4) 1982 GMC Brigadier 10 Yard Dump Truck (Wastewater Department)
5) 2000 Corghi Artglio Tire Machine (Garage)
6) 1992 15' Batwing Shredder
7) 1975 Circa 6" Shop Built Water Pump on Trailer
8) 1984 FMC High Velocity Sewer Cleaning Machine
9) 1969 Ingersoll Rand Air Compressor

Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka and carried unanimously.

STRATEGIC Planning consultant qualifications were reviewed. Discussion was held regarding the consultants, the timing of the session(s), and the location. At the conclusion, Council consensus was to give direction to the City Manager to utilize two (2) evening sessions. Councilmember Jahn made a motion to authorize the City Manager to contract with Ron Cox Consulting of Friendswood, Texas based on qualifications. Second was made by Councilmember Faulkner; motion carried unanimously.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Jahn to appoint Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka, Councilmember Tim McCoy, and the City Manager to the City/School Summer Recreation Board. Second was made by Councilmember Faulkner and motion carried unanimously.

UNDER the City Manager’s Report, the Council was invited to the University of Texas-San Antonio Eagle Ford Shale Community Development Program scheduled to be held in three communities in DeWitt County. One event will be hosted in Yoakum (time to be announced). The March 2014 Clean-Up Day procedures are underway; advertising has begun and volunteers are being recruited. The grant funded portion of the Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project has been approved and are waiting for the approval letter to send in for reimbursement to the Texas Department of Agriculture. Contractor continues to work on a deep section of the line traveling up Julia Street although weather has caused the progress to be slow. The report on investments for the first quarter of the fiscal year was presented to the Council for review. Next month staff plans to bring an expense report; and eventually pull all reports into one cohesive report to give an overall picture of the financial standings of the City. Mayor Rodriguez congratulated City Clerk Theresa Bowe on recertification through the Texas Municipal Clerks Association.

COUNCIL entered into Executive Session at 6:35 PM to discuss a wholesale power purchase agreement and electric utility-related matter (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.086). The meeting reopened to the public at 7:50 PM. No action resulted from the Executive Session.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Anita R. Rodriguez, Mayor
City of Yoakum, Texas

ATTEST:
Theresa A. Bowe, City Clerk
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: Anita R. Rodriguez .................................. Mayor
        Elorine Sitka ........................................... Mayor Pro-Tem
        Tim Faulkner .......................................... Councilmember
        Rodney Jahn ............................................ Councilmember
        Timothy L. McCoy .................................... Councilmember
        Kevin M. Coleman .................................... City Manager
        Kenneth E. Kvinta .................................... City Attorney
        Theresa A. Bowe ....................................... City Clerk

ABSENT: None

MAYOR Rodriguez called the City Council meeting to order and Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all attending. Visitors were acknowledged and welcomed.

MOTION was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka to adopt the minutes from the meeting of February 11, 2014 as presented. Second was made Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR Rodriguez opened a Public Hearing to receive citizen comments and receive a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission for the approval of a Change in Zoning from Residential (R-2) to Residential (R-4) on property located at 512 Moffitt Street. The property owners were not present; City Manager Coleman provided the information to the Council. The request is in compliance with the Future Land Use Plan and no objections were received regarding the request. With no public comments being heard, Mayor Rodriguez closed the Public Hearing.

MAYOR Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 2062) on first reading granting a Change In Zoning from Residential (R-2) to Residential (R-4) on property described as Lot 11 of Block 1135 of the Leo Tucker Addition as shown on the official tax roll (for location reference only: 512 Moffitt Street). Second was made by Councilmember McCoy; motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilmember McCoy to approve a request made by Yoakum Gin and Feed for the temporary closure of Front Street from West Street to West Hochheim Street from 8:00 AM on Saturday, March 29, 2014 until 1:00 AM the following morning, for the purpose of holding an "Autism Speaks" fundraising event. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Jahn and carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION was held regarding a proposed expenditure for the remounting and refurbishing of an ambulance module and purchase of a vehicle. The final cost for the unit exceeded budgeted funds. A motion was made by Councilmember Faulkner to approve the expenditure for the remounting and refurbishing of an ambulance module and purchase of a 2014 Dodge Ram 3500 standard cab chassis, amending the specifications to remove the strip, prime, and repaint item to bring the item within budget in the amount of $98,425. Motion was seconded by Councilmember McCoy and carried unanimously.
COUNCIL reviewed the list of streets to be included in the 2014 Street Improvement Project. Information was provided by staff and discussion was held regarding areas that are targeted in the recommendation, coordination with the Texas Department of Transportation for areas in TxDOT right-of-ways, and other considerations. A motion was made by Councilmember McCoy to approve the streets to be included in the 2014 Street Improvement Project, authorize the City Manager to advertise for seal coat bids, and approve the recommendation by staff as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Jahn and carried unanimously.

STAFF provided information to Council regarding the re-codification of the City of Yoakum Code of Ordinances. Efforts have been made with MuniCode to realign, clarify, and organize the Code of Ordinances into a user friendly form. Once adopted, the contract provides a one-year subscription to have the codes listed online through a link to MuniCode. Questions were presented regarding the tracking of usage through the web-based function. After discussion, a motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 2063) on first reading enacting a new Code of Ordinances for the City of Yoakum. Second was made by Councilmember Faulkner; motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION was provided regarding surplus equipment recommended for sale by staff. A motion was made by Councilmember Jahn to include a 2003 Chevrolet Malibu (Police Chief’s vehicle) as surplus equipment and authorized the City Manager to determine the most beneficial method of sale. Motion was seconded by Councilmember McCoy and carried unanimously.

COUNCIL was provided information regarding a preliminary audit report. The auditor apologized for not having the final report completed for the meeting. After review and discussion, staff recommended setting aside 20% of the current year budget as reserves to bring the fund balance to the projected goal set by the adopted fund policy. Motion was made by Councilmember Jahn to commit $1,302,819 as reserves as recommended. Second was made by Councilmember McCoy and motion carried unanimously. Final review of the audit was scheduled for the Special Meeting to be held on March 27, 2014 at 5:00 PM.

MOTION was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka to appointment Tita Mercer to fill an unexpired term for Ms. Mary Lou Vera (term expiring April 2015); to appoint Glen Renken and Conyetta Gaus-Swaney as Commissioners for two-year terms; and Ms. Zephela Mathis as a Resident Commissioner for a one-year term to the Yoakum Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. Second was made by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to appoint Annie Rodriguez as Council Representative to the Yoakum Volunteer Fire Department Pension Board/Texas Emergency Services Retirement System for a two-year term. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Faulkner and carried unanimously.

COUNCIMEMBER McCoy made a motion to proclaim the month of April as Fair Housing Month. Second was made by Councilmember Jahn; motion carried unanimously.

UNDER the City Manager’s Report, as of this date, GrantWorks has received 18 applications for the HOME Program. Only six applicants have completed the application and moved to the next phase. Documentation is being gathered by the other applicants. As a reminder, funding could allow for up to ten homes to be built depending on bids; the next step will be for GrantWorks to have the title searches performed. The University of Texas San Antonio Eagle Ford Shale Community
Development Program will be held in Yoakum on March 20, 2014 at the Harry O. Gibson Center from 11:00 – 3:00. The goal of these sessions is to develop a county-wide impact list. Information was provided regarding the March 2014 Clean-Up Day Program. The event was extremely successful. A detailed/comparative report will be provided at the April Council meeting. The Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project continues. Weather conditions have slowed progress; the contractor anticipates being able to move quicker as the project progresses. Staff is reviewing the Electric Line Extension Policy and may bring a recommendation to Council at a later date. An announcement was made that Mrs. Bettie Powell has passed away. Mrs. Powell served for many years as a dedicated member of the Planning and Zoning Commission. A request for bids will be sent out for the exterior repaint of three City Facilities: the airport hangar building, the Harbus Building, and the Jamison Youth Center. Once bids are received, staff will determine the need to bring to Council for action.

COUNCIL entered into Executive Session at 6:59 PM to discuss a wholesale power purchase agreement and electric utility-related matter (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.086). The meeting reopened to the public at 7:05 PM. No action resulted from the Executive Session.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Anita R. Rodriguez, Mayor
City of Yoakum, Texas

ATTEST:

Theresa A. Bowe, City Clerk
March 27, 2014
Conference Room – 5:00 PM
City Hall

SPECIAL WORKSHOP/MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT:
Anita R. Rodriguez .................................................... Mayor
Elorine Sitka ............................................................. Mayor Pro-Tem
Rodney Jahn ............................................................. Councilmember
Timothy L. McCoy ....................................................... Councilmember
Kevin M. Colman ....................................................... City Manager
Theresa A. Bowe ......................................................... City Clerk

ABSENT:
Tim Faulkner ............................................................ Councilmember

MAYOR Rodriguez called the meeting to order (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 5510.41) at 5:30 PM and the meeting was opened to the public.

AUDITOR Steve Van Manen with Harrison, Waldrop & Uherek, L.L.P. was present to provide information regarding the Annual Financial Audit Report for Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2013. A letter of assurance from the firm was provided, asserting that the information in the audit report is accurate, and a “clean” or “un-qualified” opinion indicating that the City is in good standing. Significant improvements have been made in procedures. After review of the document, Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to approve the audit for Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2013 as presented. Councilmember Jahn seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MR. Ron Cox of Friendswood, Texas, consultant to the Council for strategic planning assistance for the second of the two (2) workshop sessions. Extended discussion was held regarding the Council’s vision, goals, leadership roles, and the strengths and weaknesses of Yoakum as a city.

THERE being no further business, the meeting closed at 6:54 PM.

Anita R. Rodriguez, Mayor
City of Yoakum, Texas

ATTEST:
Theresa A. Bowe, City Clerk
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: Anita R. Rodríguez ......................................................... Mayor
        Elorine Sitka ................................................................. Mayor Pro-Tem
        Tim Faulkner ............................................................... Councilmember
        Rodney Jahn ................................................................. Councilmember
        Kevin M. Colman ............................................................. City Manager
        Kenneth E. Kvinta ............................................................ City Attorney
        Theresa A. Bowe ............................................................. City Clerk

ABSENT: Timothy L. McCoy ............................................................ Councilmember

MAYOR Rodríguez called the City Council meeting to order and Councilmember Tim Faulkner gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all attending. Visitors were acknowledged and welcomed.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Faulkner to adopt the minutes from the meetings of March 11 and March 27, 2014 as presented. Second was made Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka. Motion carried unanimously.

UPON motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka and second by Councilmember Jahn, Council adopted an ordinance (recorded as No. 2062) on second and final reading granting a Change in Zoning from Residential (R-2) to Residential (R-4) on property described as Lot 11 of Block 1135 of the Leo Tucker Addition as shown on the official tax roll (for location reference only: 512 Moffitt Street). Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER Jahn made a motion to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 2063) on second and final reading enacting a new Code of Ordinances for the City of Yoakum. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Faulkner and carried unanimously.

MAYOR Rodríguez opened a Public Hearing to receive citizen comments and receive recommendations from the Planning and Zoning Commission for the approval of a Specific Use Permit for the operation of an educational institution on property located at 308 Aubrey Street, and a Change in Zoning from Residential (R-3) to Residential (R-4) on property located at 202 Antioch Street. Chris Kvinta was present representing the Yoakum Independent School District to answer questions and provide information on property located at 308 Aubrey Street. The school will be placing portable buildings on the property for additional classroom space, provide additional parking, and to allow bus ingress and egress. The property owners were present for the property located at 202 Antioch Street to answer questions. City Manager Colman provided information. Both requests are in compliance with the Future Land Use Plan and no objections were received regarding either. With no objections have been received and no additional comments were provided from the public, Mayor Rodríguez closed the Public Hearing.

MOTION by Councilmember Faulkner to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 2064) on first reading granting a Specific Use Permit for the operation of an educational institution on property described as Lot 1 of Block 1 in the Pietsch Addition and 0.92 acres of Abstract 34 in the John May
Regional Environmental Communications Advisory Committee (RECAC)
  (DeWitt County) (Lavaca County)
  Arthur Rogers Mark Herchek
  Yvonne Rodriguez

Regional Environmental Resources Advisory Committee (RERAC)
  (DeWitt County)
  Michael Bennett
  Gerard Novosad

Regional Health & Human Services Advisory Committee (RHHSAC)
  (DeWitt County)
  Zcith Stevens

Regional Homeland Security Advisory Committee (RHSAC)
  (Lavaca County)
  Mark Herchek

Regional Public Protection Advisory Committee (RPPC)
  (DeWitt County)
  Arthur Rogers

Motion was seconded by Councilmember Jahn and carried unanimously.

AFTER tallying of Council ballots indicating nominations, Councilmember Faulkner made a motion to appoint Don Bowe to the Planning and Zoning Commission to fill an unexpired term. Second was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to proclaim the following weeks to acknowledge Municipal Service in our community:

  National Library Week – April 13th – 19th
  National Public Safety Telecommunications Week – April 13th – 19th
  Administrative Professionals Week – April 20th – April 26th
  Municipal Clerks Week – May 4th – May 10th
  Public Service Recognition Week – May 4th – May 10th
  National Police Week – May 11th – May 17th
  National EMS Week – May 18th – May 24th
  National Public Works Week – May 18th – May 24th

Second was made by Councilmember Faulkner and motion carried unanimously.

UNDER the City Manager's Report, comparative information was provided for Council review on the most recent Yoakum Clean-Up Days. Questions were addressed regarding the number and types of loads. Council was reminded of the Friends of the Library Spring Luncheon to be held at the Yoakum Community Center on Monday, April 28, 2014 beginning at 11:00 AM, and that City facilities will be closed on Good Friday, April 18, 2014 at 12:00 noon. Council was also informed of the monthly emergency siren test to be performed on Friday, May 2, 2014; the siren will be accompanied by a CodeRED community call-out. A special Building and Standards Commission meeting will be scheduled to discuss the Park Place School building that was recently partially consumed by fire. An update was provided on the Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project. The contractor has two crews working in town at this time. Paperwork is being submitted to the Texas Water Development Board for over-budget items. A recommendation for auditing services for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2014 will be presented at the May Council Meeting. Review was
League Addition as shown on the official tax roll (for location reference only: 308 Aubrey Street). Second was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka; motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 2065) on first reading granting a Change in Zoning from Residential (R-3) to Residential (R-4) on property described as Lots 11 and 12 of Block 1057 in the Yoakum Townsite Addition as shown on the official tax roll (for location reference only: 202 Antioch Street) (Property is owned by Marvin and Bernice Kuykendall). Motion was seconded by Councilmember Jahn and carried unanimously.

MAYOR Rodriguez opened a public hearing to hear citizen comments regarding proposed revisions to the City of Yoakum Drought Contingency Plan. Hearing none, the public hearing was closed.

CITY Manager Coleman informed the Council that the Drought Contingency Plan is required by Texas Commission on Environmental Quality statutes and is to be reviewed and adopted every five (5) years. Questions were presented and addressed. After discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 2066) on first reading adopting the City of Yoakum Drought Contingency Plan as presented, providing for penalties, effective date, and publication. Second was made by Councilmember Faulkner and motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilmember Faulkner to approve a request presented from the Yoakum Area Chamber of Commerce for the closure of certain streets and utilization of City property in coordination with the 86th Annual Tom Tom Festival activities to be held June 6 – June 7, 2014. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Jahn and carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER Jahn made a motion to authorize No Parking designation on the portion of Davis Avenue between Valentine Street and S. Park Road on Saturday, June 7, 2014 in conjunction with the 86th Annual Tom Tom Festival. Second was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka; motion carried unanimously.

AFTER Council received information provided by the City Manager, Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 2014-03) approving an updated Municipal Maintenance Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Faulkner and carried unanimously.

MAYOR Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to approve a contract between the Yoakum Economic Development Corporation and a strategic planning consultant in an amount in excess of $25,000 contingent upon YEDC action. Second was made by Councilmember Jahn; motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Faulkner to authorize the City Manager to advertise for Requests for Proposals for retail fuel sales at the Yoakum Municipal Airport. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jahn and carried unanimously.

MOTION to make the following nominations to the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission's Advisory Committees was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka:

Regional Economic Development Advisory Committee (REDAC)
(DeWitt County)
Tim Faulkner
COUNCIL entered into Executive Session at 6:35 PM to discuss a wholesale power purchase agreement and electric utility-related matter (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.086). The meeting reopened to the public at 6:55 PM. No action resulted from the Executive Session.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 0:55 PM.

Anita R. Rodríguez
Mayor
City of Yoakum, Texas

ATTEST:

Theresa A. Bowe, City Clerk
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT:  
Anita R. Rodriguez  ................................................... Mayor  
Elorine Sitka  ..................................................................... Mayor Pro-Tem  
Tim Faulkner  ................................................................. Councilmember  
Rodney Jahn  ................................................................. Councilmember  
Timothy L. McCoy  ......................................................... Councilmember  
Kevin M. Coleman  ......................................................... City Manager  
Kenneth E. Kvinta  .......................................................... City Attorney  
Theresa A. Bowe  ............................................................ City Clerk  

ABSENT:  None

MAYOR Rodriguez called the City Council meeting to order and Councilmember Rodney Jahn gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all attending.

CANVASS of the May 10, 2014 election returns was postponed until after May 16, 2014 to allow time for the Early Voting Ballot Board to meet to review Provisional Ballots. A Special Meeting was scheduled for May 19, 2014 at 12:00 PM to canvass the returns.

VISITORS were acknowledged and welcomed.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Faulkner to adopt the minutes from the meeting of April 8, 2014 as presented. Second was made Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka. Motion carried unanimously.

THE following ordinances were adopted on second and final reading: 1) (recorded as No. 2064) granting a Specific Use Permit for the operation of an educational institution on property described as Lot 1 of Block 1 in the Pietsch Addition and 0.92 acres of Abstract 34 in the John May League as shown on the official tax roll (for location reference only: 308 Aubrey St.); 2) (recorded as No. 2065) granting a Change In Zoning from Residential (R-3) to Residential (R-4) on property described as Lot 11 and 12 of Block 1057 in the Yoakum Townsite Addition as shown on the official tax roll (for location reference only: 202 Antioch Street); and 3) (recorded as No. 2066) adopting the City of Yoakum Drought Contingency Plan; providing for penalties, effective date, and publication. Motion was made by Councilmember Jahn; seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka; and carried unanimously.

MAYOR Rodriguez opened a Public Hearing to receive citizen comments and receive a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission for the approval of a Specific Use Permit for the operation of a home occupation on property located at 209 Garrett Street for a one-year period. The applicants were present to provide information and visuals of the types of products that will be marketed. Information was presented regarding the concerns of surrounding property owners including the amount of traffic that might be brought into the neighborhood. The applicants indicated that they will be starting small and if the business is successful, another location in a commercial district will be sought. The request is in compliance with the Future Land Use Plan. With no other comments being heard from the public, the Public Hearing closed.
MOTION was made by Councilmember McCoy adopting an ordinance (recorded as No. 2067) on first reading granting a Specific Use Permit for the operation of a home occupation for a period of one year for property described as Lot 5 & 7.5 feet of the alley of Block 1202 in the Herder Addition as shown on the official tax roll for the sole use of the applicant and not transferrable (for location reference only: 209 Garrett St.). (Property is owned by Greg Miears.) Second was made by Councilmember Jahn; motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR Rodriguez opened a Public Hearing to receive citizen comments regarding proposed revisions to the City of Yoakum Water Conservation Plan. Information was provided by the City manager, discussion was held with Councilmembers, no public comments were voiced. There being no further comments received, the Public Hearing closed.

MAYOR Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 2014-04) adopting the City of Yoakum Water Conservation Plan. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Faulkner and carried unanimously.

INFORMATION was received regarding a request from property owners for City wastewater service for an address outside the City limits. Expenses for the line extension will be incurred by the property owners. After reviewing the request and the recommendation from staff, Councilmember Faulkner made a motion to approve the request for City wastewater services to be provided for property located at 1752 State Highway 111 East. Second was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka; motion carried unanimously.

CHANGES to the proposed Strategic Plan as discussed previously were presented to Council for review. A meeting with staff has been tentatively scheduled for May 22, 2014. Additional modifications were discussed and will be implemented. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember McCoy to adopt the Strategic Plan as amended. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Jahn and carried unanimously.

BID tabulations were reviewed for the 2014 Street Improvement Project. Three bids were received: 1) H&C Construction, Shiner, TX. in the amount of $107,534.04; 2) Newman & Keng Paving Company, Inc., Giddings, TX. in the amount of $127,447.10; and 3) F. N. Ploch Construction Company, Inc., New Braunfels, TX. in the amount of $104,267.40. Council and staff had originally discussed replacing curbs at Front and Grand during this improvement project; however, based on bids, and to stay within budget, a recommendation was made to review that portion of the project during next year’s street improvement project. Upon further discussion, Councilmember Jahn made a motion to award the 2014 Street Improvement Project to the low bidder, F.N. Ploch Construction Company, Inc. of New Braunfels, TX. based on unit prices as submitted, approve an overall budget of $205,000 ($200,000 from the Street Department Budget and $5,000 from the Parks and Recreation Department Budget), and amend the budget as necessary to accommodate. Councilmember McCoy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MID-Year financial reports were received and reviewed. Discussion was held; Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to authorize budget amendments as presented. Second was made by Councilmember McCoy. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION was held regarding auditing services for Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2014. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka to authorize the City Manager to advertise for Requests for Proposals for auditing services for Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2014. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Faulkner and carried unanimously.
COUNCILMEMBER Faulkner made a motion to approve a request from the Carl & Mary Welhausen Library (810 Front Street) for the closure of certain streets surrounding the Library on July 16, 2014 in coordination with the Annual Summer Reading Program. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilmember McCoy to approve a request for closing the streets surrounding the Fire Station during the Memorial Day Services to be held at the Yoakum Fire Station (203 Nelson Street) on May 26, 2014. Second was made by Councilmember Jahn; motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION was provided and discussion was held regarding revisions to the City of Yoakum Personnel Manual. An amendment was made to Section 8-18, Item C. to indicate "the express advance permission" must be received by the City Manager only. After review, Councilmember McCoy made a motion to adopt the revised City of Yoakum Personnel Manual as amended. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Faulkner and carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER Faulkner made a motion to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 2014-05) authorizing the submission of a Regional Grant Application to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality through the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission in the amount of $17,750. The grant will be for the purchase of new recycle bins that will provide more efficient recycling procedures for the community. Second was made by Councilmember McCoy; motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka to authorize the submission of a grant application to the Tocker Foundation for funding of a digitization project for the Carl & Mary Welhausen Library in the amount of $21,720 and authorize the City Manager to act on behalf of the City on all matters related. The project will digitize newspapers dating from 1896 to 1966. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Faulkner and carried unanimously.

MAYOR Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to accept a bid, as recommended by the Yoakum Independent School District Tax Office, for the tax sale of property described as Part of Lots 7 (12 ½') and 8 (25') of Block 1218 of the AD Ryan Addition in the amount of $1,525 (for location reference: 112 Henrietta St.). Second was made by Councilmember Faulkner; motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION regarding the sale of City surplus equipment from the Fire/EMS Department was unavailable and tabled for a future meeting.

AFTER tabulating Council votes for new appointments to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, Councilmember Jahn made a motion to re-appoint Carl O'Neill, and appoint Jeff Boswell and Scott Witte for two-year terms to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. Councilmember McCoy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

UNDER the City Manager's Report, City facilities will be closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 26, 2014. Memorial Day Services will be held at the Fire Station that morning beginning at 10:00 AM. Tom Tom Festival activities were discussed; and information was provided regarding the City Library's Summer Reading Program. The City Manager provided information regarding the HOME Grant program and the number of applicants that have qualified to this point. Bids for construction will be received and may be brought to the Council at their June meeting. The City Municipal Pool will open officially on May 24, 2014. The Building and Standards Commission has met and ordered the demolition of the Park Place School as a result of the fire that consumed the premises in April. Funding for TIP Strategies by the Yoakum Economic Development Corporation is moving forward; the Board approved the contract and will be utilizing the firm to revise the current
YEDC Strategic Plan. The contract for the Sanitary Sewer Improvement project has three crews working in town at this time. Currently crews are working at the new lift station, along Martin Street, and along the creek near Tozik Street. The contractor will not be moving on to school property until after the first week of June when school will be out.

COUNCIL entered into Executive Session at 7:00 PM to discuss a wholesale power purchase agreement and electric utility-related matter (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.086). The meeting reopened to the public at 7:15 PM. No action resulted from the Executive Session.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Anita R. Rodriguez, Mayor  
City of Yoakum, Texas

ATTEST:

Theresa A. Bowe, City Clerk

CITY OF YOAKUM  
TEXAS
May 19, 2014
Conference Room – 12:00 PM
City Hall

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: 
Anita R. Rodríguez .............................. Mayor
Elorine Sitka .................................... Mayor Pro-Tem
Tim Faulkner .................................. Councilmember
Rodney Jahn ................................ Councilmember
Timothy L. McCoy .......................... Councilmember
Kevin M. Coleman ........................ City Manager
Theresa A. Bowe ............................ City Clerk

ABSENT: None

MAYOR Rodríguez called the meeting to order for the purpose of canvassing the May 10, 2014 General Election returns, issuance of the election certificates and administering of the Oath of Offices to the newly elected Councilmembers.

THE Mayor asked that Councilmembers Faulkner and McCoy canvass the returns. Finding the returns in order, Councilmember McCoy made a motion to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 2014-06) declaring Elorine Sitka and Rodney Jahn elected with the following results: City Council Place 4: Elorine Sitka – 148; City Council Place 5: Rodney Jahn – 154; David Aselin - 29. The motion was second by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried unanimously.

CERTIFICATES of Election were presented to Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka and Councilmember Jahn followed by City Clerk Bowe administering the Statement of Elected Officer and Oath of Office.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM.

Anita R. Rodríguez, Mayor
City of Yoakum, Texas

ATTEST:

Theresa A. Bowe, City Clerk

CITY OF YOAUMUM
TEXAS
June 10, 2014  
Conference Room – 6:00 PM  
City Hall  

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  

PRESENT:  
Anita R. Rodriguez .................................................... Mayor  
Elorine Sitka ............................................................. Mayor Pro-Tem  
Tim Faulkner .............................................................. Councilmember  
Rodney Jahn .............................................................. Councilmember  
Timothy L. McCoy .................................................... Councilmember  
Kevin M. Coleman ...................................................... City Manager  
Kenneth E. Kvinta ....................................................... City Attorney  
Theresa A. Bowe ........................................................ City Clerk  

ABSENT:  
None  

MAYOR Rodriguez called the City Council meeting to order and Councilmember Tim McCoy gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all attending. Visitors were acknowledged and welcomed.

MOTION was made by Councilmember McCoy to elect Anita Rodriguez as Mayor and Elorine Sitka as Mayor Pro-Tem. Second was made by Councilmember Jahn; motion carried unanimously.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Jahn to adopt the minutes from the meetings of May 13, 2014 and May 19, 2014 as presented. Second was made by Councilmember McCoy. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 2067) on second and final reading granting a Specific Use Permit for the operation of a home occupation for a period of one year for property described as Lot 5 & 7.5 feet of the alley of Block 1202 in the Herder Addition as shown on the official tax roll (for location reference only: 209 Garrett St.) (Property owned by Greg Mears.) Motion was seconded by Councilmember Faulkner and carried unanimously.

MAYOR Rodriguez opened a Public Hearing to receive citizen comments and recommendations from the Planning and Zoning Commission for the approval of the following requests: 1) for a Change in Zoning from Residential (R-1) to Residential (R-4) for property located at 903 Old Shiner Road; 2) for a Planned Unit Development for a manufactured home park for property located at 301 Julia St.; and 3) for a Change in Zoning from Industrial (I) to Residential (R-4) on property located in the 100 block of Concrete St. The requests are in compliance with the Future Land Use Plan. The property owner of 903 Old Shiner Road was present to provide information and answer questions. No objections were received on the request. The property owner of 301 Julia Street was not present. Information was presented to the Council by the City Manager and the Code Enforcement Officer was present to answer questions. The property is not currently deemed a manufactured home park. Establishing the PUD would cap the property at seven (7) manufactured homes. One objection was received. Information was provided on the property located on Concrete Street. The City Attorney provided confirmation that approval of the request would not be considered spot zoning. With no other comments being heard from the public, the Public Hearing closed.

COUNCILMEMBER Faulkner made a motion to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 2068) on first reading granting a Change in Zoning from Residential (R-1) to Residential (R-4) on property
described as 2 acres of Abstract 44 of the Patrick Ryan Addition as shown on the official tax roll (for location reference only: 903 Old Shiner Road). Second was made by Councilmember McCoy and motion carried unanimously.

MOTION was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 2069) on first reading granting a Planned Unit Development to operate a manufactured home park on property described as Lots 1-4 and Part of Lots 5, & 8-10 of Block 1155 in the Leo Tucker Addition as shown on the official tax roll (for location reference only: 301 Julia St.). Councilmember Faulkner seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilmember Jahn was made to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 2070) on first reading granting a Change in Zoning from Industrial (I) to Residential (R-4) on property described as the west 50' of Lots 4, 5 & 6 of Block 1054 in the Yoakum Townsite Addition as shown on the official tax roll (for location reference only: part of the 100 block of Concrete St.). Motion was seconded by Councilmember McCoy and carried unanimously.

INFORMATION was provided regarding items being recommended to be advertised as surplus equipment from the Fire/EMS Department, General Administration Department, and Library Department. The Fire/EMS Department is requesting the sale of a Capnography Monitor purchased over 10 years ago with grant funds. The item has never been used and an offer has been received from Guardian Angel Air Ambulance Service for the unit. After discussion of all surplus equipment items, Councilmember Faulkner made a motion to accept the offer from Guardian Angel Air Ambulance Service in the amount of $1,500 for the Capnography Monitor and to authorize the City Manager to sell other surplus equipment as provided. Second was made by Councilmember Jahn; motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION was held regarding the budget and proposal received from the Lower Colorado River Authority for the replacement of electrical breakers at the substation. After review, Councilmember Jahn made a motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) for the replacement of electrical breakers at the City of Yoakum Substation as a sole source provider in an amount not to exceed $50,000 for the construction. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka and carried unanimously.

CITY Manager Coleman provided the Council with proposals for additional employee insurance benefits for consideration. After discussion, Councilmember McCoy made a motion to authorize the City Manager to execute a Rerate Notice and Benefit Verification with the Texas Municipal League MultiState Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool and expand the services to include voluntary vision coverage. Seconded by Councilmember Jahn; motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion authorizing the City Manager to execute a Continuation of Coverage Agreement and a revised Interlocal Agreement with the Texas Municipal League MultiState Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool for insurance services. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Faulkner and carried unanimously.

BID tabulation and a recommendation from GrantWorks, Inc. were provided for Council review for the construction contract for the HOME Program. After discussion, Councilmember Faulkner made a motion to award the bid to RM Quality Construction, LLC dba Randy Malouf-Builders of Conroe, Texas in the amount of $79,000 per home. Councilmember Jahn seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

AN overall timeline and workshop schedule for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget was provided for Council information. Budget requests and recommendations are due to the City Manager from the Department Heads by June 30, 2014; preliminary budget information should be completed by
July 18, 2014 for Council review. Information has been sent to D.Hilton Associates for the payplan update; and information received as part of the Strategic Planning sessions will be an influence on the budget, as well. A budget workshop was scheduled for July 22, 2014 at 5:30 PM.

UPON recommendation from the Yoakum Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors, Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to appoint Larry Leahy to fill an un-expired term as a Director to the YEDC. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Jahn and carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER Faulkner made a motion to re-appoint existing members as follows: Planning and Zoning Commission for three-year terms – James Leist, Carl O’Neill, and Robert Zaruba; Library Board for two-year terms – Roberta Bittick, Lynn Brewer, Bill Haas, and Reggie Simek; Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals for three-year terms – E.L. Moore, and Bill Natho; Yoakum Heritage Museum Representative from City Council for a one-year term – Elorine Sitka. Seconded by Councilmember Jahn; motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to appoint Allan Stevens to the Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals for a three-year term. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Faulkner and carried unanimously.

AFTER Council ballots were reviewed, Mitchel Franz was appointed to fill an un-expired term left by the passing of Don Bowe upon motion by Councilmember Jahn and second by Councilmember McCoy. Motion carried unanimously.

UNDER the City Manager's Report, an update was provided on the Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project-Phase III. The contractor has three crews working in town at this time; the current goal is to complete all work necessary within the high school campus area prior to the beginning of school. City facilities will be closed on Friday, July 4, 2014 in honor of Independence Day. The City/School Summer Recreation programs have begun; and the Summer Reading Program will begin June 16, 2014. Mayor Rodriguez complimented City staff on the outcome of the Memorial Day Services. The event was well received by the public.

COUNCIL entered into Executive Session at 6:57 PM to discuss a wholesale power purchase agreement and electric utility-related matter (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.086); to deliberate and discuss the annual performance evaluation of the City Manager (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.074); and deliberate the appointment, employment, and duties of an Economic/Community Development Coordinator. The meeting re-opened to the public at 7:43 PM. Action resulting from Executive Session: Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to increase the City Manager’s annual salary by $5,000 effective July 1, 2014. Second was made by Councilmember Faulkner; motion carried unanimously.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Anita R. Rodriguez, Mayor
City of Yoakum, Texas

ATTEST:

Theresa A. Bowe, City Clerk
July 8, 2014
Conference Room – 6:00 PM
City Hall

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: Anita R. Rodríguez ........................................ Mayoral
Elorine Sitka ................................................................. Mayor Pro-Tem
Tim Faulkner ................................................................. Councilmember
Rodney Jahn ................................................................. Councilmember
Timothy L. McCoy ....................................................... Councilmember
Kevin M. Coleman ....................................................... City Manager
Kenneth E. Kvinta .......................................................... City Attorney
Theresa A. Bowe ............................................................ City Clerk

ABSENT: None

MAYOR Rodríguez called the City Council meeting to order and gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all attending. Visitors were acknowledged and welcomed. Kat Smith representing Today’s Assisted Living and Founder of the Journey House was present with Tammy Radke and April Vasquez.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Faulkner to adopt the minutes from the meeting of June 10, 2014 as presented. Second was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka. Motion carried unanimously.

THE Council held a re-hearing of the property located at 214 Ruppert St. in their designation as the Second Panel of the Building and Standards Commission. The property owner was present to make an appeal of the demolition order handed down from the Building and Standards Commission. Mrs. Esther Douglas was present and informed the Council of the circumstances surrounding the property and the goals that she has to bring the property into compliance. The property owner indicated that she was unaware of the meeting held by the Building and Standards Commission due to her husband neglecting to provide her with the notice he had signed for from the Code Enforcement Officer. After discussion was held and direction was given to the property owner to provide a timeline and action layout to the Building and Standards Commission on bringing the property into compliance, a motion was made by Councilmember Faulkner to request the Building and Standards Commission to review the property at the September 18, 2014 meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilmember McCoy and carried unanimously.

The following ordinances were adopted on second and final reading upon motion by Councilmember Faulkner and second by Councilmember McCoy: 1) (recorded as No. 2068) granting a Change in Zoning from Residential (R-1) to Residential (R-4) on property described as 2 acres of Abstract 44 of the Patrick Ryan Addition as shown on the official tax roll (for location reference only: 903 Old Shiner Road); 2) (recorded as No. 2069) granting a Planned Unit Development to operate a manufactured home park on property described as Lots 1-4 and Part of Lots 5, & 8-10 of Block 1155 in the Leo Tucker Addition as shown on the official tax roll (for location reference only: 301 Julia St.); 3) (recorded as No. 2070) granting a Change in Zoning from Industrial (I) to Residential (R-4) on property described as the west 50’ of Lots 4, 5 & 6 of Block 1054 in the Yoakum Townsite Addition as shown on the official tax roll (for location reference only: part of the 100 block of Concrete St.).

A presentation was made by Mr. Michael McCracken to request extending the local liquor/beer license to 2:00 AM. Mr. McCracken has been in contact with local hotel/motel owners that would be willing to provide rooms at a discounted rate to patrons that would prefer not to drive
at the late hour and still enjoy the entertainment; and he has looked into shuttle services. He indicated that he would like to see Yoakum thrive and that providing locations for local and out-of-town patrons to enjoy would benefit the community. Questions from the Council were addressed; after discussion, no action was taken.

MR. Patrick Gordon was present to make a request for the utilization of City property to be used by the Crossroads Youth Football League. The League has insurance and will provide maintenance and improvements to the field. Motion by Councilmember McCoy to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Crossroads Youth Football League for utilization of City owned property adjacent to the City Rodeo Grounds. Second was made by Councilmember Jahn; motion carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER Jahn made a motion to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 2014-07) authorizing the establishment of a citizen advisory committee to review and comment upon the development of municipal planning studies. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka and carried unanimously.

MOTION was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka to approve the Yoakum Economic Development Corporation Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget as presented. Second was made by Councilmember Jahn and motion carried unanimously.

UNDER the City Manager’s Report, an update was provided on the Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project-Phase III. The project is 90% complete; the current goal is to complete all work necessary within the high school campus area prior to the beginning of school. A great deal of work has been completed on the Strategic Plan Development by staff. The process has included staff looking at general goals and developing concrete ideas; the groups will meet one more time in an attempt to finalize the process and establish priorities. The consultant Ron Cox will be back on July 24th to meet with staff and compile information for the City Council. The Quarterly Financial/Investment Report was presented for review. The only significant change was the amount being hold out of CD to ensure payment of the Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project invoices. A budget meeting was scheduled for July 22, 2014 at 5:30 PM.

COUNCIL entered into Executive Session at 7:00 PM to discuss a wholesale power purchase agreement and electric utility-related matter (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.086); to deliberate the appointment, employment, and duties of an Economic Development Director (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.074); and to discuss the City of Yoakum Electric Line Extension Policy as it relates to public power utility competitive matters (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.086). The meeting re-opened to the public at 7:30 PM. No action resulted from Executive Session.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Anita R. Rodriguez, Mayor
City of Yoakum, Texas

ATTEST:

Theresa A. Bowe, City Clerk
July 22, 2014
Conference Room – 5:30 PM
City Hall

SPECIAL MEETING/BUDGET WORKSHOP OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT:

Anita R. Rodriguez ........................................ Mayor
Elorine Sitka .............................................. Mayor Pro-Tem
Tim Faulkner ............................................. Councilmember
Rodney Jahn ............................................. Councilmember
Timothy L. McCoy ....................................... Councilmember
Kevin M. Coleman ....................................... City Manager
Theresa A. Bowe ......................................... City Clerk

ABSENT: None

THE meeting was called to order by Mayor Rodriguez for the purpose of reviewing the proposed 2014-2015 City of Yoakum Budget and Revenue Report. Steven Van Manen of Harrison, Waldrop & Uherek, L.L.P. was present to provide information regarding the report.

Revenue, debt, and expenditures were reviewed. Departmental budget worksheets were presented and reviewed. Questions were presented and addressed by the City Manager and Department Heads.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Anita R. Rodriguez, Mayor
City of Yoakum, Texas

ATTEST:

Theresa A. Bowe, City Clerk
August 12, 2014
Conference Room – 5:15 PM
City Hall

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: Anita R. Rodríguez .............................................. Mayor
Elorine Sitka ............................................................... Mayor Pro-Tem
Tim Faulkner ............................................................... Councilmember
Rodney Jahn ............................................................... Councilmember
Timothy L. McCoy ......................................................... Councilmember
Kevin M. Coleman ....................................................... City Manager
Theresa A. Bowe .......................................................... City Clerk

ABSENT: None

THE meeting was called to order by Mayor Rodriguez for the purpose of receiving a report on a Strategic Plan from consultant Ron Cox. Information was provided: 25 employees were involved in the report process and participated in the project. Proposed vision statements and core values were discussed, along with leadership responsibilities, building the confidence the citizens having in the City employees, and quality of life information was reviewed. Categories were broken down into quality of life, economic development, and organizational development. Details for each category were discussed. A key component will be reporting back to Council indicating where progress has been made and where action has not been taken and why. It will be important to take the full context of the plan into consideration through periodic reports through the City Manager. Semi-Annual reports will be needed, as well as, regular updates from staff teams on a quarterly basis. If reporting protocols are maintained, and follow through is done, the plan will begin to come together.

MAYOR Rodriguez expressed the Council’s gratitude to staff for the work that was put into this project.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:16 PM.

Anita R. Rodríguez, Mayor
City of Yoakum, Texas

ATTEST:

Theresa A. Bowe, City Clerk
August 12, 2014
Conference Room – 6:00 PM
City Hall

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT:
Anita R. Rodríguez .................................................. Mayor
Elorine Sitka .................................................. Mayor Pro-Tem
Tim Faulkner .................................................. Councilmember
Rodney Jahn .................................................. Councilmember
Timothy L. McCoy .................................................. Councilmember
Kevin M. Coleman .................................................. City Manager
Kenneth E. Kvinta .................................................. City Attorney
Theresa A. Bowe .................................................. City Clerk

ABSENT: None

MAYOR Rodríguez called the City Council meeting to order at 6:20 PM and Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all attending. Visitors were acknowledged and welcomed.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Faulkner to adopt the minutes from the meetings of July 8 and July 22, 2014 as presented. Second was made by Councilmember Jahn. Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION was provided by City Attorney Kvinta regarding the proposed ordinance to extend hours for the sale of beer, wine and mixed beverages for on-premises consumption. Michael McCracken was present to provide additional information on why the ordinance should be passed. He will be opening the Yoakum Gin for business and believes the extended hours will be a drawing point for locals and surrounding citizens, and be for the betterment of the community. Yoakum Police officers were present to provide input regarding the issues that may occur as a result of the extended hours. After discussion, Councilmember Faulkner made a motion to adopt an ordinance on first reading to adopt extended hours for the sale of beer, wine and mixed beverages for on-premises consumption. Second was made by Mayor Pro-Term Sitka. For – Mayor Pro-Term Sitka and Councilmember Faulkner; Against – Mayor Rodríguez, Councilmember Jahn, and Councilmember McCoy. Motion failed.

MOTION by Mayor Pro-Term Sitka to authorize the closure of W. Schleicher Street from 6:00 PM on Friday, September 12, 2014 through 1:00 AM on Sunday, September 14, 2014 as requested by Michael McCracken in coordination with the Grand Re-Opening and Barbecue Cook-off of the Yoakum Gin. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Faulkner and carried unanimously.

STAFF presented a recommendation for the sale of vehicles from the Police Impound Yard. After review, Councilmember Faulkner made a motion to authorize the sale of abandoned and impounded vehicles pursuant to Chapter 683 of the Texas Transportation Code as presented by public auction. Second was made by Councilmember McCoy; motion carried unanimously.

UPON motion by Councilmember Faulkner and second by Councilmember Jahn, the Council unanimously approved the appointment of Mayor Pro-Term Elorine Sitka and Councilmember Tim McCoy to the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission's General Assembly for one-year terms.
COUNCILMEMBER Jahn made a motion to nominate Mr. Joe Hermes of Edna, Texas to the Texas Municipal League MultiState Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool Region 11 Board of Trustees. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka and carried unanimously.

UPON recommendation by staff, Councilmember McCoy made a motion to appoint Harrison, Waldrop & Uherek, LLP to perform auditing services for the City of Yoakum’s Fiscal Years 2014, 2015, and 2016 based on qualifications, history, and experience. Second was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka; motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilmember McCoy to reappoint Tommy Barre, Gery Maneth, and Zenith Stevens for two-year terms to the Yoakum Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors. Second was made by Councilmember Jahn and motion carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER Jahn made a motion to appoint the following members to the Building and Standards Commission for a two-year terms: Howard Templin, Wilbern Hairell, Havey Pekar, Alan Kahanek, Connie Zimmerman, and Alternates Susie Brewer and Carrie Renken. Motion was seconded by Councilmember McCoy and carried unanimously.

REVIEW was held on proposed Fiscal Year 2014-2015 expenditures. Line items were discussed; revenue items were reviewed including sales tax, and water revenue. Discussion was held on the employee wage scale to increase as previously provided for the 2nd of the three-year process. Additional staffing to accommodate potential retirement options of long-time employees was discussed. The wage increase is funded out of the reserve funds at this time. LCRA charges were reviewed. Electric and Water Department projects were reviewed; these will be slated for next year to relieve part of the strain on reserve funds. A computer enhancement for the Utility Department was proposed and vacant positions in the Water and Wastewater Departments were listed.

THE proposed Tax Rate will be equal to this year's rate; sales tax projections were discussed; solid waste fees were reviewed including increased revenue from Texas Disposal Systems (TDS); and re-slated court fees. At this time, the budget was presented without service fee increases, making the 5th consecutive year the increases have not been implemented into the City’s fee schedule. Direction was given to staff to wait for information from the auditor regarding the rate survey and bring the budget without any rate increases to determine if it can be balanced. Public Hearing for the budget will be held at the September 9, 2014 meeting; a special meeting will be held on September 23, 2014 at 7:30 AM for the second reading.

UNDER the City Manager's Report, an update was provided on the Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project-Phase III. The contractor is working on the Tozik Street line in order to limit interference with school traffic and will need to close that street intermittently to do repairs. Two portions of the project are complete including the lift station. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be scheduled upon completion. The final leg of the project will span between the Oak Ridge Subdivision and the railroad property. Boring will be initiated during a part of that portion of the project. Department vacancies were reviewed: the Economic Development Director position is still posted and we are accepting applications; the Police Chief position remains open, and we have received 12 completed applications; Library Director Lynn Mixon has resigned to take another position and Deputy City Clerk Gena Jiral has been transferred to fill that vacancy; the Deputy City Clerk position will be posted and applications will be accepted. Upcoming community events were reviewed: the Municipal Swimming Pool closed for the summer on August 9, 2014; a reminder was provided of the October Clean-Up Day; Economic Development Enhancement Program funding applications are being accepted; and the Yoakum Gin will hold its re-opening event on September 13, 2014. Future agenda items were noted: the semi-annual Bank Depository bid notice will be sent out and results
will be provided at the September Council meeting; and the Electric Extension Policy will be brought to the Council for review and possible action.

COUNCIL entered into Executive Session at 7:40 PM to discuss a wholesale power purchase agreement and electric utility-related matter (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.086); to deliberate the appointment, employment, and duties of an Economic Development Director (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.074). The meeting re-opened to the public at 8:25 PM. Action resulting from Executive Session: motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka to cancel the GFS Contract and bring back a contract extension from the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA). Second was made by Councilmember Faulkner; motion carried unanimously.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Anita R. Rodriguez, Mayor
City of Yoakum, Texas

ATTEST:

Theresa A. Bowe, City Clerk

CITY OF YOAKUM
TEXAS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: Anita R. Rodríguez ................................. Mayor
          Elorine Sitka ................................. Mayor Pro-Tem
          Tim Faulkner ................................. Councilmember
          Rodney Jahn ................................. Councilmember
          Kevin M. Coleman ............................. City Manager
          Kenneth E. Kvinta ............................ City Attorney
          Theresa A. Bowe .............................. City Clerk

ABSENT: Timothy L. McCoy ................................. Councilmember

MAYOR Rodríguez called the City Council meeting to order and Councilmember Faulkner gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all attending. Visitors were acknowledged and welcomed.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Faulkner to adopt the minutes from the meetings of August 12, 2014 as presented. Second was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR Rodríguez opened a Public Hearing to receive citizen comments and recommendations from the Planning and Zoning Commission for the approval of a request from Mr. George Scott for a Change in Zoning from Residential (R-2) to Residential (R-4) on property located at the corner of Mathew and Fink Streets. The request is in compliance with the Future Land Use Plan. The property owner was present to provide information and answer questions. No objections were received on the request. With no other comments being heard from the public, the Public Hearing closed.

MAYOR Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 2071) on first reading granting a Change in Zoning from Residential (R-2) to Residential (R-4) on property described as Lot 12 of Block 1147 of the Leo Tucker Addition as shown on the official tax roll (for location reference only: corner of Mathew and Fink Streets). Second was made by Councilmember Jahn and motion carried unanimously.

REPRESENTATIVES from St. Joseph Catholic School were present to make a request to provide for one-way traffic on a portion of Orth Street. After review and discussion, Councilmember Jahn made a motion to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 2014-08) providing for one-way traffic on Orth Street from Orange Street to Schrimsher Street. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka and carried unanimously.

CITY Manager Coleman provided information regarding a request from Eddy Packing Company, Inc. for project funding from the YEDC. Representing Eddy Packing, Francisco Montejano and Pete Ryhold were present to provide information and answer questions. Final approval will be contingent upon the YEDC approving the Performance Agreement. After discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to adopt a Resolution (recorded as No. 2014-11) on the first of two readings approving a project proposed by Eddy Packing Company, Inc. to the Yoakum Economic Development Corporation. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Jahn and carried unanimously.

COUNCIL received and reviewed bids for the City depository contract. City Manager Coleman provided information to the Council and summarized the two bids received from Yoakum National Bank
and First State Bank. After compiling the information and comparing the numbers submitted, City staff recommended that Council award the bid to Yoakum National Bank.

AFTER discussion, Councilmember Faulkner made a motion to award the City depository contract to Yoakum National Bank for a two-year period. Second was made by Councilmember Jahn. Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka abstained from voting. Motion carried with Mayor Rodriguez, Councilmember Jahn, and Councilmember Faulkner voting in favor.

COUNCILMEMBER Faulkner made a motion approve an updated City of Yoakum Employee Wage & Salary Plan and incremental salary adjustment for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka and carried unanimously.

UPON motion by Councilmember Jahn and second by Councilmember Faulkner, the Council unanimously voted to approve the 2014 Certified Appraisal Roll for the City of Yoakum as certified by the DeWitt County Chief Appraiser.

MAYOR Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to establish the amount of debt service to be supported by the ad valorem tax levy and the amount to be supported by utility revenue for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 for the payment of principal, interest, and administrative fees, the 2006 Texas Water Development Board Certificates of Obligation debt, the 2008 Texas Water Development Board General Obligation Bond debt, and the 2011 General Obligation Bond Issue debt as presented. Second was made by Councilmember Faulkner and motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR Rodriguez opened a public hearing to receive citizen comments on the City of Yoakum’s 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Budget. No comments were received from the public. There being no further discussion the public hearing closed.

MOTION by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 2072) on first reading adopting the City of Yoakum 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Budget as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Faulkner and carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER Faulkner made a motion to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 2073) on first reading levying taxes to be assessed and collected, and setting the 2014 City Tax Rate for the City of Yoakum at $0.09087 ($0.03484 for Maintenance and Operation; $0.05603 for principal and interest on debt of this City). Second was made by Councilmember Jahn. Motion carried unanimously.

THE City’s Investment Policy was reviewed as required. No changes were recommended. Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 2014-09) renewing the adopted Investment Policy as presented. Councilmember Jahn seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

DELINQUENT ambulance and utility account receivables were presented for review. After discussion, motion was made by Councilmember Jahn to authorize the charge-off of listed ambulance and utility account receivables as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka and carried unanimously.

CITY Manager Coleman provided information regarding possible contracts with employees for training reimbursement. The City will pay for fund higher education courses as they pertain to an employee’s position with the commitment from the employee to work a mandatory length of time or reimburse the City as agreed within the contract. After review, Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute employee reimbursement training contracts. Second was made by Councilmember Faulkner and motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION was held regarding amendments to the Sanitary Sewer Improvement contract. After review, Councilmember Faulkner made a motion to approve additional expenditures for the Phase III
Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project in an amount not to exceed $50,000. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Jahn and carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER Jahn made a motion to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 2014-10) approving an updated Municipal Maintenance Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for fiscal Year 2015 and authorizing the City Manager to execute said agreement. Second was made by Councilmember Faulkner; motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to appoint City Manager Kevin Coleman, Councilmember Rodney Jahn, and Mr. Tommy Barre to the Citizen Advisory Board in conjunction with the Community Development Block Grant project for two-year terms. Second was made by Councilmember Faulkner and motion carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER Jahn made a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute a certificate casting votes for the incumbents for the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board of Trustees to serve six-year terms. Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka to cast Yoakum’s vote for Joe Hermes of Edna, Texas to be appointed to the Region 11 Texas Municipal League MultiState Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool Board of Trustees for a 3-year term and authorize the Mayor to execute a certificate casting the vote. Second was made by Councilmember Faulkner; motion carried unanimously.

UNDER the City Manager’s Report, the bi-annual Clean Up day is scheduled for October 4, 2014; applications for the Economic Development Board Enhancement Programs will be received up until October 3, 2014. The Yoakum High School Homecoming Parade is scheduled for September 14, 2014. The City of Yoakum’s Annual Service Award Banquet is scheduled for September 25, 2014. Council was reminded that the TML Annual Conference is to be held in Houston, Texas from September 30th – October 3, 2014. The Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) is scheduled to begin a retrofit of the Yoakum substation in September, and Ploch Construction is scheduled to begin the Street Improvement Project on September 11, 2014. Council was also reminded of the Special City Council meeting scheduled for September 23, 2014 at 7:30 AM for the second reading of budget and tax ordinances, as well as the second reading of the resolution approving Type B Sales Tax funding to Eddy Packing, Inc.

COUNCIL entered into Executive Session at 6:45 PM to consult with the City Attorney on pending or contemplated litigation (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.071). The meeting re-opened to the public at 7:00 PM with no action resulting from Executive Session.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Anita R. Rodriguez, Mayor
City of Yoakum, Texas

ATTEST:
Theresa A. Bowe, City Clerk
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT:  
Anita R. Rodríguez .................................................. Mayor
Elorine Sitka .......................................................... Mayor Pro-Tem
Tim Faulkner .......................................................... Councilmember
Rodney Jahn ............................................................ Councilmember
Timothy L. McCoy .................................................. Councilmember
Kevin M. Coleman .................................................... City Manager
Theresa A. Bowe ...................................................... City Clerk

ABSENT:  None

THE meeting was called to order by Mayor Rodriguez in compliance with V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.041.

AFTER review, a motion was made by Councilmember Faulkner to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 2072) on second and final reading adopting the City of Yoakum 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Budget. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka and carried unanimously.

MAYOR Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 2073) on second and final reading levying taxes to be assessed and collected, and setting the 2014 City Tax Rate for the City of Yoakum at $0.09087 ($0.03484 for Maintenance and Operation; $0.05603 for principal and interest on debt of this City). Second was made by Councilmember Jahn. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 2014-11) on the second of two readings approving a Performance Agreement with Eddy Packing Company, Inc. for allocation of Type B Sales Tax funds in the amount of $40,000. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Jahn and carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER Jahn made a motion to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 2014-12) amending Subsection IX. Solid Waste Rates and Fees, Item 6., and Subsection X. Solid Waste Management Facility Rates and Fees of the Utility Section of the City of Yoakum Manual of Fees and Service Charges. Second was made by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried unanimously.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 AM.

[Signature]
Anita R. Rodríguez, Mayor
City of Yoakum, Texas

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Theresa A. Bowe, City Clerk

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT:  Anita R. Rodríguez ........................................... Mayor
          Elorine Sitka .................................................. Mayor Pro-Tem
          Tim Faulkner .................................................. Councilmember
          Rodney Jahn ................................................... Councilmember
          Timothy L. McCoy ............................................ Councilmember
          Kevin M. Coleman ............................................. City Manager
          Kenneth E. Kvinta .............................................. City Attorney
          Theresa A. Bowe ................................................ City Clerk

ABSENT:  None

MAYOR Rodríguez called the City Council meeting to order and Councilmember Jahn gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all attending. Visitors were acknowledged and welcomed.

MOTION was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka to adopt the minutes from the meetings of September 9, 2014 and September 23, 2014 as presented. Second was made by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER Faulkner made a motion to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 2071) on second and final reading granting a Change in Zoning from Residential (R-2) to Residential (R-4) on property described as Lot 12 of Block 1147 of the Leo Tucker Addition as shown on the official tax roll (for location reference only: corner of Mathew and Fink Streets). Second was made by Councilmember Jahn and motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL entered into Executive Session at 6:01 PM to discuss a wholesale power purchase agreement and electric utility related matter (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.086). The meeting re-opened to the public at 6:38 PM. The following actions resulted from Executive Session: 1) motion by Councilmember Faulkner to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 2014-13) authorizing the Mayor to execute an Amended and Restated Wholesale Power Agreement with the Lower Colorado River Authority for the purchase of wholesale power. Motion was seconded by Councilmember McCoy and carried unanimously. 2) Councilmember McCoy made a motion to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 2014-14) authorizing the Mayor to execute the First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Wholesale Power Agreement. Second was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka and carried unanimously. 3) Motion by Councilmember Jahn to adopt a revised schedule for repayment of LCRA Fiscal Year 2014 under recovery. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Faulkner and carried unanimously.

AFTER presentation and review, Councilmember Jahn made a motion to approve the 2014 Certified Appraisal Roll for the City of Yoakum as certified by the DeWitt County Chief Appraiser. Second was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka; motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to re-appoint Maggie Jahn and Wayne Rudolph to the Yoakum Oak Grove Cemetery Association Board of Directors for three-year terms. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Faulkner and carried unanimously.

UPON motion by Councilmember Faulkner and second by Councilmember McCoy, Council unanimously approved the City of Yoakum's Identity Theft Prevention Program/Policy as presented.
MOTION by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka to accept two Fiscal Year 2014 Homeland Security Grants totaling $36,779 for the purchase of mobile radio equipment and authorizing the City Manager to act in all matters related to the grants. Second was made by Councilmember Faulkner; motion carried unanimously.

AFTER discussion, Councilmember McCoy made a motion to approve action steps as recommended by staff relating to the 2014 Strategic Plan and implement procedures as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Jahn and carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION was held regarding an agreement between the City and Energy Waste Services for disposal of wastewater. Engineers have reviewed the plans and discussion has been held with the requestor. Motion was made by Councilmember McCoy to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement for a six month period as a trial basis. Second was made by Councilmember Faulkner and carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER Jahn made a motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Letter of Agreement with the Texas A&M University System for the lease of City owned property described as a 25.3696 acre tract of land in Lavaca County, Texas for a 24 month period. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka and carried unanimously.

INFORMATION was not available from the Yoakum Area Chamber of Commerce for the closure of certain streets in coordination with the Christmas on the Grand activities and not addressed by Council.

MOTION by Councilmember McCoy to authorize the City Manager to advertise for bids for the 2015 Electric System Improvement Project as budgeted. Second was made by Councilmember Jahn; motion carried unanimously.

UNDER the City Manager’s Report, the Council was reminded that the Annual Halloween Pumpkin Patch will take place on October 31, 2014; potential Council items may include certain budget items that are anticipated to be over the $25,000 threshold; the Quarterly Investment Report was presented for review and to be forwarded in electronic format to the Council; a report was provided on the October 2014 Clean-Up Day—an increase in the overall volume received at the Transfer Station; and Council was informed of appeals received as a result of demolition orders from the Building and Standards Commission at their meeting held on October 2, 2014. Three appeals have been received; consensus of the Council was to hear the appeals at the November 11, 2014 Council meeting.

COUNCIL entered into Executive Session at 7:05 PM to deliberate the appointment, employment, and/or duties for the Chief of Police position (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.074). The meeting re-opened to the public at 7:00 PM with no action resulting from Executive Session.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Anita R. Rodriguez, Mayor
City of Yoakum, Texas

ATTEST:
Theresa A. Bowe, City Clerk

Anita R. Rodriguez, Mayor
City of Yoakum, Texas

Theresa A. Bowe, City Clerk
November 11, 2014
YISD Conference Room – 6:00 PM
City Hall

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: Anita R. Rodríguez ......................................... Mayor
        Elorine Sitka ......................................................... Mayor Pro-Tem
        Tim Faulkner .......................................................... Councilmember
        Rodney Jahn ............................................................ Councilmember
        Timothy L. McCoy ..................................................... Councilmember
        Kevin M. Coleman ..................................................... City Manager
        Kenneth E. Kvinta ..................................................... City Attorney
        Theresa A. Bowe ....................................................... City Clerk
        Sandra Jacob .......................................................... Finance Director

ABSENT: None

MAYOR Rodríguez called the City Council meeting to order and Councilmember McCoy gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all attending. Visitors were acknowledged and welcomed.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Faulkner to adopt the minutes from the meeting of October 14, 2014 as presented. Second was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka. Motion carried unanimously.

UPON receipt of information from City Manager Coleman, a motion was made by Councilmember McCoy to approve an amended plat of Lots 19 and 20 of Block 11 (NCB 1088) in the Plaza Addition. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Jahn and carried unanimously.

THE Council convened into their designation as the Building and Standards Commission Second Panel and held a re-hearing of the following properties: 1) 101 Lavaca Street, 2) 202 Elk Street, and 3) 1107 Mathew Street. The property owners were present to make an appeal of the demolition order handed down from the Building and Standards Commission.

1) Larry Woodruff was presented to provide information and ask for an extension of 60 days in order to complete demolition. After review and discussion, Councilmember Jahn made a motion to grant a 60 day extension on the property located at 101 Lavaca Street to provide the property owner time to complete demolition. Motion was seconded by Councilmember McCoy and carried unanimously.

2) Sandra Perez was present along with her sisters to requesting that the demolition order be stayed and asking for a period of time to make improvements to the property in order to bring the dwelling up to Code. The property had previously been ordered for demolition in 202 Elk Street in 2009 when the property was owned by Deborah Perez. An appeal was heard by the Second Panel at that time and a stay of demolition was provided. Sandra Perez stated that she was unaware of the current review by the Building and Standards Commission until recently when her father had found a posted notice on the property. Extended discussion was held and after review Councilmember McCoy made a motion to allow a 60 day extension to the property owner to level the dwelling, complete the roof replacement, and install new windows on the property. Second was made by Councilmember Faulkner; motion carried
unanimously. The property owner was made aware that if repairs begin and are not followed through with, and demolition is ordered, all losses will be at the owner's expense. Corrected property owner contact information was provided.

3) Louise Alexander and Natheen Wright Caldwell were present representing the property at 1107 Mathew Street. The ladies informed the Council that the property has been secured; Code Enforcement Officer Adam Findeisen confirmed. Discussion was held regarding the future of the property: indications were that they will either sell the property or pool family resources to bring the dwelling up to Code. After discussion, Councilmember Faulkner made a motion to provide the property owners an extension of 90 days determine a course of action and request that the Building and Standards Commission continue to monitor the property. Second was made by Councilmember McCoy. Motion carried unanimously.

THE Council convened into regular session.

A request was received from the Yoakum Housing Authority for a waiver of Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT). After explanation and discussion, Councilmember Jahn made a motion to approve the request for waiver of the 2014 PILOT payment from the Yoakum Housing Authority. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilmember Jahn to approve a request from the Yoakum Area Chamber of Commerce for the closure of certain streets in coordination with the Christmas on the Grand activities as presented. Second was made by Councilmember McCoy. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL had adopted a resolution (recorded as No. 2014-08) for the designation of a portion of Orth Street as one-way on a trial basis. Coordination between City staff and School Officials conclude that the designation was appropriate and safety efforts were working well. Councilmember Faulkner made motion to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 2074) providing for one-way traffic on Orth Street from Orange to Schrimsher Streets during school hours as posted. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Jahn and carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER McCoy made a motion to authorize the City Manager to execute an Interlocal Agreement with the Texas Department of Public Safety for participation in a failure to appear fine collection program. The Program allows Court Officers to flag driver's licenses of individuals who have failed to appear for Municipal Court proceedings as ordered. These individuals are then not allowed to renew their driver's licenses until restitution has been made with the reporting court. Second was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka and motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION was given for the funding of an updated EMS reporting system to replace the current system utilized by the City's EMS Department and EMS Billing Department. The current system will no longer be supported and will be phased out. After discussion, Councilmember Faulkner made a motion to approve a service agreement and funding for a web-based EMS reporting system through EOS Solutions of Austin, Texas. Motion was seconded by Councilmember McCoy and carried unanimously.

MAYOR Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to approve a revised Yoakum Municipal Airport Hanger Lease Agreement between Mr. Gene Chandler and the City; to be renegotiated prior to the next renewal. Second was made by Councilmember Faulkner, motion carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER Faulkner made a motion to approve allocation of reserve funds to complete the following projects carried over from Fiscal Year 2014 as follows:
Yoakum Community Center maintenance - $22,000  
Parks and Recreation Facilities/System - $27,000 ($17,000 facilities, $10,000 pool)  
Electric Distribution Substation - $26,000  

Motion was seconded by Councilmember Jahn and carried unanimously.

MAYOR Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to approve the allocation of Fiscal Year 2014 above budget revenue to project reserve accounts as presented. Second was made by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried unanimously.

UNDER the City Manager’s Report, Thanksgiving Holiday closing information was provided. Council was reminded of the Night In Ole Pearl City event coming up; partial funding for the event was provided by the City of Yoakum Tourism Board, and information was provided regarding the Christmas on the Grand event scheduled for December 5, 2014. Future Council agenda items may include a proposed budget amendment ordinance and review of the electric service extension policy. Information was provided regarding the minor amendment to the Water Conservation Plan as submitted to the Texas Water Development Board. Results were provided from the Insurance Services Office’s Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule survey preformed. Staff is actively engaged in preparing a course of action to respond to the results received. An update was provided on Phase III of the Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project. Piping and insulation is complete; final tie-ins are complete; the contractor is moving on to repair streets affected by the replacement of lines; documents to finalize the Water Development Board Program and the Community Development Block Grant Program in coordination with this project may be presented at the next Council meeting. Information was provided regarding an individual that has contacted numerous City staff members, and school officials regarding potential issues with signage in and around Yoakum school zones. Conversations are being held with the Texas Department of Transportation, the school districts in Yoakum, the City Attorney and the school’s attorney. City staff will be working with those entities to locate any deficiencies and make efforts to take corrective action as needed. An issue as arose regarding a property at the five-way intersection where Lavaca Street, E. Hugo Street, and E. Gonzales Street meet. After meeting with the Code Enforcement Officer regarding the replacement of a fence a property located at that intersection, the property owner did not follow guidelines to comply with the safety concerns for visibility for traffic. Further contact with the property owner has been made and staff continues to work through a resolution to that issue.

COUNCIL entered into Executive Session at 7:30 PM to deliberate regarding economic development negotiations for a business prospect (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.087). The meeting re-opened to the public at 7:55 PM with no action resulting from Executive Session.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Anita R. Rodriguez, Mayor  
City of Yoakum, Texas

ATTEST:  
Theresa A. Bowe, City Clerk
November 20, 2014  
Public Works Meeting Room – 6:00 PM  
City Hall  

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS  

PRESENT:  
Anita R. Rodríguez .............................................. Mayor/EDC Vice-President  
Elorine Sitka ............................................................. Mayor Pro-Tem  
Tim Faulkner ............................................................... Councilmember/EDC President  
Rodney Jahn ............................................................... Councilmember  
Timothy L. McCoy ....................................................... Councilmember  
Arthur G. Hermann III .............................................. EDC Secretary  
Tommy Barre ............................................................... EDC Director  
Larry Leahy ............................................................... EDC Director  
Zenith Stevens ............................................................ EDC Director  
Kevin M. Coleman ...................................................... City Manager  
Kenneth E. Kvinta ...................................................... City Attorney  
Theresa A. Bowe .......................................................... City Clerk  

ABSENT:  
Gery Maneth .............................................................. EDC Director  

MAYOR Rodriguez called the meeting to order and open the meeting to the public. Discussion was held regarding long range Strategic Plan items and City Manager Coleman provided information regarding both the City Strategic Plan and the YEDC Strategic Plan. An overview was provided of the three-tier structure of the City's Strategic Plan including organizational, community development and personnel. This meeting is part of an effort to make the City active in the economic development effort incorporated into both plans.  

Action steps were reviewed including the increase communication between the Council and YEDC, redevelopment of the downtown area, the effort to diversify industry within Yoakum, efforts for use of the airport as an economic development tool, and open up conversations with other electric service providers to consider possible service area negotiations.  

Review was held of the sales tax history in Yoakum. Additional improvements that were made possible by funds from the Economic Development Board were reviewed. The report from TIP Strategies was reviewed and discussion was held regarding Yoakum's positive features and outlining weaknesses.  

THE Council and Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors entered into Executive Session at 6:55 PM to deliberate regarding economic development negotiations for a business prospect (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.087), and to deliberate the appointment, employment, and duties of the Economic/Community Development Director position (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.074). The meeting re-opened to the public at 8:10 PM with no action resulting from Executive Session.  

The Council and Board were reminded of the meet and greet event scheduled for December 5, 2014 at the St. Joseph Catholic Church Fellowship Hall beginning at 7:00 PM for the final three Economic/Community Development Director candidates.
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM

Anita R. Rodriguez, Mayor
City of Yoakum, Texas

ATTEST:

Theresa A. Bowe, City Clerk
December 9, 2014
Public Works Meeting Room – 6:00 PM
City Hall

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: Anita R. Rodríguez ........................................ Mayor
Elorine Sitka ...................................................... Mayor Pro-Tem
Tim Faulkner ......................................................... Councilmember
Rodney Jahn ........................................................ Councilmember
Timothy L. McCoy ........................................... Councilmember
Kevin M. Coleman ............................................. City Manager
Kenneth E. Kvinta ............................................... City Attorney
Theresa A. Bowe .................................................. City Clerk
Sandra Jacob ...................................................... Finance Director

ABSENT: None

MAYOR Rodriguez called the City Council meeting to order and gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all attending. Visitors were acknowledged and welcomed.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Faulkner to adopt the minutes from the meeting of November 11, and November 20, 2014 as presented. Second was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR Rodriguez opened a Public Hearing to receive citizen comments regarding an ordinance providing for one-way traffic on Orth Street from Lester Street to Schrimscher Street. The request was received from St. Joseph Catholic School and information was provided. Hearing no comments from the public, the Public Hearing closed.

MAYOR Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 2074) on second and final reading providing for one-way traffic on Orth Street from Lester Street to Schrimsher Street. Second was made by Councilmember Faulkner and motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR Rodriguez opened a Public Hearing to receive citizen comments and recommendations from the Planning and Zoning Commission for the approval of the following requests: 1) from Marvin Dotson for a Change in Zoning from Residential (R-2) to Residential (R-3) on property located at 205 Yoakum Street (property owned by Mae Dotson); 2) from Betty Conn for a Change in Zoning from Business (B-1) to Commercial (C-2) on property located at 802 Lavaca Street; and 3) from Javier Arzate for a Change in Zoning from Residential (R-2) to Residential (R-3) on property located at 312 Davison Street (property owned by Jose D. Maravilla). The requests are in compliance with the Future Land Use Plan.

1) The property owner was present to provide information for the request at 205 Yoakum Street. No comments were received from the public and no objections had been received.

2) The property owner was not present. The City Manager provided information regarding the request at 802 Lavaca Street. No comments were received from the public and no objections had been received.
3) The property owner for the location at 312 Davidson Street was present to provide information and answer questions. One citizen was present to make an objection to the request. Discussion was held regarding the use of the property and maintaining order in the neighborhood. The property owner indicated that the mobile home to be placed on the property is to be utilized as his family’s primary residence. Additional information was requested from the Police Chief; frequent patrols may be requested to ensure safety within the neighborhood.

With no other comments being heard from the public, the Public Hearing closed.

MOTION by Mayor Pro Tem Sitka to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 2076) on first reading granting a Change in Zoning from Residential (R-2) to Residential (R-3) on property described as Lot 4 and ½ of Lot 5 of Block 1122 in the Guchard Addition (for location reference: 205 Yoakum Street). Motion was seconded by Councilmember Faulkner and carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER Faulkner made a motion to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 2077) on first reading granting a Change in Zoning from Business (B-1) to Commercial (C-1) on property described as Lot 1 of Block 1287 in the J. S. Ryan Addition (for location reference: 802 Lavaca Street). Second was made by Councilmember McCoy; motion carried unanimously.

AN ordinance (recorded as No. 2078) was adopted on first reading granting a Change in Zoning from Residential (R-2) to Residential (R-3) on property described as Lots 7 and 8 of Block 1157 in the Leo Tucker Addition (312 Davidson Street); motion by Councilmember McCoy and second by Councilmember Jahn. Motion carried unanimously.

IN association with the Change in Zoning request at 312 Davidson Street, a Preliminary Plat was provided for review and consideration. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember McCoy to approve the Preliminary Plat for the re-subdivision of Lots 7 and 8 of Block 1157 in the Leo Tucker Addition as presented. Second was made by Councilmember Jahn; motion carried unanimously.

A request was received from Mark Kimball of 609 Coke Street for reimbursement of property owner cost associated with the replacement of curbs and gutters. Mr. Kimball was present and provided information, photos, and answered questions. Discussion was held regarding the request and the current City of Yoakum curb and gutter policy. Continued discussion was held regarding the ownership of the curbing after installation and payment by the property owner. Council gave direction to the City Manager to provide a written policy for consideration at a future Council meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER Faulkner made a motion to award a contract to Powerline Construction of Edna, Texas for the 2015 Electric Distribution System Improvements Project in the amount of $40,000. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka to proclaim the month of January 2015 as School Board Recognition Month. Second was made by Councilmember McCoy; motion carried unanimously.

AFTER review and discussion, Councilmember McCoy made a motion to approve a budgeted expenditure for customer service training for City of Yoakum employees in coordination with the revised Strategic Plan in the amount of $6,000. The class has been scheduled for March 26, 2015 and Council is invited to attend. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Jahn and carried unanimously.
COUNCILMEMBER Faulkner made a motion to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 2075) on emergency reading revising Chapter 10 of the City of Yoakum Code of Ordinances providing for penalty and enforcement of Unsafe Building Abatement. Second was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka; motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET information from Fiscal Year 2014 was presented for review. Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 2079) approving final budget amendments to Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget as presented. Councilmember Faulkner seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

AFTER review, Councilmember Jahn made a motion to approve accounting changes allocating reserve funds currently held in Reserve Account Fund (Fund 32) to reserve accounts in the General and Utility reserve funds as recommended by the City auditor. Second was made by Councilmember McCoy. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER Faulkner made a motion to authorize the purchase of budgeted replacement vehicles for the Police Department and the Waste Water Department from BuyBoard vendor, Silsbee Ford of Silsbee, Texas in the amount of $29,578.50 (Police Vehicle) and $25,984.00 (Waste Water Vehicle). Motion was seconded by Councilmember McCoy and carried unanimously.

UNDER the City Manager's Report, Christmas and New Year's closing information was provided. The Senior Citizen Christmas party hosted by the City and the Lavaca County Senior Citizen Center will be held on December 17, 2014 at the Senior Citizen Center on Kvinta Dr. Future Council agenda items were reviewed: the capacity planning for the water and wastewater will be presented, the property located at 202 Elk Street will be reviewed under the Council's designation as the Second Panel of the Building and Standards Commission. The Downtown Christmas Lighting Program coordinated by the Yoakum Area Chamber of Commerce went well. An update was provided on the Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project – ground repair is underway, and final inspections are due by the State of Texas and the City's engineers. Repairs of City Hall continue after the flood damage sustained from a water leak inside the building. At this time, staff is gathering quotes and looking into bringing the restrooms up to ADA compliance. Contact has been made with a local architect in an effort to make City Hall more customer friendly.

COUNCIL entered into Executive Session at 7:10 PM to deliberate the appointment, employment, and duties of the Economic/Community Development Director position (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.074); and to deliberate regarding economic development negotiations for a business prospect (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.087). The meeting re-opened to the public at 7:40 PM with no action resulting from Executive Session.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Anita R. Rodriguez, Mayor
City of Yoakum, Texas

ATTEST:

Theresa A. Bowe, City Clerk