January 14, 1997
Council Room - 7:00 P.M.
Public Works Building

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT:  M. W. Harbus, Jr. .................Mayor
            Carroll Carter....................Mayor Pro-Tem
            Mrs. Curtis R. Jamison............Councilmember
            Anita R. Rodriguez...............Councilmember
            Tim Faulkner.......................Councilmember
            A. J. Veselka........................City Manager
            Gladys M. Jiral.....................City Clerk
            Charles Kvinta, Jr................City Attorney

ABSENT:    None

THE meeting was called to order by Mayor Harbus with the Invocation given by Councilmember Jamison followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by all attending.

THE minutes for the meeting of December 10, 1996 were adopted as presented on motion by Councilmember Carter with a second by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER Jamison made the motion to adopt an ordinance on second and final reading amending Zoning Ordinance No. 1500 and its Amendment Ordinance No. 1657, to amend Section 4, Schedule of District Regulations; Section 8, Supplementary District Regulations and Exceptions; Section 10, Specific Use Permits; Section 14, Amendments; Section 18, Definitions, and repealing existing Specific Use Permits prior to March 10, 1987. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez and received unanimous approval.

MS. Paula Raney and Ms. Betty McBryde presented a request from a group of people interested in preserving the City property located at the corner of Pecan and Lavaca Streets, formerly owned by Nannie Ray Baker. Three bids were received, however none were for the appraised value, nor near the appraised amount. The bids were considered insufficient to recommend award. Councilmember Carter made the motion to reject all bids; remove the property from the market; allow time for the group to research renovation possibilities, and provide for a ninety day status report from the group. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.

COUNCILMEMBER Rodriguez made the motion to adopt an ordinance on second and final reading granting a Specific Use Permit for one travel trailer, or either one manufactured home, on Lot 1, Block 1211 of the Mahon Addition (115 Lester St.) for Lester Huber. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carter and received unanimous approval.
COUNCILMEMBER Faulkner made the motion to adopt an ordinance on second and final reading granting a zoning change from Business (B-1) to Commercial (C-2) on property described as Lots 1, 2, and 3, Block "D" of the Lewis Addition (901 West Grand Avenue). Councilmember Rodriguez seconded the motion which received unanimous approval.

MS. Bettye Powell was appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission to fill an unexpired term on motion by Councilmember Rodriguez with a second by Councilmember Carter. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER Jamison made the motion to proclaim January as "School Board Recognition" Month. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carter and received unanimous approval.

A motion was made by Councilmember Rodriguez to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 97-01) approving the purchase by DeWitt County Appraisal District of Lots 7 through 9 and part of 10, Block 10 of the Oak Grove Subdivision to the City of Cuero, DeWitt County, Texas. Councilmember Carter seconded the motion which received unanimous approval.

UNDER the City Manager’s Report, Mr. Veselka reported there were no utility problems during the icy weather and garbage pick up was being scheduled to make up for the lost days; the Harris County Mounted Posse presented a Proclamation to Mayor Harbus this past Saturday inviting citizens of Yoakum to attend the Houston Livestock Show; invited Council to the Guadalupe Valley Water Association annual meeting being hosted by the City on January 16th; invited Council to attend the Texas Municipal League Legislation Briefing to be held in Austin on February 3, 1997, and advised that the City Attorney had submitted a legal opinion stating the City was unable to be a dues paying member of the Chamber of Commerce.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

M. W. Harbus, Jr., Mayor
City of Yoakum, Texas

ATTEST:

Gladys M. Jirau
City Clerk
February 11, 1997
Council Room - 7:00 P.M.
Public Works Building

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT:  M. W. Harbus, Jr. ..............Mayor
          Carroll Carter ......................Mayor Pro-Tem
          Mrs. Curtis R. Jamison ..............Councilmember
          Anita R. Rodriguez ..................Councilmember
          Tim Faulkner .........................Councilmember
          A. J. Veselka .........................City Manager
          Gladys M. Jiral ......................City Clerk
          Charles Kvinta, Jr ...................City Attorney

ABSENT:  None

THE meeting was called to order by Mayor Harbus with the
Invocation given by Councilmember Rodriguez followed by the Pledge
of Allegiance by all attending.

THE minutes for the meeting of January 14, 1997 were adopted
as presented on motion by Councilmember Carter with a second by
Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried unanimously.

Under New Business, City Manager Veselka reported the new
nursing home contractors had visited with staff about water, sewer
and electric service lines to the new facility. Necessary site
plans required to provide utilities cost estimates were not
available. When the plans are received by the contractor, they
will be forwarded to City staff. A letter requesting annexation of
the property and extension of utilities to the property is to be
forwarded.

AS required by ordinance, City Manager Veselka reviewed the
annual report from the Economic Development Board to the City
Council. The report summarized economic development activities
which have taken place since August 1995.

A proposed Tax Abatement Policy was reviewed and discussed.
After discussion, Councilmember Faulkner made the motion to adopt
a resolution (recorded as No. 97-02) providing for a Tax Abatement
Policy. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez.
Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER Jamison made the motion to adopt a resolution
(recorded as No. 97-03) calling the City Officer Election for May
3, 1997 for Places 1, 2 and 3. The motion was seconded by Council-
member Carter. Motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jamison appointing Hazel
Bland as Election Judge and, Lorea Schaffner and Dora Chapa-Weston
as Alternates Judges for the May 3rd election. The motion was
seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried unanimously.
CITY Manager Veselka reported that the committee interested in having the Nannie Ray Baker home designated a historical location was proceeding with its organization and would report to the Council in March; a group of individuals interested in having some property located on Business 77A designated as a bird sanctuary have contacted the City and will be contacting LCRA; attended an Association of Wholesale Customers meeting on time of use rate, etc.; received notice about filing a tariff application with the Public Utility Commission, and the wastewater treatment plant construction is proceeding on schedule.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

M. W. Harbus, Jr., Mayor
City of Yoakum, Texas

ATTEST:

Gladys M. Jireal
City Clerk
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: M. W. Harbus, Jr. .................Mayor
Carroll Carter..........................Mayor Pro-Tem
Mrs. Curtis R. Jamison..................Councilmember
Anita R. Rodriguez......................Councilmember
Tim Faulkner................................Councilmember
A. J. Veselka..............................City Manager
Gladys M. Jiral..........................City Clerk
Charles Kvinta, Jr........................City Attorney

ABSENT: None

THE meeting was called to order by Mayor Harbus with the Invocation given by Councilmember Faulkner followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by all attending.

THE minutes for the meeting of February 11, 1997 were adopted as presented on motion by Councilmember Carter with a second by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried unanimously.

THE Council received and reviewed a report from the Yoakum Historical Preservation Society pertaining to the preservation of the formerly owned Nannie Ray Baker property. The Society received favorable comments on the historic significance of this property from the Texas Historical Commission and the National Register of Historic Places. Additional time is needed to file the necessary organizational documents and submit the application for designation by the National Register of Historical Places. The Council agreed to allow the additional time as requested.

THE following Planning and Zoning Commission recommendations were received and presented to the Council for a Public Hearing to receive citizen comments:

1. Approval of a Specific Use Permit for one manufactured home to be located at 611 O'Connor St. for Norman S. Jayjohn.

2. Approval of a Specific Use Permit for one manufactured home to be located at 707 West May St. for Gary and Brenda Stevens.

THE Public Hearing was opened by Mayor Harbus. City Manager Veselka advised the Council that no objections were received to these requests. No one was present at this Hearing specifically for these two requests. The Hearing was closed to public comments.

COUNCILMEMBER Rodriguez made the motion to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 1693) on first reading granting a Specific Use
Permit to permit one manufactured home on property described as part of Lot C, Block 1282 of the Cadwell Addition (611 O’Connor St.) for Norman S. Jayjohn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Faulkner and received unanimous approval.

COUNCILMEMBER Carter made the motion to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 1694) on first reading granting a Specific Use Permit to permit one manufactured home on property described as Lots 3, 4 and 5, Block 1114 of the Lewis Addition (707 West May St.) for Gary and Brenda Stevens. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez and received unanimous approval.

DISCUSSION was held on the resolution pertaining to retail electric deregulation. A motion was made by Councilmember Carter to adopt the resolution (recorded as No. 97-04) addressing the City’s concerns and interest in electric retail deregulation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried unanimously.

UNDER City Manager’s report, Mr. Veselka advised that we have applied for a grant in the amount of $47,860 to help fund an ambulance replacement; the unused portion of Flato Street which had been closed and abandoned, has been deeded over to Helen and Joe Bennett for the appraised value; the wastewater treatment plant project is progressing on schedule; City received a letter from TxDOT stating construction work on Hwy. 111 and 77A has slowed, and the Spring issue of the City’s Economic Development Newsletter will be mailed this week.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

M. W. Harbus, Jr., Mayor
City of Yoakum, Texas

ATTEST:

Gladys M. Jiray
City Clerk
April 8, 1997
Council Room - 7:00 P.M.
Public Works Building

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT:  M. W. Harbus, Jr. .................Mayor
          Carroll Carter ..................Mayor Pro-Tem
          Mrs. Curtis R. Jamison ...........Councilmember
          Anita R. Rodriguez ..............Councilmember
          Tim Faulkner ........................Councilmember
          A. J. Veselka ........................City Manager
          Gladys M. Jiral .....................City Clerk
          Charles Kvinta, Jr. ..............City Attorney

ABSENT:   None

THE meeting was called to order by Mayor Harbus with the
Invocation given by Councilmember Carter followed by the Pledge of
Allegiance by all attending.

THE minutes for the meeting of March 11, 1997 were adopted as
presented on motion by Councilmember Carter with a second by
Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER Carter made the motion to adopt an ordinance on
second and final reading granting a Specific Use Permit to permit
one manufactured home on property described as part of Lot C, Block
1282 of the Cadwell Addition (611 O'Connor St.) for Norman S.
Jayjohn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez and
received unanimous approval.

COUNCILMEMBER Rodriguez made the motion to adopt an ordinance on
second and final reading granting a Specific Use Permit to permit one manufactured home on property described as Lots 3, 4 and 5, Block 1114 of the Lewis Addition (707 West May St.) for Gary and
Brenda Stevens. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jamison
and received unanimous approval.

EXTENSION of sewer and electric service lines to the new
nursing home property was discussed. Councilmember Rodriguez made
the motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the utilities extension contract with Gotcher Construction Company for $27,223.92
more or less. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Faulkner.
Motion carried.

THE following Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation
was received and presented to the Council for a Public Hearing to receive citizen comments:

1. Denial of the requested change in zoning from
   Residential (R-3) to Residential (R-4) for property
   located at the corners of Hill, James and Ranney Streets
   for Henry G. and Sandra L. Dicke, and Henry L. and Tricia
   Dicke
THE Public Hearing was opened by Mayor Harbus. City Manager Veselka advised that a petition in opposition to this request along with several letters had been received by the Commission. Glenn Kahanek presented to more letters in objection to the request. There being no more discussion the hearing was closed to public comment.

COUNCILMEMBER Faulkner made the motion to deny the zoning change on property described as all of Lots 1 thru 6 of Block 1175 of the Meriam Addition for Henry G. and Sandra L. Dicke, and Henry G. and Tricia Dicke. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez and received unanimous approval.

A motion was made by Councilmember Carter to proceed as requested with the annexation of the Gotcher Construction, Inc. (new nursing home) property along with right-of-ways along FM 3475 adjacent and contiguous to the city limits, by following the recommended public hearings schedule and annexation calendar. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried unanimously.

THE 1997 Street Improvement Project was outlined. Councilmember Jamison made the motion to approve the project as proposed. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez and received unanimous approval.

THE following two bids were received for the computer system upgrade in the Police Department:

Office Systems Center, Victoria, Texas...$22,355.00
Cottage Computer Systems, Yoakum, Texas...$21,800.00

COUNCILMEMBER Carter made the motion to award the purchase of the computer system upgrade to Cottage Computer Systems in the amount of $21,800. The motion received unanimous approval on second by Councilmember Faulkner.

A resolution was considered for submission of a housing rehabilitation project. Councilmember Faulkner made the motion to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 97-05) authorizing the submission of a 1997-98 Texas Community Development Program Application in the amount of $250,000 to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for a Housing Rehabilitation Project. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carter. Motion carried unanimously.

THE following were unanimously appointed to the Yoakum Economic Development Board on motion by Councilmember Carter with a second by Councilmember Jamison:

Doris Hardin
John S. Sanchez
Mike Behrens
Dr. Louis Boening
PAULA Houston and Jack Turner were unanimously appointed to the Yoakum Housing Authority Board on motion by Councilmember Rodriguez with a second by Councilmember Carter.

COUNCILMEMBER Jamison made the motion to adopt on first reading an ordinance (recorded as No. 1695) rescinding Article II, Auctions, and Article III, Pest Control Operators, of Chapter 13 of the Yoakum Code of Ordinances. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried unanimously.

UNDER City Manager’s Report, Mr. Veselka gave an update on the construction of the wastewater treatment plant; will be attending a TxDOT meeting on planned construction for the next three years; completed the electrical work at the Community Center; reminded everyone of the Lavaca County Courthouse Centennial the following week with Yoakum’s Day being April 17th, and advised that City staff was in the final steps of listing the warehouse inventory on the computer program.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

M. W. Harbus, Jr., Mayor
City of Yoakum, Texas

ATTEST:

Gladys M. Jiral
City Clerk
April 22, 1997
Council Room - 7:15 A.M.
Public Works Building

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: M. W. Harbus, Jr. .................Mayor
Carroll Carter...........................Mayor Pro-Tem
Anita R. Rodriguez.....................Councilmember
Tim Faulkner...........................Councilmember
A. J. Veselka............................City Manager
Gladys M. Jiral.........................City Clerk
Charles Kvinta, Jr......................City Attorney

ABSENT: Mrs. Curtis Jamison

THE meeting was called to order by Mayor Harbus to receive the recommendation and award bid for purchase of one ambulance, and discuss and authorize the Mayor to sign a Letter of Understanding with LCRA for use of certain LCRA property near Brushy Creek as a Bird Watching Area.

THE following ambulance bids were received and opened on Thursday, April 17th at 10:00 A.M.:

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<td>Emergency Vehicles</td>
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<td>80,738</td>
<td>$68,666 (stock)</td>
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<td>of Texas</td>
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<td>No. Richland Hills, Tx.</td>
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<td>Frazier, Inc.</td>
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<td>Houston, Tx.</td>
<td>64,950 (gas)</td>
<td>68,950 (gas)</td>
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<td>San Antonio Amb.</td>
<td>66,629</td>
<td>70,308</td>
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<td>Wheeled Coach Amb. Sales</td>
<td>66,079</td>
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<td>Mansfield, Tx.</td>
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AFTER reviewing the recommendation, Councilmember Faulkner made the motion to award the bid to Wheeled Coach Ambulance Sales and Service in the amount of $66,079.00. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez and received unanimous approval.
BIRD watcher advocates Earl Wyatt, James Yeager and Shirley Blundell were present to discuss designating certain LCRA property as a Bird Watching Area. Any proposed changes such as signs, trails, etc. would be discussed and cleared with the City Manager before proceeding. Councilmember Rodriguez made the motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Letter of Understanding with LCRA providing for the citizens of Yoakum to use certain LCRA property near Brushy Creek as a Bird Watching Area. Councilmember Carter seconded the motion which received unanimous approval.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

M. W. Harbus, Jr. Mayor
City of Yoakum, Texas

ATTEST:

Gladys M. Jiral
City Clerk
THE meeting was called to order by Mayor Harbus to canvass the 1997 City Officer Election returns, adopt a resolution declaring the results, presentation of the Election Certificates and administering of the Statement of Elected Officers by the City Clerk.

COUNCILMEMBERS Jamison and Faulkner canvassed the returns with the following results:

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<th>Place</th>
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<th>Votes</th>
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<td>Mitchel W. Harbus, Jr.</td>
<td>281</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Carroll E. Carter</td>
<td>218</td>
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<td>Larry West</td>
<td>155</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Annie Rodriguez</td>
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A motion was made by Councilmember Jamison to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 97-06) declaring that Mitchel W. Harbus, Jr., Carroll E. Carter, and Annie Rodriguez were elected Councilmembers. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried.

CERTIFICATES of Election were presented and the City Clerk administered the Statements of Elected Officer.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

M. W. Harbus, Jr., Mayor
City of Yoakum, Texas

ATTEST:

Gladys M. Jiral
City Clerk
May 13, 1997
Council Room - 7:00 P.M.
Public Works Building

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: M. W. Harbus, Jr. ................. Mayor
Carroll Carter....................Mayor Pro-Tem
Mrs. Curtis R. Jamison............Councilmember
Anita R. Rodriguez.................Councilmember
Tim Faulkner......................Councilmember
A. J. Veselka......................City Manager
Gladys M. Jiral ..................City Clerk
Charles Kvinta, Jr..............City Attorney

ABSENT: None

THE meeting was called to order by Mayor Harbus with the Invocation given by Councilmember Jamison followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by all attending.

THE Oath of Office was administered by the City Clerk to the newly elected Councilmembers, Mitchel Harbus, Jr., Carroll Carter and Annie Rodriguez.

ELECTION of the Mayor and Mayor Pro-tem was held. Councilmember Carter made the motion to elect Mitchel Harbus, Jr. as Mayor. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Faulkner and received unanimous approval. Councilmember Rodriguez made the motion to elect Councilmember Carter as Mayor Pro-tem, seconded by Councilmember Jamison and received unanimous approval.

THE minutes for the meetings of April 8th, April 22nd, and May 6, 1997 were adopted as presented on motion by Councilmember Carter with a second by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR Harbus opened a Public Hearing to receive citizen comments on the proposed annexation of the Gotcher Construction, Inc. (new nursing home) property and all the right-of-ways along FM 3475 adjacent and contiguous to the city limits, as well as to review the Annexation Service Plan. No one was present for the hearing and no comments were received. The hearing was closed.

COUNCILMEMBER Rodriguez made the motion to adopt an ordinance on second and final reading rescinding Article II Auctions and Article III Pest Control Operators, of Chapter 13 of the Yoakum Code of Ordinances. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carter. Motion carried unanimously.

THE following bids were received by the City Staff on May 8th at 10:00 A.M. for the 1997 Street Improvements Project:
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<th>ROCK /C.Y.</th>
<th>TOTAL BASE BID</th>
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<td>H &amp; C Construction Co.</td>
<td>0.845</td>
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<td>Shiner, Texas</td>
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<td>Newman &amp; Keng Paving Co.</td>
<td>1.000</td>
<td>48.00</td>
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<td>F. N. Ploch Constr. Co.</td>
<td>1.450</td>
<td>51.00</td>
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<td>New Braunfels, Texas</td>
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A recommendation was presented to award the bid to H & C. The motion was made by Councilmember Faulkner to award the bid to H & C Construction Company of Shiner based on the actual bid price of $0.845 per gallon for asphalt and $34.70 per cubic yard for rock. Councilmember Jamison seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

A purchase offer for at least $10,000 plus interest was received from the Yoakum Historical Preservation Society, Inc. for the City owned property located on part of B, Block 7 of the Lewis May Addition, the former Nannie Ray Baker home. Councilmember Carter made the motion to accept the purchase offer from the Yoakum Historical Preservation Society, Inc. and authorized the Mayor to execute the necessary documents. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried unanimously.

THE following bids were received for the 1997 Sewer Construction Project (FM 3475 sewer line extension) on May 8th at 10:00 A.M.:

BEFCO Engineering
La Grange, Texas $16,375.00

Mercer Construction
Edna, Texas $15,365.00

COUNCILMEMBER Rodriguez made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Faulkner, to award the bid to Mercer Construction Company in the amount of $15,365.00. Motion carried unanimously.

AN ordinance providing for the maintenance of certain State highways within the city limits was considered. The motion to adopt the ordinance (recorded as No. 1696) on first reading was made by Councilmember Jamison and seconded by Councilmember Carter. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION (recorded as No. 97-07) amending Exhibit A of the LCRA Wholesale Power Agreement was adopted on motion by Councilmember Faulkner with a second by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBERS Carter and Faulkner along with City Manager Veselka were appointed to the Yoakum City/School Recreation Board on motion by Councilmember Jamison and a second by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried unanimously.
PATRICIA Parr and Gary Cooper were appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a two year term on motion by Councilmember Carter with a second by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER Rodriguez made the motion to appoint Mark Jahn for a one year term, and John Trott, Jr., Norman Kaiser and Sandra Steinmann for a two year term to the Community Center Board of Governors. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Faulkner and was unanimously approved.

THE following were appointed to the Library Board: Brenda Thompson, Mrs. Joseph Jarmon, Agnes Abernathy, William O'Hare, Betty Borchers, Martha Boothe and Paula Raney on motion by Councilmember Carter with a second by Councilmember Jamison. Motion carried unanimously.

ESTHER Turner, Mark Jahn, Dr. John Braden, Darlene Renken and John Mark Brown were appointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment on motion by Councilmember Faulkner and second by Councilmember Jamison. Motion carried unanimously.

A quitclaim was considered for certain Lester Street and Crisswell Street property adjacent to Lot 16, Block 1195 of the W & M Davis Addition, owned by Susan Pavliska Elizondo. The house encroaches 12 feet into Lester Street and the fence on the side encroaches onto Crisswell Street. Councilmember Faulkner made the motion to approve the quitclaim for certain property adjacent to Lot 16, Block 1195 of the W & M Davis Addition and authorize the Mayor to execute the necessary documents. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez and received unanimous approval.

THE City Manager reported that the wastewater treatment plant project was progressing well; the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department had made their final inspection with some corrections needing to be made; the City is mailing to all customers a water conservation brochure; repairs estimated at approximately $5,000 are needed at the old library which is used by various state and local agencies, such as DPS, Health Clinic, etc.; estimated cost of $7,235 for handicap ramps and parking on both sides of Grand Avenue, and the flag would be flown at half-staff on May 15th for National Peace Officers' Memorial Day.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

M. W. Harbus, Jr., Mayor
City of Yoakum, Texas

ATTEST:

Gladys M. Jural, City Clerk
May 20, 1997
Council Room - 6:00 P.M.
Public Works Building

SPECIAL MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: M. W. Harbus, Jr. ...............Mayor
Carroll Carter....................Mayor Pro-Tem
Mrs. Curtis R. Jamison..........Councilmember
Anita R. Rodriguez..............Councilmember
Tim Faulkner.....................Councilmember
A. J. Veselka.....................City Manager
Gladys M. Jiral .................City Clerk
Charles Kvinta, Jr..............City Attorney

ABSENT: None

THE meeting was called to order by Mayor Harbus for the purpose of receiving citizen comments and review the Annexation Service Plan for the proposed annexation of the Gotcher Construction, Inc. (new nursing home) property and all right-of-ways along FM 3475 adjacent and contiguous to city limits for a total annexation of 16.89 acres.

MAYOR Harbus opened the public hearing. No previous inquiries were received by Staff and no one was present at this the second hearing. The Mayor closed the public hearing and the meeting adjourned.

M. W. Harbus, Jr., Mayor
City of Yoakum, Texas

ATTEST:

Gladys M. Jiral
City Clerk
June 10, 1997  
Council Room - 7:00 P.M.  
Public Works Building  

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  

PRESENT:  M. W. Harbus, Jr. ..................Mayor  
          Carroll Carter .....................Mayor Pro-Tem  
          Mrs. Curtis R. Jamison ...............Councilmember  
          Anita R. Rodriguez ..................Councilmember  
          Tim Faulkner ........................Councilmember  
          A. J. Veselka  .......................City Manager  
          Gladys M. Jiral ......................City Clerk  
          Charles Kvinta, Jr. ..................City Attorney  

ABSENT:  None  

THE meeting was called to order by Mayor Harbus with the  
Invocation given by Councilmember Rodriguez followed by the Pledge  
of Allegiance by all attending.  

THE minutes for the meetings of May 13th and 20th, 1997 were  
adopted as presented on motion by Councilmember Rodriguez with a  
second by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried unanimously.  

AN annexation ordinance annexing 22.92 acres was considered.  
A motion was made by Councilmember Carter with a second by Council-  
member Rodriguez to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 1697) on  
first reading annexing 22.92 acres including the Gotcher Construc-  
tion Inc. property (new nursing home) and all rights-of-way along  
FM 3475, and including the Annexation Service Plan for this area.  
The motion received unanimous approval.  

ORDINANCE No. 1696 providing for the maintenance of certain  
State Highways within the city limits, and authorizing the Mayor to  
execute the Municipal Maintenance Agreement with the State of  
Texas, was adopted on second and final reading on motion by  
Councilmember Faulkner with a second by Councilmember Jamison.  
Motion carried unanimously.  

UNDER new business, the Airport Lease Agreement with Dynasty  
Aviaiton provided for review at the two year initial interval. A  
proposed Agreement Addendum recommending changes in insurance  
coverage and, providing for a review of the Agreement at the  
initial three year interval was adopted on motion by Councilmember  
Carter with a second by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried  
unanimously.  

COUNCILMEMBER Jamison made the motion to adopt an ordinance  
(recorded as No. 1698) on first reading closing and abandoning the  
portion of Burkett Street located north of its intersection with  
Phillip Street, between Block G, Lots 1 and 2, and Block F, Lots 3  
and 4 of the Lewis Addition. The motion was seconded by Council-  
member Rodriguez and received unanimous approval.
DISCUSSION was held on a Park Site Plan for location of a future Teenage League Field, and soccer field facilities. The current soccer field would be moved to the present site of the softball field below the rodeo arena. The new teenage baseball field would be constructed at the old soccer field site (across from the pavilion area). This site allows for the necessary playing area and placement of the needed lighting. The site below the rodeo arena does not allow for the placement of lights due to the airport approach pattern. The Council favored the Plan as presented, however tabled action until all soccer groups were made aware of the proposed Plan.

THE following Planning and Zoning Commission recommendations were received and presented to the Council for citizen comments at the Public Hearing:

1. Approval of the requested change in zoning from Residential (R-3) to Business (B-1) for property located at 1104-1106 West Grand Avenue for Dr. John Braden (John Sanchez property).

2. Approval of the requested change in zoning from Residential (R-2) to Residential (R-4) for property located at 107 Moffitt Street for Frank and Louisa Rosales.

3. Denial of the requested change in zoning from Residential (R-3) to Business (B-1) for property located at 1020 East Gonzales Street for J. Nyles Steinmann.

The Public Hearing was opened by Mayor Harbus. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rosales were present for their request. No one else was present. The Hearing was closed to public comments.

COUNCILMEMBER Rodriguez made the motion to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 1699) on first reading granting a change in zoning from Residential (R-3) to Business (B-1) on property described as Lots 11 and 12, Block 8 of the Yoakum Heights Addition for Dr. John Braden (John G. and Palmira Sanchez property owners). The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carter. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jamison to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 1700) on first reading granting a change in zoning from Residential (R-2) to Residential (R-4) on property described as Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Block 1140 of the Tucker Addition for Frank and Louisa Rosales. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Faulkner and received unanimous approval.

COUNCILMEMBER Carter made the motion to deny the zoning change as recommended on the property described as .957 acres, a part of the John May League, for J. Nyles Steinmann. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried unanimously.
AN ordinance (recorded as No. 1701) altering the prima facie speed limits on North South Street was adopted on first reading by motion of Councilmember Carter and a second by Councilmember Jamison. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jamison to allow Lavaca County to establish the addresses for the 9-1-1 System in the City's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried unanimously.

DR. Sandra Bergey was appointed to serve on the Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Key on motion by Councilmember Carter with a second by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried unanimously.

UNDER the City Manager's Report, Mr. Veselka advised the new wastewater treatment plant was progressing with concrete pours and receiving new equipment; water services are being tied into the new line on Nelson St.; Mercer Construction is to start the sewer line project to the new nursing home next week; a letter of appreciation and continued support was received from the Gulf Bend Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center in Victoria; the swimming pool is operating well with an excellent report on the first audit done by Ellis and Associates, and the City/School Summer Recreation Program was off to a good start.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

M. W. Harbus, Jr., Mayor
City of Yoakum, Texas

ATTEST:

Gladys M. Jiral
City Clerk
July 8, 1997
Council Room - 7:00 P.M.
Public Works Building

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: Carroll Carter......................Mayor Pro-Tem
         Mrs. Curtis R. Jamison...........Councilmember
         Anita R. Rodriguez..............Councilmember
         Tim Faulkner.......................Councilmember
         A. J. Veselka.......................City Manager
         Gladys M. Jiral ..................City Clerk
         Charles Kvinta, Jr...............City Attorney

ABSENT: Mayor Harbus

THE meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Carter with Invocation given by Councilmember Faulkner followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by all attending. Councilmember Jamison recognized Roger Lee, who recently moved back to Yoakum.

THE minutes for the meeting of June 10, 1997 were adopted as presented on motion by Councilmember Faulkner with a second by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNEXATION Ordinance No. 1697 annexing 22.92 acres was adopted on second and final reading on motion by Councilmember Jamison with a second by Councilmember Rodriguez. The motion received unanimous approval.

COUNCILMEMBER Rodriguez made the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1698 on second and final reading closing and abandoning the portion of Burkett Street located north of its intersection with Phillip Street between Lots 1 and 2 of Block G, and Lots 3 and 4 of Block F of the Lewis Addition. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jamison and received unanimous approval.

DISCUSSION was held on a Park Site Plan for location of a future Teenage League Field and soccer field facilities. All soccer representatives had been contacted and favored the exchange of playing sites. Councilmember Faulkner made the motion to approve the Park Site Plan as presented and explained at last month’s meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez and received unanimous approval.

COUNCILMEMBER Rodriguez made the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1699 on second and final reading granting a change in zoning from Residential (R-3) to Business (B-1) on property described as Lots 11 and 12, Block 8 of the Yoakum Heights Addition for Dr. John Braden, and John G. and Palmira Sanchez. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jamison to adopt Ordinance No. 1700 on second and final reading granting a change in zoning from Residential (R-2) to Residential (R-4) on property described as Lots 1 thru 4, Block 1140 of the Tucker Addition for Frank and Louisa Rosales. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Faulkner and received unanimous approval.
ORDINANCE No. 1701 altering the prima facie speed limits on North South Street was adopted on second and final reading by motion of Councilmember Rodriguez and a second by Councilmember Jamison. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER Faulkner made the motion to accept the Yoakum Hospital District's Amendment to the Utility Easement of January 11, 1996 which provides for electric service to the new nursing home facility tract. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. The motion carried unanimously.

A Utilities Easement from Gotcher Construction, Inc. was considered and approved on motion by Councilmember Rodriguez with a second by Councilmember Jamison. Motion carried unanimously.

AN easement dedication for street and utilities fronting airport property on North South Street was considered and approved on motion by Councilmember Rodriguez with a second by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried unanimously.

A budget amendment ordinance was considered. Councilmember Faulkner made the motion to adopt the ordinance (recorded as No. 1702) on first reading amending Fiscal Year 1996/97 Budget Ordinance No. 1680. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez and received unanimous approval.

THE Economic Development Goals and Objectives as recommended by the Economic Development Board were reviewed. The Goals and Objectives were adopted as presented on motion by Councilmember Rodriguez with a second by Councilmember Jamison. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY Manager Veselka reported the new wastewater plant construction was 37% complete and we are continuing to pour concrete; attended the LCRA Price Select Option Meeting in La Grange; update on the Lavaca and May Street projects; repaired collapsed sewer line on Hopkins Street, reviewed budget workshop calendar and Council set meeting time for 6:00 P.M. on July 15th.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Carroll E. Carter, Mayor Pro-Tem
City of Yoakum, Texas

ATTEST:

Gladys M. Jiral
City Clerk
July 15, 1997
Council Room - 6:00 P.M.
Public Works Building

BUDGET WORKSHOP OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: Carroll Carter...............Mayor Pro-Tem
         Mrs. Curtis R. Jamison.........Councilmember
         Anita R. Rodriguez.............Councilmember
         Tim Faulkner....................Councilmember
         A. J. Veselka...................City Manager
         Gladys M. Jiral...............City Clerk

ABSENT: Mayor Harbus

THE meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Carter for
the purpose of reviewing the proposed 1997-98 City Budget. City
Manager and Department Heads reviewed and discussed the proposed
budget with Council. Another budget workshop was scheduled for
July 22, 1997 at 6:00 P.M.

THERE being no further business, the workshop adjourned.

Carroll E. Carter, Mayor Pro-Tem
City of Yoakum, Texas

ATTEST:

Gladys M. Jiral
City Clerk
July 22, 1997
Council Room - 6:00 P.M.
Public Works Building

SPECIAL MEETING & BUDGET WORKSHOP OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: Carroll Carter.....................Mayor Pro-Tem
Mrs. Curtis R. Jamison...............Councilmember
Anita R. Rodriguez.....................Councilmember
Tim Faulkner..........................Councilmember
A. J. Veselka..........................City Manager
Gladys M. Jiral.........................City Clerk
Charles Kvinta, Jr....................City Attorney

ABSENT: Mayor Harbus

THE meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Carter to consider a request from the Chamber of Commerce to use park and rodeo facilities to hold the Lavaca International Music Festival on August 29th and 30th, 1997, and to convene in a budget workshop.

CHAMBER Executive Director Ron Layton outlined plans for the proposed festival with proceeds being designated towards a music scholarship for a Yoakum graduate. Discussion was held with Council expressing interest, and concerns mainly over having adequate police officer coverage, the effect the noise will have on the hospital, and vehicle parking on FM 3475 and North South Street. A motion was made by Councilmember Faulkner supporting the proposed festival with City Manager Veselka being the Council’s agent to coordinate those things (concerns) to his satisfaction. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried unanimously.

THE meeting adjourned and reconvened in a budget workshop with the City Manager and Department Heads.

THE workshop closed with a special meeting being set for August 1, 1997 at 8:00 A.M. to receive and adopt the 1997 tax roll.

[Signature]
Carroll E. Carter, Mayor Pro-Tem
City of Yoakum, Texas

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Gladys M. Jiral
City Clerk
August 1, 1997
Council Room - 8:00 A.M.
Public Works Building

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: Mrs. Curtis R. Jamison.........Acting
         Anita R. Rodriguez..............Councilmember
         Tim Faulkner....................Councilmember
         A. J. Veselka.....................City Manager
         Gladys M. Jiral ................City Clerk
         Charles Kvinta, Jr..............City Attorney

ABSENT: Mayor Harbus
         Carroll Carter

DUE to the absence of Mayor Harbus and Mayor Pro-Tem Carter, and as provided for in the Local Government Code, Section 22.037 (d), Councilmember Rodriguez made the motion to appoint Councilmember Jamison as acting Mayor with a second by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTING Mayor Jamison opened the meeting to receive and consider the 1997 certified tax roll as certified by the DeWitt County Tax Appraiser, and to receive and discuss the Chamber of Commerce Labor Day Festival non-resolution of City Council's concerns on request to use rodeo and park grounds and take action if needed.

COUNCILMEMBER Faulkner made the motion to approve the 1997 certified tax roll as certified by the DeWitt County Chief Appraiser. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez and receive unanimous approval.

PERTAINING to the Labor Day Festival and use of the rodeo and park grounds, City Manager Veselka reported he met with Chamber Executive Director Ron Layton and Chief of Police Ronnie Leck on Wednesday, July 23, 1997, to discuss the police security, parking and traffic flow concerns the Council had addressed in their special meeting on July 22nd. To provide adequate security, one certified police officer for every 400 hundred people would be required. Estimated attendance for the two day festival was 10,000.

IN regards to emergency medical services, Mr. Layton suggested he would talk with Crossroad Services or some other private company to provide full time medical services during the festival.

RON Layton and City Manager Veselka met with the Yoakum Community Hospital Administrator Elwood Currier to discuss his concerns about the number of people and noise so close to the hospital. The hospital concerns could not be resolved.
CITY Manager Veselka advised that he did not proceed with any other details since action permitting the festival was based on fulfilling all the Council's concerns and the hospital's concerns could not be resolved.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Curtis R. Jamison, Acting Mayor
City of Yoakum, Texas

ATTEST:

Gladys M. Jiral
City Clerk
August 12, 1997
Council Room - 7:00 P.M.
Public Works Building

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: M. W. Harbus, Jr. ...............Mayor
        Carroll Carter ..................Councilmember
        Mrs. Curtis R. Jamison ..........Councilmember
        Anita R. Rodriguez .............Councilmember
        Tim Faulkner ....................Councilmember
        A. J. Veselka ...................City Manager
        Gladys M. Jiral .................City Clerk
        Charles Kvinta, Jr. ............City Attorney

ABSENT: None

THE meeting was called to order by Mayor Harbus with
Invocation given by Councilmember Carter followed by the Pledge of
Allegiance by all attending.

UNDER Visitors, Mr. Alfago James was recognized and he
acknowledged his thanks for the improvements made at the Mack
Jamison Park. He requested that additional lighting be considered.
Council directed the City Manager to evaluate the request.

MINUTES from the meetings of July 8th, July 15th, July 22nd
and August 1, 1997 were adopted as presented on motion by Council-
member Jamison with a second by Councilmember Carter. Motion
carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE No. 1702 amending the 1996/97 Fiscal Year Budget was
considered on second reading. The motion was made by Councilmember
Carter to adopt the ordinance on second and final reading.
Councilmember Jamison seconded the motion which received unanimous
approval.

THE 1997/98 Fiscal Year Budget was presented for consideration
on first reading. City Manager Veselka reviewed the balanced
proposed budget. Councilmember Rodriguez made the motion to adopt
the budget ordinance (recorded as No. 1703) on first reading. The
motion was seconded by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried
unanimously.

THE proposed 1997 tax rate was discussed. Councilmember
Carter made the motion to adopt the proposed Tax Rate Ordinance
(recorded as No. 1704) on first reading. Councilmember Rodriguez
seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

THE 1996 LCRA Price Select Program and the discontinuance of
the Good Cents, Business Sense, Cooling Efficiency and Lighting
Rebate Programs were discussed. Mr. Veselka advised that these
programs would end in December 1997.
A request from Yoakum Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for a variance from the provisions of the Tax Abatement Guidelines and Criteria to permit the filing of an application upon annexation of the property was discussed. Councilmember Faulkner made the motion to grant a variance to permit the filing of the application since annexation had been completed. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER Carter made the motion to appoint Councilmembers Annie Rodriguez and Tim Faulkner to the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission's General Assembly. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jamison and carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER Jamison made the motion to recommend Councilmember Faulkner to serve as a Board of Directors member for DeWitt County for the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried unanimously.

THE following appointments were made as presented on motion by Councilmember Rodriguez with a second by Councilmember Faulkner and received unanimous approval:

REGIONAL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS - for DeWitt County, Tommy Linn and Ronald Leck; for Lavaca County, David Ferry.

REGIONAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE - for DeWitt County, Ronald Leck and Tommy Linn.

REGIONAL TOURISM & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - for DeWitt County, A. J. Veselka and Ron Layton; for Lavaca County, John Allen.

REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES - for DeWitt County, Calvin Cook and Eugene Hanzelka

CITY Manager Veselka reported that this date the City's electric usage peaked the highest to date; this past Monday was the highest water usage; we are at 49% completion on the new waste water treatment plant; the new ambulance was received, and a grant in the amount of $4,157 for EMS radio equipment was received from the State Health Department.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

M. W. Harbus, Jr., Mayor
City of Yoakum, Texas

ATTEST:

Gladys M. Jim, City Clerk
September 2, 1997
Council Room - 6:00 P.M.
Public Works Building

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: M. W. Harbus, Jr. .................Mayor
         Carroll Carter.........................Councilmember
         Mrs. Curtis R. Jamison.................Councilmember
         Anita R. Rodriguez....................Councilmember
         Tim Faulkner...........................Councilmember
         A. J. Veselka............................City Manager
         Gladys M. Jiral .........................City Clerk

ABSENT: Charles Kvinta, Jr.......................City Attorney

THE meeting was called to order by Mayor Harbus for the purpose of reviewing and discussing the 1998 LCRA Price Select Program and hearing the presentation from City's electrical engineer Jim McCord. An Executive Session was also held for a performance evaluation of City Manager Veselka.

JIM McCord reviewed the five options being offered by LCRA's 1998 Price Select Program. He recommended to Council the WP-1 Option as being the most advantageous to the City and its customers. Council is to consider this at the regular September 9th meeting.

THE Mayor closed the meeting to begin the Executive Session. Upon re-opening the meeting, Councilmember Faulkner made the motion to increase the City Manager's salary by $2,500 per year. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried unanimously. Councilmembers all voiced their support and appreciation to Mr. Veselka.

THERE being no other business, the meeting adjourned.

M. W. Harbus, Jr., Mayor
City of Yoakum, Texas

ATTEST:

Gladys M. Jiral
City Clerk
September 9, 1997
Council Room - 7:00 P.M.
Public Works Building

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT:  M. W. Harbus, Jr. ..............Mayor
          Carroll Carter..................Councilmember
          Anita R. Rodriguez..............Councilmember
          Tim Faulkner....................Councilmember
          A. J. Veselka....................City Manager
          Gladys M. Jiral..................City Clerk
          Charles Kvinta, Jr...............City Attorney

ABSENT:  Mrs. Curtis Jamison, Councilmember

THE meeting was called to order by Mayor Harbus with
Invocation given by Councilmember Rodriguez followed by the Pledge
of Allegiance by all attending.

UNDER the Visitors Section, Charles Kvinta, Jr. introduced the
12 year old All Stars Manager Dwayne Boone and his son, Randy, who
thanked the Council for their support. In appreciation, they
presented a picture of the All Star Team who placed Third in State
and also received the Sportsmanship Award.

MAYOR Harbus and City Manager Veselka presented pins to
Councilmember Carter for 10 years of service to the community as
Councilmember and to Charles Kvinta, Jr. for 5 years of service as
City Attorney.

THE minutes from meetings of August 12th and September 2nd,
1997 were adopted as presented on motion by Councilmember Rodriguez
with a second by Councilmember Carter. Motion carried unanimously.

THE Mayor opened a Public Hearing to receive citizen comments
on the proposed 1997-98 City Budget. City Manager Veselka reviewed
the $9,221,080 budget summary noting that no utility rate increases
were proposed and while the tax rate would increase by 3% it would
still be slightly lower than last year's rate. A revised letter
from the Yoakum Oak Grove Cemetery Association was received
requesting a $9,000 contribution be included in the budget instead
of the initial $750. The hearing was closed to comments.

COUNCILMEMBER Carter made a motion to include the $9,000
contribution to the Yoakum Oak Grove Cemetery Association in the
1997-98 budget. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez
and received unanimous approval. The 1997-98 budget was adopted
as amended on second and final reading by motion of Councilmember
Carter with a second by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried
unanimously.
THE 1997 Tax Rate Ordinance was adopted on second and final reading on motion by Councilmember Rodriguez with a second by Councilmember Carter. Motion carried unanimously.

REPRESENTATIVES from the Texas Department of Transportation outlined the vertical improvements of S.H. 111 at its underpass of South and Front Streets. Approximate cost of the TxDOT project is $200,000. After discussion, Councilmember Faulkner made the motion to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 97-08) approving the vertical improvements as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carter and received unanimous approval.

COUNCILMEMBER Carter made the motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Community Center Management and Concessionaire Agreement with the Yoakum Area Chamber of Commerce. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried unanimously.

THE Price Select Options were reviewed. City's electrical engineer previously recommended the WP-1 Option for 1998 and consider forming an alliance with area cities to market power. Councilmember Rodriguez made the motion to select WP-1 for one year with the savings being passed on to the customers. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Faulkner and received unanimous approval.

AN ordinance (recorded as No. 1705) amending Fiscal Year 1996/97 Budget Ordinance No. 1680 was adopted on first reading on motion by Councilmember Carter with a second by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER Faulkner made a motion to charge-off delinquent ambulance and utility bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried unanimously.

UNDER the City Manager’s Report, Mr. Veselka stated the rock for the seal coat project was to be delivered on Sept. 15th; water line breaks have slowed; the wastewater treatment plant is at 60% completion; staff would receive request for proposals on Sept. 12th for the annual chipping of brush/lumber at Transfer Station; proposals for solid waste disposal would be received on Sept. 30th, and the Request for Proposals on the Youth Commission Facility are due Oct. 3rd.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

M. W. Harbus, Jr., Mayor
City of Yoakum, Texas

ATTEST:
Gladys M. Jiral
City Clerk
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: M. W. Harbus, Jr. .................Mayor
         Carroll Carter..................Councilmember
         Mrs. Curtis R. Jamison...........Councilmember
         Anita R. Rodriguez...............Councilmember
         Tim Faulkner.....................Councilmember
         A. J. Veselka.....................City Manager
         Gladys M. Jiral..................City Clerk
         Charles Kvinta, Jr...............City Attorney

ABSENT: None

THE meeting was called to order by Mayor Harbus with
Invocation given by Councilmember Faulkner followed by the Pledge
of Allegiance by all attending.

THE minutes were approved as presented on motion by
Councilmember Carter with a second by Councilmember Jamison.
Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 1705 was adopted on second and final reading on
motion by Councilmember Carter and seconded by Councilmember
Faulkner. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilmember Carter to grant the request
from Yoakum Inn and Suites for sewer service with the cost not to
exceed $12,500 for water and sewer services and subject to
annexation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez.
Motion carried.

A Public Hearing was opened to hear comments on the
recommended change in zoning from Residential (R-3) to Commercial
(C-1) for property located at 1103 West Grand Avenue for A. J. and
Katherine Caraway. No one other than the Caraway's were present
for the hearing. Mayor Harbus closed the hearing to public
comments.

COUNCILMEMBER Jamison made the motion to grant a change in
zoning from Residential (R-3) to Commercial (C-1) on property
described as part of Lot 1, Block 1 of the Coldewey Addition. The
motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.

THE purchase of a new fire truck was presented and discussed
by the Council. A motion was made by Councilmember Faulkner
authorizing the Mayor to sign a purchase agreement in the amount of
$174,985 for a new Pierce Suburban 1500 Pumper fire truck through
the City's Interlocal Agreement with the Houston-Galveston Area
Council. Councilmember Rodriguez seconded the motion. Motion carried.
THE solid waste disposal bids were reviewed. Texas Disposal System was low bidder based on their price per ton of $17.00. Councilmember Jamison made the motion to award the bid to Texas Disposal System and authorized the City Manager to negotiate a long term contract. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carter. Motion carried.

MAYOR Harbus opened a Public Hearing to receive comments on the recommended Reinvestment Zone and Tax Abatement applications for Gotcher Construction, Inc./Yoakum Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, and Tandy Brands Accessories, Inc. Chris Sefton was present in behalf of Tandy Brands. The Economic Development Board recommendation was presented and discussed. The hearing was closed to comments.

COUNCILMEMBER Rodriguez made the motion to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 97-10) providing for a Reinvestment Zone and Tax Abatement as presented for Gotcher Construction Inc./Yoakum Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Faulkner. Mayor Harbus abstained from voting due to personal interests. Motion carried.

COUNCILMEMBER Carter made the motion to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 97-11) providing for a Reinvestment Zone and Tax Abatement as presented for Tandy Brands Accessories, Inc. Councilmember Jamison seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A resolution (recorded as No. 97-12) authorizing the submission of a Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund Internet Connectivity Grant through the Welhausen Library for access to the Internet for public use was adopted on motion by Councilmember Faulkner with a second by Councilmember Carter. Motion carried.

COUNCILMEMBER Carter made a motion to grant the request from the Yoakum Area Youth Soccer League to use the Little League and park facilities. Use of the facilities will be coordinated through the Director of Community Services Tom Chilek. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried.

A resolution (recorded as No. 97-09) authorizing submission of a LCRA Partnership in Parks Grant for construction of a Senior Big League field in the Municipal Park was adopted on motion by Councilmember Rodriguez with a second by Councilmember Jamison. Motion carried.

COUNCILMEMBER Jamison made the motion to appoint Mrs. R. J. Walters to the Yoakum Oak Grove Cemetery Association Board of Directors for period of three years. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carter. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilmember Carter nominating Elwood Gaus as a candidate for the Board of Directors of DeWitt County Appraisal District. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried.
COUNCILMEMBER Rodriguez made the motion to adopt an ordinance on first reading (recorded as No. 1707) rescinding part of Ordinance No. 1147 providing for stop signs on Lavaca Street, and providing for location of stop signs on streets intersecting with Lavaca Street and North South Street and repealing ordinances in conflict. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carter. Motion carried.

AN ordinance (recorded as No. 1708) rescinding Ordinance No. 1288 which provided for a twenty mile per hour speed limit on Hubbard Street between Coke and Crisswell Streets was adopted on first reading on motion by Councilmember Jamison. Councilmember Faulkner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilmember Faulkner authorizing the development of an Airport Action Plan to identify long term improvement needs and feasibility. Councilmember Rodriguez seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A variance request from Stevens Nursing Home for placement of a directional sign within Centennial Park was considered. A motion was made by Councilmember Jamison to approve the variance as presented in coordination with the City Inspector. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.

CITY Manager Veselka reported that information had been received that Yoakum was awarded a Housing Rehabilitation Assistance Grant Program in the amount of $250,000 to enable disabled and low to moderate minority home owners funding to bring their homes up to code compliance. The wastewater treatment plant project is 73% completed, and brush chipping project is near completion.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

M. W. Harbus, Jr., Mayor
City of Yoakum, Texas

ATTEST:

Gladys M. Jiral
City Clerk
November 11, 1997
Council Room - 7:00 P.M.
Public Works Building

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: Carroll Carter.........................Mayor Pro-Tem
Mrs. Curtis R. Jamison .................Councilmember
Anita R. Rodriguez .......................Councilmember
Tim Faulkner .........................Councilmember
A. J. Veselka ............................City Manager
Gladys M. Jiral .........................City Clerk
Charles Kvinta, Jr. ........................City Attorney

ABSENT: Mayor Harbus

THE meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Carter
followed by the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

THE minutes were approved as presented on motion by
Councilmember Rodriguez with a second by Councilmember Jamison.
Motion carried.

COUNCILMEMBER Faulkner made the motion to adopt an ordinance
on second and final reading granting a change in zoning from
Residential (R-3) to Commercial (C-1) on property described as part
of Lot 1, Block 1 of the Coldewey Addition for A. J. and Katherine
Caraway. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez.
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jamison to adopt an
ordinance on second and final reading rescinding part of Ordinance
No. 1147 providing for stop signs on Lavaca Street, and providing
for location of stop signs on streets intersecting with Lavaca
Street and North South Street, and amending the ordinance to
provide for the removal of the stop sign at Lavaca and Coke after
a period of ninety days from the effective date of the ordinance.
The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion
carried.

COUNCILMEMBER Jamison made the motion to adopt an ordinance on
second and final reading rescinding Ordinance No. 1288 which
provided for a 20 MPH speed limit on Hubbard Street between Coke
and Crisswell Streets. The motion was seconded by Councilmember
Rodriguez.

AN ordinance was considered to increase the Community Center
rates as recommended by the Chamber of Commerce and Community
Center Board of Governors. A motion was made by Councilmember
Faulkner to adopt an ordinance on first reading (recorded as No.
1709) amending the Community Center Rates in the Manual of Fees and
Service Charges. Councilmember Jamison seconded the motion.
Motion carried.
A Public Hearing was opened to hear comments on the recommended change in zoning from Residential (R-3) to Business (B-1) for property located at 503 West Grand Avenue for William A. and Sandra B. Bergey. The Bergey’s were the only ones present for the hearing. Mayor Pro-Tem Carter closed the hearing.

COUNCILMEMBER Rodriguez made the motion to adopt an ordinance on first reading (recorded as No. 1710) granting a change in zoning from Residential (R-3) to Business (B-1) on property described as Lot 2, Block 33 of the Original Townsite Addition for William A. and Sandra B. Bergey. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried.

A resolution (recorded as No. 97-14) was adopted on motion by Councilmember Jamison casting the City’s ballot (138 votes) for Elwood Gaus on the Board of Directors of the DeWitt County Appraisal District. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.

COUNCILMEMBER Rodriguez made the motion to adopt on first reading an ordinance (recorded as No. 1711) prohibiting glass beverage containers in any City parks located within the Yoakum city limits. Councilmember Jamison seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A request for annexation of the Yoakum Inn property along Hwy. 77A was tabled since Mohammed Yaseen’s written request had not been received.

AN ordinance on first reading (recorded as No. 1712) amending Southwestern Bell Franchise Ordinance No. 1581 providing for extension of terms and termination provisions was adopted on motion by Councilmember Jamison with a second by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried.

COUNCILMEMBER Faulkner made the motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for housing rehabilitation through the Community Development Program. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.

THE following appointments to the Advisory Committees for the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission were made on motion by Councilmember Rodriguez: Shirley Blundell to the Regional Health and Human Services Committee, Yvonne Rodriguez to the Regional Emergency Communications Committee, and William Formolo to the Regional Public Protection Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jamison. Motion carried.
UNDER the City Manager's Report, Mr. Veselka reported that the City would be entering into a one year Substation Maintenance Agreement with LCRA with cost of repairs being paid by the City. Negotiations are continuing with Texas Disposal Systems for disposal of solid waste. Mr. Veselka advised he had attended the November 10th Lavaca County Commissioner's Court meeting pertaining to Senate Bill 1 and water rights issues. Financial assistance for consultant fees may be requested.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

[Signature]
Carroll E. Carter, Mayor Pro-Tem
City of Yoakum, Texas

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Gladys M. Jiral
City Clerk
November 25, 1997
Council Room - 7:00 P.M.
Public Works Building

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT:  M. W. Harbus, Jr.          Mayor
          Carroll Carter.            Councilmember
          Mrs. Curtis R. Jamison.     Councilmember
          Anita R. Rodriguez.         Councilmember
          Tim Faulkner.               Councilmember
          A. J. Veselka.              City Manager
          Paula D. Ammerman.          Deputy City Clerk
          Charles Kvinta, Jr.         City Attorney

ABSENT:  Gladys Jiral, City Clerk

THE special City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Harbus for the purpose of considering and approving an agreement with Texas Disposal Systems for solid waste disposal and authorize the execution of the agreement.

DISCUSSION was held on the proposed agreement. Councilmember Carter made the motion to enter into the solid waste agreement with Texas Disposal Systems subject to the amendment that the City may request a decrease in the disposal rate due to a decreasing market or on speculation of decreasing operational costs, and if TDSL refuses to grant the City's requested decrease, both the City and TDSL hereby agree to submit to mediation, the cost of which will be shared equally. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. Councilmember Faulkner voted against the motion. Motion carried.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

M. W. Harbus, Jr., Mayor
City of Yoakum, Texas

ATTEST:

Paula D. Ammerman
Deputy City Clerk
December 9, 1997
Council Room - 7:00 P.M.
Public Works Building

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT:  M. W. Harbus, Jr. ............... Mayor
          Carroll Carter ....................... Councilmember
          Mrs. Curtis R. Jamison ............... Councilmember
          Anita R. Rodriguez .............. Councilmember
          Tim Faulkner ....................... Councilmember
          A. J. Veselka ...................... City Manager
          Gladys M. Jiral .................. City Clerk
          Charles Kvinta, Jr.............. City Attorney

ABSENT:   None

THE meeting was called to order by Mayor Harbus followed by
the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

THE minutes for the meeting of November 25th were corrected to
show that Councilmember Faulkner voted against the motion to
approve the Texas Disposal Systems solid waste disposal agreement.
Councilmember Carter made a motion to adopt the minutes of November
11th as presented and of November 25th as corrected. The motion
was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.

THE proposed calendar for annexation of the Yoakum Inn
property was approved and adopted on motion by Councilmember Carter
with a second by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 1709 amending the rates for the Yoakum Community
Center was adopted on second and final reading on motion by
Councilmember Jamison. The motion was seconded by Councilmember
Rodriguez. Motion carried.

SOUTHWESTERN Bell Franchise Amendment Ordinance No. 1712,
adopted on first reading, was reviewed by the City Attorney and
proposed amendments were made to acknowledge the passage of Senate
Bill 1937 and creation of an Interim Legislative Committee, and to
extend the current ordinance until the Legislature can provide
further directives on the use of public rights-of-way. Council-
member Rodriguez made the motion to adopt the ordinance on second
and final reading including the proposed revisions. Councilmember
Carter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

THE ordinance prohibiting glass beverage containers in City
parks was adopted on second and final reading on motion by Council-
member Jamison with a second by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion

carried.

AN ordinance granting a zoning change from Residential (R-3)
to Business (B-1) on property described as Lot 2, Block 33 of the
Original Townsite Addition for William A. and Sandra B. Bergey was adopted on second and final reading on motion by Councilmember Carter with a second by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.

AUDITOR Steve Van Manen presented a favorable report on the Audit Report for Fiscal Year 1997.

MAYOR Harbus opened a public hearing to receive comments on a recommended zoning change for property located at 203 Martin St. for Thomas B. Mitchell, Jr. and Yvonne Enoch. Mr. Mitchell was present on behalf of his request. The public hearing closed.

COUNCILMEMBER Rodriguez made the motion to adopt an ordinance (Recorded as No. 1713) on first reading granting the change in zoning from Residential (R-2) to Residential (R-4) on property described as NW 1/2 of Lots 3 and 4, Block 1157 of the Tucker Addition for Thomas B. Mitchell, Jr. and Yvonne Enoch. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jamison. Motion carried.

COUNCILMEMBER Faulkner made the motion to reject all bids for purchase of a 1998 police car. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION was held on the proposed revised employee Motor Vehicle Record (MVR) Policy. Councilmember Carter made the motion to adopt the revised Section 14-2 Motor Vehicle Record (MVR) Policy as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried.

A resolution (Recorded as No. 97-15) approving the DeWitt County Appraisal District’s amendment to their 1998 Budget to transfer up to $30,000 from Reserve Fund to acquire a replacement computer system was made by Councilmember Faulkner and seconded by Councilmember Jamison. Motion carried.

UNDER the City Manager’s Report, Mr. Veselka advised that the Yoakum Community Hospital had agreed to provide office space to serve as the 911 Answering Point in case of emergency relocation of the Police Department 911 System; Texas Water Development Board inspected the wastewater plant construction project; the City’s Senior Citizens Christmas Party is scheduled for December 17th; received information that the fuel factor credit for the 1998 Price Select Program will be zero, and the boring contractor would be starting their project on Hwy. 77A at the Yoakum Inn.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

M. W. Harbus, Jr., Mayor
City of Yoakum, Texas

ATTEST:

Gladys M. Jiral, City Clerk