January 13, 1998
Council Room - 7:00 P.M.
Public Works Building

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: M. W. Harbus, Jr. ..............Mayor
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: Councilmember Carter

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

THE minutes for the meeting of December 9, 1997 were adopted
as presented on motion by Councilmember Rodriguez and seconded by
Councilmember Jamison. Motion carried.

Mayor Harbus opened a Public Hearing to receive citizen
comments for the proposed annexation of the Yoakum Inn property on
Hwy. 77A located adjacent and contiguous to the city limits, and to
review the Annexation Service Plan. No one was present with
comments. The Public hearing was closed.

ORDINANCE No. 1713 was presented for second and final reading.
Councilmember Rodriguez made the motion to adopt the ordinance
granting a 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 Faulkner and
carried.

COUNCILMEMBER Faulkner made the motion to proclaim January as
"School Board Recognition" month. The motion was seconded by
Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.

A resolution calling for redemption of certain current
outstanding obligations was considered. Councilmember Jamison made
the motion to adopt the resolution calling for certain currently
outstanding obligations designated as "City of Yoakum, Texas
General Obligation Bonds, Series 1988" for redemption and directing
the City Manager to effectuate the redemption. The motion was
seconded by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried unanimously.

AN agreement for administrative services with Golden Crescent
Regional Planning Commission on the Housing Rehabilitation Grant
Project was discussed. GCRPC staff are trained and qualified in
managing the projects. Grant funds are available for payment of this service. Councilmember Rodriguez made the motion to enter into an agreement with the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission for the administration of the 1997-98 Texas Community Development Program Housing Rehabilitation Grant. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried.

A resolution (recorded as No. 98-02) was adopted on motion by Councilmember Faulkner establishing a Housing Rehabilitation Project Board. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.

A resolution (recorded as No. 98-03) was adopted on motion by Councilmember Rodriguez authorizing the depository signators for the City's Texas Community Development Block Grant contract for the Housing Rehabilitation Project. Councilmember Jamison seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ON motion by Councilmember Jamison with a second by Councilmember Faulkner, the Mayor was authorized to execute an updated Texas Municipal Risk Pool Interlocal Agreement covering health benefits for city employees. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION was held on an ordinance providing for restricted prior service credit for city employees. A motion was made by Councilmember Faulkner adopting the ordinance (recorded as No. 1714) on first reading authorizing and allowing restricted prior service credit to employees who are members of the Texas Municipal Retirement System for service performed for various other public entities for which they have not received credited service. Councilmember Rodriguez seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CITY Manager Veselka reported that the new wastewater treatment plant would be substantially completed by the projected deadline of March 2, 1998; inquiries for sewer service along Hwy. 77A are to be reviewed, and the list of recommended members for the Lavaca and Jackson County Area P Planning Group on water issues was reviewed.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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

ATTEST:

Gladys M. Jiral
City Clerk
January 20, 1998
Council Room - 5:45 P.M.
Public Works Building

SPECIAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: M. W. Harbus, Jr. .................Mayor
Carroll E. 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.

THE meeting was called to order by Mayor Harbus for the purpose of holding a public hearing for citizen comments and review of the Annexation Service Plan for the proposed annexation of the Yoakum Inn Property on Hwy. 77A adjacent and contiguous to the city limits, and also to consider refunding the City's 1988 Utility System Revenue Bonds.

THE Mayor opened the public hearing and City Manager Veselka reviewed the Service Plan. No one was present with comments on the proposed annexation. The public hearing was closed.

DISCUSSION of various options on the refunding of the 1988 bonds was held with the City's financial advisor Mark McLiney. No action was taken.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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

ATTEST:

Gladys M. Jiral
City Clerk
February 10, 1998
Council Room - 7:00 P.M.
Public Works Building

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT:  M. W. Harbus, Jr. ..................Mayor
          Carroll E. 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 by Councilmember Faulkner, and the Pledge of
Allegiance by all attending.

THE minutes for the meetings of January 13th and 20th, 1998
were adopted as presented on motion by Councilmember Faulkner and
seconded by Councilmember Carter. Motion carried.

AN ordinance (recorded as No. 1715) annexing 4.5 acres of
land, namely the Yoakum Inn property, adjacent and contiguous to
the current city limits and including an Annexation Service Plan
was adopted on first reading on motion by Councilmember Carter.
Councilmember Rodriguez seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNCILMEMBER Rodriguez made the motion to adopt on second and
final reading, the ordinance authorizing and allowing Restricted
Prior Service Credit to employees who are members of the Texas
Municipal Retirement System for service performed for various other
public entities for which they have not received credited service.
The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jamison. Motion carried.

UNDER new business, due to citizen comments a discussion was
held on whether to ratify provisions of Ordinance No. 1707
providing for stop signs on Coke Street and removing stop signs on
Lavaca Street, or consider repealing that provision of the
ordinance. Councilmember Faulkner made the motion to adopt on
first reading an ordinance (recorded as No. 1716) repealing that
part of Ordinance No. 1707 that provides for stop signs on Coke
Street and provides for removal of stop signs on Lavaca Street.
The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion
carried.

COUNCILMEMBER Rodriguez made the motion to approve the
recommended economic development goals and objectives for 1998
received from the Economic Development Board. The motion was
seconded by Councilmember Jamison. Motion carried. The
recommendation to adopt a 1/2% city sales and use tax increase for economic development purposes was discussed. With more information, the Council would like to discuss the recommendation at a later date and possibly plan towards the sales tax.

A letter of resignation from George Boecker on the Yoakum Oak Grove Cemetery Association Board of Directors was accepted by the Council. Councilmember Carter made the motion to appoint Maggie Jahn to fill the unexpired term. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.

COUNCILMEMBER Faulkner made the motion to appoint Weyman Adamek, Dennis Kutach, Linda Findeisen and John Trott to the Economic Development Board. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carter. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilmember Carter to appoint George Ford (Public At Large), Sandra Steinmann (Housing Authority Director), Nyles Steinmann (Planning and Zoning Commission), Howard Templin (Building Standards Commission), and John S. Sanchez (Economic Development Advisory Board) to the Housing Rehabilitation Project Board; seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.

A resolution (recorded as No. 98-04) calling the City Officers General Election on May 2, 1998 was adopted on motion by Councilmember Rodriguez. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carter. Motion carried.

HAZEL Bland and Lorea Schaffner were appointed Election Judge and Alternate Election Judge, respectively, on motion by Councilmember Jamison; seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.

A resolution (recorded as No. 98-05) establishing rules and regulations for use of excessive force during non-violent demonstrations as required by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the Housing Rehabilitation Grant Project was adopted on motion by Councilmember Faulkner with a second by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.

AS required by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the Housing Rehabilitation Grant Project, a proclamation proclaiming April as "Fair Housing Month" was adopted on motion by Councilmember Carter; seconded by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried.

ON motion by Councilmember Rodriguez, Policy Statement No. 39 establishing and implementing a written Hazard Communication Program as required by the Texas Public Employer Community Right-to-Know Act and the Texas Hazard Communication Act, was adopted and seconded by Councilmember Jamison. Motion carried.
UNDER the City Manager's Report, Mr. Veselka reported the wastewater treatment plant was 98% complete; roadway construction and demotion would be accomplished by City forces when the contractor finished; the library had received a $4,500 Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund Grant for Internet access; winds damaged property in and around Yoakum with the City of Hallettsville offering to help with electric service; reminded Council that there was a vacancy on the Board of Governors as well as distributed minutes from the Board of Governors meeting of February 5th.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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

ATTEST:
Gladys M. Jiral
City Clerk
March 10, 1998  
Council Room - 7:00 P.M.  
Public Works Building

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT:  M. W. Harbus, Jr. ..........Mayor  
          Carroll E. 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 by Councilmember Carter, and the Pledge of Allegiance by all attending.

THE minutes for the meeting of February 10, 1998 were adopted as presented on motion by Councilmember Rodriguez and seconded by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried.

Councilmember Carter made the motion to adopt on second and final reading an ordinance repealing that part of Ordinance No. 1707 that provides for stop signs on Coke Street and provides for removal of stop signs on Lavaca Street. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried.

AN ordinance annexing 4.5 acres of land, namely the Yoakum Inn property, adjacent and contiguous to the current city limits and including an Annexation Service Plan was adopted on second and final reading on motion by Councilmember Faulkner. Councilmember Rodriguez seconded the motion. Motion carried.

UNDER New Business, a public hearing was opened to hear comments on the recommended denial of a zoning change, and to receive an appeal of the recommendation from the property owners, Pete, Jr. and Diana Vasquez. Several of the adjoining property owners were present voicing their objections. The Vasquez were also present. Five written objections were received. The hearing was closed to public comment. Councilmember Carter made the motion to deny the zoning change as recommended on property described as part of Lot A, Block 1177 of the J X May Addition (203 Crittenden St.) for Pete, Jr. and Diana Vasquez. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.
ONE bid in the amount of $15,728.00 was received from Wendel Motor Company for the budgeted purchase of a one-half ton truck for use in the Water Department. Councilmember Rodriguez made the motion to award the bid to Wendel Motor Company in the amount of $15,728. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jamison. Motion carried.

COUNCILMEMBER Carter made the motion to appoint Councilmember Annie Rodriguez to the Volunteer Fire Department Pension Plan Board of Trustees for a two year term. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried.

ON motion by Councilmember Rodriguez, Councilmembers Carter and Faulkner, and City Manager Veselka were appointed to the Yoakum City/School Summer Recreation Board. Councilmember Jamison seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CITY Manager Veselka reported the following: newspaper advertisements were being printed for purchase of a police car with bid opening scheduled for March 27th. A special Council meeting would need to be set for this award. The new wastewater treatment plant is nearing completion with a plant walk through scheduled for March 16th. The Fire Station roof repair is scheduled to begin on March 17th. A thank you letter from the Chamber of Commerce along with a Summary of the City’s Cost and Activity for the 1998 Land of Leather Days were distributed. Councilmember Carter inquired about what is being done with dilapidated houses and cleaning of private property, etc. Mr. Veselka advised that procedures had been started on several locations.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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

ATTEST:

Gladys M. Jiral
City Clerk
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: M. W. Harbus, Jr. ...............Mayor
         Carroll E. 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.

THE meeting was called to order by Mayor Harbus for the purpose of receiving a recommendation and awarding a bid for the purchase of one budgeted police package automobile for the Police Department. One bid was received from Wendel Motor Company, Yoakum in the amount of $19,500. Councilmember Faulkner made the motion to award the bid to Wendel Motor Company in the amount of $19,500. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.

CITY Manager Veselka advised he would be attending a pre-construction meeting with TxDOT regarding the raising of the railroad underpass on East Morris St. (Hwy. 111).

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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

ATTEST:

Gladys M. Jiral
City Clerk
April 14, 1998  
Council Room - 7:00 P.M.  
Public Works Building  

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  

PRESENT:  M. W. Harbus, Jr. ..................Mayor  
Carroll E. 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  

MAYOR Harbus called the meeting to order followed by Councilmember Jamison with the Invocation. All attending recited the Pledge of Allegiance.  

MINUTES for the meetings of March 10th and March 31, 1998 were adopted as presented on motion by Councilmember Jamison and seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.  

UNDER new business, a recommendation was received from the Planning and Zoning Commission to approve the requested change in zoning from Residential (R-3) to Residential (R-4) for property located at 910 Dunn Street for Elroy Miller. The Mayor opened a public hearing to receive comments. No one was present nor were any written objections received. The public hearing was closed. Councilmember Carter made the motion to adopt an ordinance on first reading (recorded as No. 1717) granting a change in zoning from Residential (R-3) to Residential (R-4) on property described as Lot 4 and part of Lots 5 and 6, Block 1058 of the Original Townsite Addition for Elroy Miller. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried.  

DISCUSSION was held on the 1998 Street Improvements Project. A motion was made by Councilmember Faulkner to approve the project as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.  

THE Council considered a bid for sale of property for which the City is listed as Trustee. All taxing entities must agree to the sale. The bid submitted, after the foreclosure and Sheriff’s sale, is less than the total amount due and owing. Councilmember Carter made the motion to accept the bid of $2,200 for the property described as Lot 7 and part of Lots 8 and 9, Block 1136 of the Leo Tucker Addition, and authorize the Mayor to execute the appropriate documents. Councilmember Rodriguez seconded the motion. Motion carried.
AN ordinance amending the Manual of Fees and Service Charges as it pertains to Electrician Examination Fees, Swimming Pool Fees, and Reservation Fees for both park pavilions and Jamison Center was discussed. Councilmember Jamison recommended that the Jamison Center be used only for supervised recreational programs for children. Councilmember Carter made the motion to adopt an ordinance on first reading (recorded as No. 1718) as it pertains to Electrician Examination Fees, Swimming Pool Fees, and Reservation Fees for both park pavilions, and delete the proposed fees for the Jamison Center. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried.

AN ordinance updating and amending Chapter 5 of the Code of Ordinances pertaining to electrical provisions and unsafe building abatement was considered. On motion by Councilmember Rodriguez with a second by Councilmember Jamison, the ordinance was adopted on first reading (recorded as No. 1719) amending Chapter 5 of the Yoakum Code of Ordinances regarding Article II Electrical, specifically Sections 5-21 through 5-70.2, and Article IV Unsafe Building Abatement, specifically Section 5-91.24(c). Motion carried.

The naming of Farm-to-Market Road 3475 within the city limits was discussed. Councilmember Faulkner made the motion to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 98-06) naming FM 3475 as "Carl Ramert Drive. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.

The following appointments were made on motion by Councilmember Jamison and second by Councilmember Carter: Planning and Zoning Commission - Tommy Barre and Bettye Powell; Zoning Board of Adjustment - Esther Turner, Mark Jahn, John Mark Brown, Darlene Renken and Dr. John Braden; Yoakum Housing Authority Board - Elwood Gaus, Ralph G. Rodriguez, Faustine Rodriguez and Erica Harper as Resident Commissioner for one year; Community Center Board of Governors - Mark Jahn and Weyman Adamek; Building and Standards Commission - Ardie Ray Stevens, Frances Ford, Howard Templin, Fred Siecko, Lindsey Lacina, and alternates Marlin Kuentler, Tony Perez and Bernice Watson. Motion carried.

CITY Manager Veselka reported the Fire Station roof had been completed and repairs were beginning on the interior; new treatment plant nearing completion and full utilization; Summer Recreation Board had their first meeting this date, and the Fire/EMS Department set up and arranged tours of the Fire Safe House at local schools. Councilmember Jamison asked if after hours and weekend access could be made to the cemetery located within the fenced area of the Solid Waste Transfer Station. Methods of access are to be reviewed.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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M. W. Harbus, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

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

PRESENT:  M. W. Harbus, Jr. ..............Mayor
         Carroll E. 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

MAYOR Harbus called the meeting to order for the purpose of receiving a report on hospital operations. As a matter of information for the City Council, Hospital Administrator Elwood Currier outlined future strategic initiatives for the hospital including that of transfer of ownership. Discussion followed the presentation.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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

ATTEST:

Gladys M. Jiral
City Clerk
May 5, 1998
Council Room - 5:30 P.M.
Public Works Building

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT:  M. W. Harbus, Jr. ............Mayor
Carroll E. 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:

MAYOR Harbus called the meeting to order for the purpose of canvassing the May 2nd election returns, declaring the results, presentation of election certificates and completion of the Statements of Elected Officers.

THE returns were canvassed by Mayor Harbus, Councilmembers Rodriguez and Carter. A discrepancy was found in the election results for Place 5. Tim Faulkner received 319 votes instead of the unofficial reported results shown as 320. Councilmember Carter made the motion to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 98-07) declaring the election results. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Gladys M. Jiral
City Clerk
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT:  M. W. Harbus, Jr. ..............Mayor
          Carroll E. 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

MAYOR Harbus called the meeting to order followed by Councilmember Rodriguez with the Invocation. All attending recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

THE City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Councilmembers Jamison and Faulkner.

ELECTION of 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 Rodriguez. Motion carried. Councilmember Faulkner made a motion to elect Councilmember Carter as Mayor Pro-Tem. The motion carried with a second by Councilmember Jamison.

MINUTES for the meetings of April 14th, April 21st and May 5, 1998 were adopted as presented on motion by Councilmember Faulkner and seconded by Councilmember Carter. Motion carried.

UNDER old business, a recommendation was considered for the 1998 Street Improvement Project. Only one bid was received from H & C Construction Co., Inc. of Shiner, Texas in the amount of $86,444.87 based on unit prices. A motion was made by Councilmember Carter with a second by Councilmember Faulkner to award the bid to H & C Construction Co., Inc. of Shiner based on the unit prices for $86,444.87. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jamison to adopt an ordinance on second and final reading granting a change in zoning from Residential (R-3) to Residential (R-4) on property described as Lot 4 and part of Lots 5 and 6, Block 1058 of the Original Townsite Addition for Elroy Miller. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.
A change in ordinance No. 1718 as adopted on first reading was made to provide for the amount of the master electrician bonds as required in the newly amended Electrical Code. Councilmember Carter made a motion to adopt the ordinance on second and final reading amending the Manual of Fees and Service Charges as it pertains to deleting the Electrician Examination Fees and adding the Bond Requirement, Swimming Pool Fees, and Reservation Fees for both park pavilions. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried.

COUNCILMEMBER Faulkner made the motion to adopt ordinance No. 1719 on second and final reading amending Chapter 5 of the Yoakum Code of Ordinances regarding Article II Electrical, specifically Sections 5-21 through 5-70.2, and Article IV Unsafe Building Abatement, specifically Section 5-91.24(c) as explained by the City Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilmember Carter to authorize the Mayor to execute oil and gas and mineral leases for the closed landfill site and, airport and park property. Councilmember Rodriguez seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A request from the Yoakum Historical Preservation Society, Inc. for historical designation of the Nannie Ray Baker property and exemption from property tax was received. A resolution (recorded as No. 98-08) designating the Baker property as being historically significant, and authorizing the property tax exemption as provided for by the Texas Property Tax Code was adopted on motion by Councilmember Rodriguez with a second by Councilmember Jamison. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION No. 98-09 amending Exhibit A of the Wholesale Power Agreement with Lower Colorado River Authority which provides for an increase in contract load was adopted on motion by Councilmember Faulkner. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carter. Motion carried.

PLACEMENT of stop signs on O’Connor and Ewald Streets was discussed. An ordinance (recorded as No. 1720) was adopted on first reading providing for location of stop signs on O’Connor Street at its intersection with Josephine and Cammie Streets and signs on Ewald Street at its intersection with Poth Street on motion by Councilmember Carter. Councilmember Faulkner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

KAREN Jamison was appointed to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of George Ford on the Housing Rehabilitation Project Board on motion by Councilmember Rodriguez with a second by Councilmember Carter. Motion carried.
THE following board appointments were made on motion by Councilmember Carter with a second by Councilmember Jamison:

LIBRARY BOARD - Joyce Manning, Delores Senglemen, Mrs. Ralph Rinn and Margie Kvinta

CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND APPEALS - Glen Rudolph, one year to fill unexpired term; Charles Pate and Blaise Dreitner for two years, and, Rodney Jahn and Dr. Sandra Bergey for three years.

Motion carried.

CITY Manager Veselka reported that the TML Region 11 meeting would be held in Kingsville; start up of the belt press at the sewer plant would be on May 22nd, and life guard training would be held on the weekend of May 16 -17.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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

ATTEST:

Gladys M. Jiral
City Clerk
June 30, 1998  
Council Room - 6:00 P.M. 
Public Works Building  

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  

PRESENT: M. W. Harbus, Jr. ............Mayor  
Carroll E. 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  

MAYOR Harbus called the meeting to order for the purpose of performing an evaluation of the City Manager. Mayor Harbus announced that the Council would convene in Executive Session and closed the meeting to the public.  

THE meeting was later reconvened to the public with no action resulting from the Executive Session.  

THERE being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.  

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

ATTEST:  
Paula D. Ammerman  
Deputy City Clerk
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: M. W. Harbus, Jr. ...............Mayor
          Carroll E. 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

MAYOR Harbus called the meeting to order followed by Council-
member Faulkner with the Invocation. All attending recited the
Pledge of Allegiance.

THE minutes from the meeting of May 12, 1998 were adopted as
presented on motion by Councilmember Jamison with a second by
Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE No. 1720 providing for location of stop signs on
O’Connor Street at its intersection with Josephine and Cammie
Streets and signs on Ewald Street at its intersection with Poth
Street was adopted on second and final reading on motion by
Councilmember Carter with a second by Councilmember Faulkner.
Motion carried.

THE review and discussion of the Airport Lease Agreement at
its third year initial interval was tabled since City Manager
Veselka had not been able to meet with the FBO Gerry Shore.

COUNCILMEMBER Rodriguez made the motion to adopt a resolution
(recorded as No. 98-10) authorizing the application for financial
assistance through the Texas Department of Transportation for
development of a Yoakum Municipal Airport Action Plan/Layout Plan
Project. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jamison. Motion
carried.

IN conjunction with the Airport Action Plan/Layout Plan
Project, the following were appointed to serve: Tom Chilek, as the
City’s Designated Authorized Representative, and A.J. Veselka, Tom
Chilek, Gladys Jiral and Charlotte Morrow as the City’s Consultant
Selection Committee on motion by Councilmember Jamison with a
second by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.
COUNCILMEMBER Carter made the motion to authorize advertisement for quotes and the purchase of one used truck tractor with roll-off hoist as budgeted for the Solid Waste Department. Councilmember Faulkner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION was held for calling a sales tax special election for economic development/ad valorem reduction purposes. Councilmember Carter made the motion to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 1721) ordering an election to be held on August 8, 1998 for the purpose of determining whether to adopt a City Sales and Use Tax for economic development purposes and an additional City sales and use tax to reduce the property tax rate. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried.

UNDER City Manager's Report, Mr. Veselka advised that the swimming pool and personnel were audited by Jeff Ellis and Associates and received an Exceed Standards Rating; another audit will be done before the end of the summer; an application for computer upgrades had been submitted to Southwestern Bell again this year; Police Officer Don Broussard had heart surgery and was recuperating well; a meeting is scheduled for June 15th with the Housing Rehabilitation Project Advisory Board to review the project guidelines and make recommendations to the City Council; the Summer Recreation Program is underway and progressing well, and computer checks are being done on the new wastewater treatment plant, otherwise the plant is operating well meeting all requirements.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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

ATTEST:

Gladys M. Jiral
City Clerk
July 14, 1998  
Council Room - 7:00 P.M.  
Public Works Building

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT:  Carroll E. 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, Jr.

MAYOR Pro-Tem Carter called the meeting to order and gave the Invocation. All attending recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

THE minutes from the meeting of June 14th and 30th, 1998 were adopted as presented on motion by Councilmember Rodriguez with a second by Councilmember Jamison. Motion carried.

THE discussion of the Airport Lease Agreement was tabled. City Manager Veselka advised that he was working with Gerry Shore, who is to come by the office later this week, or on Monday.

THE Council received a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission for approval of a zoning request to change from Residential (R-3) to Residential (R-1) District on property bounded by Elenora, Vollenstein, Lavaca, and Mann Streets. Mayor Pro-Tem Carter opened a Public Hearing to receive citizen comments on the recommendation. Several property owners were present with concerns. The Public Hearing was closed to comments.

COUNCILMEMBER Rodriguez made the motion to adopt an ordinance on first reading changing the zoning to Residential (R-1) on property as listed on attached Exhibit A for the Mraz Addition and part of the John May Addition bounded by Elenora, Vollenstein, Lavaca, and Mann Streets excluding property owned by Phillip Hall and including the Richard Bartek property. The motion died for lack of a second.

COUNCILMEMBER Jamison made the motion to refer the application back to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review and re-submittal to the Council. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Faulkner. The vote was tied with Mayor Pro-Tem and Councilmember Rodriguez voting against the motion. It appeared that no decision could be arrived at so the City Staff and Attorney were directed to review and research what was needed to be done at this point.
THE request to consider allowing the Chamber of Commerce to hold the 111th Birthday Street Dance on July 25th within the 200 block of Grand Avenue (from Lott to Irvine Sts.) was approved on motion by Councilmember Faulkner with a second by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jamison to ratify the provisions of the License to Bore Under City Street to the Yoakum Independent School District to install fiber optic cable for networking of computers between the high school and junior high campuses. Councilmember Rodriguez seconded the motion. Motion carried.

LARRY Lancaster from the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission was present regarding the Housing Rehabilitation Grant guidelines. Councilmember Faulkner made the motion to approve the 1997 Texas Community Development Program Housing Rehabilitation Guidelines as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.

COUNCILMEMBERS Rodriguez and Faulkner were appointed to the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission's General Assembly on motion by Councilmember Jamison with a second by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jamison to recommend Councilmember Faulkner to serve as a Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission Board of Director Member for DeWitt County. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.

HAZEL Bland and Lorea Schaffner were appointed to serve as Election Judge and Alternate Judge, respectively, for the August 8, 1998 City Sales and Use Tax Election on motion by Councilmember Jamison with a second by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried.

UNDER the City Manager's Report, Mr. Veselka advised that the election notice was posted and would be published in this week's paper; due to election regulations only a Fact Sheet can be prepared by Staff and made available; the Staff is working on the 1998-99 budget and a Budget Workshop with Council was scheduled for July 21st at 6:00 P.M.

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 21, 1998
Council Room - 6:00 P.M.
Public Works Building

BUDGET WORKSHOP OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: Carroll E. 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: M. W. Harbus, Jr.

MAYOR Pro-Tem Carter called the meeting to order for the purpose of conducting a workshop on the 1998-99 budget.

ALL department heads were present and the various department budgets were presented and reviewed. The budget will be presented for adoption on first reading at the August 11th Council meeting.

THERE being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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

ATTEST:

Gladys M. Jiral
City Clerk
July 30, 1998
Council Room - 8:00 A.M.
Public Works Building

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: Carroll E. 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: M. W. Harbus, Jr.

MAYOR Pro Tem Carter called the meeting to order. The
certified tax roll for 1998 shows a total assessed value of
$120,414,395.00 less adjustment for new improvements of $886,934.00
for an adjusted taxable value of $119,527,461.00. The motion was
made by Councilmember Jamison to adopt the 1998 tax roll as
certified by the DeWitt County Chief Appraiser. The motion was
seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.

A recommendation was received establishing the amount of debt
service to be supported by the ad valorem tax levy and the amount
to be supported by utility revenue for the Fiscal Year 1998-99 for
the payment of principal, interest and administrative fees on the
1995 General Obligation Bond issue debt. A motion was made by
Councilmember Rodriguez to pay $73,960 from tax revenue and the
balance of $205,150 from utility revenue to satisfy the 1998-99
debt requirement as presented. The motion was seconded by
Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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

ATTEST:

Gladys M. Jiral
City Clerk
August 11, 1998
Council Room - 7:00 P.M.
Public Works Building

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT:  M. W. Harbus, Jr................Mayor
          Carroll E. 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

MAYOR Harbus called the meeting to order followed by Councilmember Jamison giving the Invocation. All attending recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

THE minutes from the meeting of July 14th, July 21st and 30th, 1998 were adopted as presented on motion by Councilmember Rodriguez with a second by Councilmember Jamison. Motion carried.

UNDER Old Business, the City Manager reported that due to a lack of presence and operations and the need to establish an ongoing operation at the airport, a letter of termination had been sent to the Fixed Base Operator Gerry Shore on July 22, 1998. Councilmember Faulkner made the motion to authorize the City Manager to proceed with requests for proposals for an Airport Fixed Base Operator. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carter. Motion carried.

COUNCILMEMBER Carter made the motion to approve an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with LCRA for a Partnership in Parks Project Grant and authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried. LCRA Representative Cynthia Martin presented the Council with a $60,000 ceremonial check.

A recommendation was received from the Planning and Zoning Commission approving a Specific Use Permit to operate the Jesus New Covenant Outreach Church at 315 Lott St. Mayor Harbus opened a Public Hearing to receive citizen comments. Ms. McKinley was present in behalf of the church. There being no one else present for the hearing nor any comments received, the hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Councilmember Rodriguez to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 1722) on first reading granting a Specific Use Permit to operate the Jesus New Covenant Outreach Church on property described as the north 25' of Lot 10, Block 6 (NCB 1006) of the Original Townsite Addition. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carter. Motion carried.
THE results from the August 8th City Sales and Use Tax Election returns were canvassed by Councilmember Rodriguez and Jamison. The canvass reflected passage of the sales and use tax for economic development by 41 to 37 votes as well as the passage of the additional sales and use tax to reduce property tax by 41 to 36 votes. Councilmember Rodriguez made the motion to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 98-11) declaring the election results. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jamison. Motion carried.

BUDGET changes resulting from the Budget Workshop were presented by City Manager Veselka. Councilmember Carter recommended that in addition to the changes presented, he would like to see that the Yoakum Heritage Museum and the Yoakum Oak Grove Cemetery Association receive the same funding as in the current budget year. Other Councilmembers agreed with the proposal. The motion was made by Councilmember Carter that, as amended to include the donations to the Museum and Cemetery Association, an ordinance (recorded as No. 1723) be adopted on first reading adopting the 1998-99 City Budget. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried.

COUNCILMEMBER Jamison made the motion to adopt on first reading an ordinance (recorded as No. 1724) adopting the 1998 tax rate of $0.24482. Councilmember Faulkner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A resolution authorizing the continued offering of health benefits to City of Yoakum retirees was discussed. The available coverage would continue with the retirees continuing to pay all of the premiums. The motion was made by Councilmember Faulkner and seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to adopt the resolution (recorded as No. 98-12) authorizing the continued offering of health benefits to City of Yoakum retirees. Motion carried.

COUNCILMEMBER Jamison made the motion to appoint the following to the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission's Advisory Committees:

REGIONAL HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Lavaca County - Vivian Wright; DeWitt County Shirley Blundell

REGIONAL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS
Lavaca County - David Perry; DeWitt County - Ronald Leck and Yvonne Rodriguez

REGIONAL PUBLIC PROTECTION
DeWitt County - Ronald Leck and Bill Formolo

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

REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES
DeWitt County - Calvin Cook and Eugene Hanzelka
The motion was seconded by Councilmember Paulkner and carried.

CITY Manager Veselka reported the City Attorney had researched the unresolved Mraz Addition zoning matter. Mr. Kvinta stated that the matter remains with the Council and that it would have to be re-addressed either to be approved, denied or returned to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mr. Veselka reported that the new fire truck was received and total cost was $177,327.50; the final electric inspection at the wastewater plant is to be done shortly; LCRA 1999 Price Select packets were received for review and future consideration; South Central Texas Water Planning Group is requesting projections through the year 2050 and will require the City to do some long range planning; TCI representatives delivered information for transfer of their franchise to Texas Cable Partners L.P. Mr. Jack Hopper has been contacted to review and assist the City with the transfer of the franchise.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

[Signature]
M. W. Harbus, Jr., Mayor
City of Yoakum, Texas

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Gladys M. Jiral
City Clerk
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: M. W. Harbus, Jr. ................. Mayor
Carroll E. 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

MAYOR Harbus called the meeting to order followed by Councilmember Rodriguez giving the Invocation. All attending recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Newly hired Police Officer Curtis Jacobs, Jr. was acknowledged as a visitor.

THE minutes from the meeting of August 11, 1998 were adopted as presented on motion by Councilmember Jamison with a second by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried.

UNDER old business, the tabled Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation for a zoning change on the Mraz Addition and part of the John May Addition was considered. Several property owners involved in the requested change were again present to state their objection or approval of the request. The Council had the option to grant the request on first reading as recommended; deny the change by motion, or refer the recommendation back to the Planning and Zoning Commission to reconsider specific items the Council wanted addressed.

AFTER hearing the discussions, Councilmember Carter made the motion to adopt an ordinance on first reading (recorded as No. 1725) granting the zoning change as presented by the Planning and Zoning Commission, and amended by Council to exclude the Richard Bartek property, Lot 5, Block 2 of the Mraz Addition. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried.

THE ordinance received on second and final reading granting a Specific Use Permit to operate the Jesus New Covenant Outreach Church on property described as the north 25' of Lot 10, Block 6 (NCB 1006) of the Original Townsite Addition was adopted on motion by Councilmember Rodriguez and seconded by Councilmember Carter. Motion carried.

MAYOR Harbus opened a public hearing to receive citizen comments on the proposed 1998-99 City Budget. City Manager Veselka advised that the changes made at the August Council meeting had been included in the current attachments. No other comments were
received. The hearing was closed. Councilmember Faulkner made the motion to adopt the ordinance on second and final reading as amended and presented; seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez, motion carried.

THE ordinance setting the 1998 tax rate was adopted on second and final reading on motion by Councilmember Rodriguez with a second by Councilmember Jamison. Motion carried.

BIDS for the City's Depository were received on September 3rd. Both the Yoakum National Bank and First State Bank submitted proposals. On motion by Councilmember Jamison, the October 1, 1998 through September 30, 2000 Depository Bid was awarded to the Yoakum National Bank. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carter. Motion carried.

COUNCILMEMBER Carter made the motion to select the 100% option under the 1999 LCRA Price Select Program and authorized the Mayor to sign the appropriate Price Select Program documents. Councilmember Faulkner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ON motion by Councilmember Faulkner with a second by Councilmember Carter, an Engineering Services Agreement was approved with McCord Engineering, Inc. to perform an electric system study to evaluate the adequacy of the system to service both present and future electric loads and to identify and enumerate capital improvements required over the next five years to achieve and maintain the system. The motion carried.

AN amendment to Budget Ordinance No. 1703 for Fiscal Year 1997/98 was considered. Councilmember Carter made the motion to adopt an ordinance on first reading (recorded as No. 1726) amending the 1997/98 Fiscal Year Budget. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried.

DELINQUENT ambulance and utility bills was reviewed with a motion being made by Councilmember Jamison to approve the charge-off of the delinquent bills. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carter and carried.

A Security Light Installation Fees and Policy Statement was discussed. The policy sets out guidelines and fees which previously had not been covered. Councilmember Rodriguez made the motion to adopt Policy Statement No. 40 covering the Security Light Installation Fees and Policy. Councilmember Faulkner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNCILMEMBER Faulkner made the motion to schedule a public hearing on October 13, 1998 to conduct the Communications Services, Inc. ("CSI") franchise required sixth year performance review concurrently with CSI's request to transfer the franchise to Texas Cable Partners, L.P. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carter and carried.
MAYOR HARBUS closed the meeting to go into Executive Session to consult with the City Attorney contemplated litigation regarding termination of the airport lease agreement (V.T.C.A. Gov. Code, Section 551.071). The meeting was later reopened to the public. Councilmember Carter made the motion to proceed with the enforcement of the termination of the airport lease agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried.

UNDER the City Manager’s Report, Mr. Veselka advised the Council that the City’s Housing Rehabilitation Grant Guidelines had been reviewed and approved by the Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) with one modification. TCDP requires that at a minimum, flood insurance must be in effect from the entire term of the forgivable loan. The Housing Advisory Board meet, reviewed and recommended that Section III E. of the City’s Guidelines be changed to reflect "if the unit is located in a flood hazard area, flood insurance shall be in effect for the entire term of the forgivable loan". The 1998 Street Improvement Project will begin on September 9th; Approximately 60 weedy lot letters were being processed; the new wastewater treatment plant should be ready for final acceptance at the October meeting. Councilmember Jamison expressed her appreciation to the Council for the City’s recognition of her fifty years of service to the St. James A.M.E. Church.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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

ATTEST:

Gladys M. Jiral
City Clerk
October 13, 1998  
Council Room - 7:00 P.M.  
Public Works Building

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT:  M. W. Harbus, Jr. ................. Mayor  
          Carroll E. 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

MAYOR Harbus called the meeting to order followed by  
Councilmember Faulkner giving the Invocation. All attending  
recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

THE minutes from the meeting of September 8, 1998 were adopted  
as presented on motion by Councilmember Faulkner with a second by  
Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.

MAYOR Harbus opened a public hearing to receive citizen  
comments on: cable service in Yoakum as part of the cable TV  
franchise required 6th year performance review on Communications  
Services, Inc. (CSI), d/b/a/ TCI Cablevision of Texas, and the  
requested transfer of CSI franchise to Texas Cable Partners, L.P.  
Several people in attendance expressed concern about their TV  
reception and about lack of response for service especially on  
weekends. A petition with 300 signatures had been presented to the  
Yoakum office requesting that the Trinity station be added to the  
Yoakum service area. No response was ever received to the  
petition. A request for the LifeTime channel was made.

MR. Dennis Moore, General Manager of TCI, was present for the  
hearing and stated he would check on the complaints and try to  
respond to them. The hearing was adjourned until the November  
Council meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER Carter made the motion to continue the  
performance review until the Council's November meeting. The  
motion was seconded by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilmember Rodriguez to adopted an  
ordinance on first reading transferring the CSI cable TV franchise  
to Texas Cable Partners, L.P. The motion was seconded by  
Councilmember Jamison. Motion carried.

THE ordinance granting a zoning change from Residential (R-3)  
to Residential (R-1) on property as listed on Exhibit A for the  
Mraz Addition and part of the John May Addition bounded by Elenora,
Vollentine, Lavaca and Mann Streets, was adopted on second and final reading on motion by Councilmember Jamison with a second by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.

COUNCILMEMBER Carter made the motion to adopt an ordinance on second and final reading amending Fiscal Year 1997/98 Budget Ordinance No. 1703. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.

CITY’S engineer Craig Bell made his recommendation to the Council which included approval of final payment, purchase of additional equipment, demolition of portions of the old plant, and close out of the plant project. Project cost to date was $3,507,926.33 leaving a balance of $70,073.67. Purchase of the equipment, engineering fees, and demolition was estimated to cost $65,078. Councilmember Carter made the motion to pay the 5% retainage fee due Gracon Construction Company; to purchase the additional equipment; to have a contractor demolish portions of the old plant, and close out the plant project. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried. An Open House was scheduled for Friday, October 23, 1998 from 9 to 12 Noon.

MAYOR Harbus opened a public hearing to receive citizen comments on the continuation of the Juvenile Curfew Ordinance. Several written letters of support had been received. Sandra Steinmann was present in support of the ordinance continuation. The hearing was closed to public comments.

COUNCILMEMBER Carter made the motion to adopt an ordinance on first reading (recorded as No. 1728) providing for continuance of the Juvenile Curfew Ordinance No. 1578. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jamison. Motion carried.

POLICY Statement No. 41 covering a Roll-Off Container Service Policy was adopted on motion by Councilmember Rodriguez with a second by Councilmember Jamison. Motion carried.

AN ordinance (recorded as No. 1729) providing for Roll-Off Container Service Rates was adopted on first reading on motion by Councilmember Carter with a second by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried.

USED truck tractors for transport of solid waste to the landfill with the suspension we are specifying sell quickly. City Manager and Staff suggested that we advertise for quotes with an open quote date and send specifications to dealers. When a truck is located meeting the specifications and within the budgeted amount of $45,000, the City Manager could have approval to make the purchase. Councilmember Faulkner made the motion to authorize the advertisement of quotes and the purchase of one used transfer truck tractor for the Solid Waste Department as budgeted. Councilmember Jamison seconded the motion. Motion carried.
CHERYL Trott and Carl O'Neill were appointed to serve on the Yoakum Oak Grove Cemetery Association Board of Directors on motion by Councilmember Rodriguez with a second by Councilmember Carter. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION No. 98-13 in support of voluntary class actions on behalf of Texas Municipalities was adopted on motion by Councilmember Jamison with a second by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.

UNDER the City Manager's Report, Mr. Veselka stated that thirty-one pre-applications for the Housing Rehabilitation Grant had been received and twenty-eight of those appear to qualify. Loan applications would be forwarded to those twenty-eight. A $4,976 grant was received from Southwestern Bell to be used for economic development to enhance the website and quality of the newsletter. Mr. Veselka had received a request for a handicap ramp on Grand Avenue. He advised that after review of the Americans with Disabilities Act, we have found that the City is in compliance with the requirements by providing an alternate method of access to the Grand Avenue businesses. The alternate method is the use of the ramps from the alley ways.

THERE being no further business, the meeting closed.

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

ATTEST:

Gladys M. Jiral
City Clerk
October 20, 1998
Council Room - 5:30 P.M.
Public Works Building

EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: M. W. Harbus, Jr..................Mayor
         Carroll E. 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

MAYOR Harbus called the emergency meeting to order to consider a mutual aid agreement with the City of Cuero for emergency assistance as a result of the flooding of the Guadalupe River.

THE agreement was reviewed and discussed. Councilmember Jamison made the motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into the mutual aid agreement with the City of Cuero to provide police, fire, ambulance, utility and other essential services during an emergency in their city. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried.

THERE being no further business, the meeting closed.

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

ATTEST:

Gladys M. Jiral
City Clerk
November 2, 1998
Council Room - 5:45 P.M.
Public Works Building

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: M. W. Harbus, Jr. ................. Mayor
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: Carroll E. Carter

MAYOR Harbus called the meeting to order for consultation with the city attorney regarding litigation on the termination of the airport lease agreement. The Mayor announced that the Council would go into executive session.

The meeting was later re-opened to the public. No action resulted from the executive session.

There being no further business, the meeting closed.

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 E. 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

MAYOR Harbus called the meeting to order followed by Councilmember Carter giving the Invocation. All attending recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

THE minutes from the meetings of October 13th, October 20th and November 2, 1998 were adopted as presented on motion by Councilmember Jamison with a second by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.

MAYOR Harbus re-opened the public hearing, which had been adjourned from October 13th, to receive citizen comments on: cable service in Yoakum as part of the cable TV franchise required 6th year performance review on Communications Services, Inc. (CSI), d/b/a/ TCI Cablevision of Texas, and the requested transfer of CSI franchise to Texas Cable Partners, L.P. Walter Cheshire advised he was still having problems with some of the stations not being clear or the audio was too loud. Bill Black, the Yoakum TCI technician, was to go back by Mr. Cheshire’s home and check for problems again. Randy Perez spoke strongly in support of the TBN station being made available to residents. Dennis Moore from TCI addressed the concerns from the previous meeting and advised that all had been contacted about their specific problems. He also advised that the Yoakum cable system has a 99.98 reliability index according to records kept within their office. Mr. Moore advised that a random sample survey would be conducted in Yoakum to determine what additional networks the viewers wanted. TBN and Lifetime would be two of the networks listed on the survey. There being no further comments, the hearing was closed.

COUNCILMEMBER Jamison made the motion that favorable review resulted from the 6th year performance review of Communications Services, Inc. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carter. Motion carried.
ORDINANCE No. 1727 was amended since first reading to include language to recognize and adopt the FCC established technical and service standards. The standards had been enacted after the City granted the franchise to CSI. A motion was made by Councilmember Carter adopting Ordinance No. 1727, as amended, on second and final reading transferring the CSI cable TV franchise to Texas Cable Partners, L.P. Councilmember Rodriguez seconded the motion. Motion carried. The adopted ordinance is to be signed by both CSI and Texas Cable Partners, L.P. prior to the Mayor's signing.

AN ordinance adopting the Roll-Off Container Service Rates was adopted on second and final reading on motion by Councilmember Rodriguez with a second by Councilmember Jamison. Motion carried.

A second public hearing was opened by Mayor Harbus to receive citizen comments on the continuation of the City's Juvenile Curfew Ordinance. No one was present and no comments were received. The Mayor closed the hearing. Councilmember Carter made the motion to adopt an ordinance on second and final reading providing for the continuance of the Juvenile Curfew Ordinance No. 1578. Councilmember Faulkner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNCILMEMBER Carter made the motion to hold a public hearing at the next Council meeting of December 8th to receive comments on TCI's merger with AT&T, and the request for consent to the proposed change of control, ownership, and interest. Councilmember Rodriguez seconded the motion. Motion carried.

THE Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation for approval of the zoning change from Residential (R-3) to Business (B-1) at 312 East Hochheim St. was received by Council. Mayor Harbus opened a public hearing to receive citizen comments. No one was present and no comments received. The hearing was closed.

DISCUSSION was held on this being spot zoning. It was noted that the Zoning Ordinance provides for B-1 zoning which are businesses that can exist in harmony with residential districts. A motion was made by Councilmember Carter to adopt an ordinance on first reading (recorded as No. 1730) granting a change in zoning from Residential (R-3) to Business (B-1) for property described as Lot 8, Block 1070 of the Yoakum Townsite Addition. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.

COUNCILMEMBER Rodriguez made a motion to support the concept of the LCRA affiliate, GenTex Power Corporation, being utilized to construct or acquire generation for future generation needs for the wholesale customers benefit and authorized the City Manager to countersign the October 14, 1998 Letter of Interest/Support. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carter. Motion carried.

SELECTION of WP1 least cost option under the 1999 LCRA Price Select Program and disbursement of the $6,109.92 cost savings to the City's consumers was made on motion by Councilmember Faulkner with a second by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.
DR. David Watson was appointed the City’s Health Officer on motion by Councilmember Rodriguez with a second by Councilmember Jamison. Motion carried.

COUNCILMEMBER Carter made the motion to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 98-14) authorizing execution of the Texas Municipal League Group Benefits Risk Pool Continuation of Coverage Administrative Agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jamison. Motion carried. The agreement provides for TML to contact employees leaving the City’s employment, or dependents of employees who for certain reasons may no longer be covered, to see if the employee or dependent is interested in continuing health insurance coverage.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jamison adopting the City’s Records Management Plan including the Texas State Library’s Records Control Schedules, as required by the Local Government Records Act of 1989, and City Ordinance No. 1545 adopted December 11, 1990. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.

THE Mayor called an executive session to evaluate City Manager Veselka’s performance. The meeting was later re-opened to the public. Councilmember Faulkner reported that the manager received a very favorable report and made the motion to increase his annual salary by $2,500. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carter. Motion carried.

UNDER the City Manager’s Report, Mr. Veselka reported that the Housing Rehabilitation Advisory Board would be meeting next week to review applications; the auditors were in the office this week perform the annual audit; the Mutual Aid Agreement had been received from Cuero signed except that EMS had been struck through since Cuero does not provide EMS; information and map updates had been sent to FEMA for City flood map updates; checking into customer requests for extended telephone service to area towns, and will be reviewing with TxDOT, Aviation Division, three consultant proposals for the TxDOT Action Plan Grant.

THERE being no further business, the meeting closed.

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

ATTEST:

Gladys M. Jiral
City Clerk
December 8, 1998
Council Room - 7:00 P.M.
Public Works Building

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: M. W. Harbus, Jr................Mayor
Carroll E. 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

MAYOR Harbus called the meeting to order followed by
Councilmember Jamison giving the Invocation. All attending recited
the Pledge of Allegiance.

THE minutes from the meeting of November 10, 1998 were adopted
as presented on motion by Councilmember Carter with a second by
Councilmember Jamison. Motion carried.

COUNCILMEMBER Rodriguez made the motion to adopt Ordinance No.
1730 on second and final reading granting a change in zoning from
Residential (R-3) to Business (B-1) on property described as Lot 8,
Block 1070 of the Yoakum Townsite Addition. The motion was
seconded by Councilmember Carter. Motion carried.

UNDER new business, Mayor Harbus opened a public hearing to
receive citizen comments on the application for the City's consent
to assignment or transfer of control of the cable TV franchise from
Communications Services, Inc. (CSI), d/b/a/ TCI Cablevision of Texas
to AT&T Corporation. TCI Representative Dennis Moore
discussed the transfer. No citizen comments were received. The
public hearing was closed.

CONSULTANT Jack Hopper recommended transfer of the franchise.
On motion by Councilmember Carter, an ordinance was adopted on
first reading consenting to assignment and change of control of the
cable franchise granted to Communications Services, Inc.
("Franchisee") d/b/a/ TCI Cablevision of Texas, to AT&T Corpora-
tion. Councilmember Rodriguez seconded the motion. Motion
carried.

THE Non-Exclusive Pole Attachment Agreement was discussed.
Jack Hopper recommended changes in the agreement including an
increase in the per pole fee from $4.00 to $5.50; an annual
increase in the fee based on GNPI and, annual renewal of the
agreement. After discussion, Dennis Moore countered that he felt
that his company would agree with the $5.50 per pole provided the
annual renewal and annual increase was removed from the proposed
agreement. He advised that he would submit a written proposal to this effect and forward it to the City the next day. The Council could then consider the proposal for the January meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER Carter made the motion to adopt the ordinance, as presented, on first reading amending the Non-Exclusive Pole Attachment Agreement granted to Communication Services, Inc. (CSI) by Ordinance No. 1572 and transferring the agreement to Texas Cable Partners, L.P. The motion was seconded by Councillmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.

AUDITOR Steve VanManen presented and reviewed the Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 1998 and advised that the City was in good standing.

A progress report on the Housing Rehabilitation Grant Project was presented and reviewed by City Manager. Out of 41 inquiries/applicants, 21 qualified for the project. City staff will proceed with the next phase which is to inspect the property and arrive at cost estimates.

COUNCILMEMBER Rodriguez made the motion to adopt an ordinance on first reading amending the 1998-99 Budget to appropriate Wastewater Treatment Plant Project funds for needed equipment, demolition of portions of the old facility, and to establish a Capital Reserve for Wastewater and Water Improvements. The motion was seconded by Councillmember Jamison. Motion carried.

MAYOR Harbus called for an Executive Session to consult with the city attorney on litigation regarding termination of the airport lease agreement. The session closed and the meeting was re-opened to the public with no action resulting from the Executive Session.

CITY Manager Veselka advised that Friedel Drilling Company would be pulling Brushy Creek Water Well No. 7 to determine what repairs are needed; the Senior Citizens Christmas Party will be held on Monday, December 13th, and reminded everyone to go by the library and museum to see the Christmas exhibits.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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

ATTEST:
Gladys M. Jira
City Clerk