January 11, 2000  
Council Room – 7:00 P.M.  
Public Works Bldg.

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  
          Charles J. Kvinta, Jr. ...................City Attorney  
          A. J. Veselka .............................City Manager  
          Gladys M. Jiral .........................City Clerk  

ABSENT:  None

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

     VISITORS from the Hearts and Hands Committee were recognized.  
     Christine Brown apologized for the misunderstanding and stated  
     that the Hearts and Hands Committee not the City was interested in  
     purchasing and maintaining the railroad property located in the  
     area of the east side of Front Street between Grand and Nelson  
     Streets.

     THE minutes from the meeting of December 14, 1999 were  
     adopted as presented on motion by Councilmember Carter. Motion carried.

     UNDER old business, Ordinance No. 1750 changing the zoning  
     from Residential (R-3) to Business (B-1) on property described as  
     Lot 1, Block 1031 of the Original Townsite Addition at 606 McCarty  
     Street was adopted on second and final reading on motion by  
     Councilmember Carter with a second by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.

     TxDOT representative Brian C. Schoenemann presented the  
     Department's project to upgrade the existing curb and resurfacing  
     of S.H. 111 (West Grand Ave.) in addition to improving the turn  
     radius at the intersection of S.H. 111 and Irvine Street. TxDOT  
     is requesting that the City purchase the necessary 30' x 30'  
     right-of-way at this intersection. On motion by Councilmember  
     Faulkner with a second by Councilmember Carter, the City Manager  
     was authorized to negotiate the purchase of the necessary right-  
     of-way. Motion carried.

     DISCUSSION was held on accepting 1.98 acres located in the  
     Patrick Ryan League, Abstract 44 of Lavaca County (Industrial  
     Park) from the Yoakum Industrial Foundation for use as a proposed  
     street, utility and drainage easement as well a considering a  

drainage improvement construction agreement with the Industrial Foundation. The construction agreement would provide that the City be responsible for all labor and equipment in construction of the street. The Yoakum Industrial Foundation would pay for all materials including drainage materials and engineering services if needed. Councilmember Rodriguez made the motion to accept the 1.98 acres as described in the deed from the Yoakum Industrial Foundation for proposed street, utility and drainage easement subject to a street and drainage improvement construction agreement with the Foundation. The motion was second by Councilmember Jamison. Motion carried.

COUNCILMEMBER Carter made the motion to accept 0.68 acres of property, as described in the deed located in the Patrick Ryan League, Abstract 44 of Lavaca County, from the Yoakum Industrial Foundation for proposed street, utility and drainage easement purposes. The motion was second by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried.

THE Mayor closed the public meeting to enter into an executive session to deliberate employment of an economic development director as provided in V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Section 551.074. The meeting was later re-opened to the public.

BY consensus of the Council that the City Manager was instructed to set up a meeting with the Yoakum Economic Development Corporation Board to discuss the position of the economic development director and who will responsible for employment and duties.

UNDER the City Manager’s Report, Mr. Veselka reported that the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission had scheduled their annual planning meeting in the City of Gonzales on January 26th, and the last housing rehabilitation project will be contracted with Ameriway Construction (the low bidder) on Monday, February 7th.

THERE being no further business, the meeting closed.

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

ATTEST:

Gladys M. Jiral, City Clerk
January 18, 2000  
Council Room - 6:00 P.M.  
Public Works Building

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

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

ABSENT:  None

MAYOR Harbus called the special joint meeting to order for the purposes of discussing the position of the economic development director and who will be responsible for his employment and duties, and also to consider and authorize payment to the economic development forum facilitator Bob Orr in the amount of $3,000. All members of the Economic Development Corporation Board were present – Margie McMullen, Dennis Kutach, Ken Kvinta, John S. Sanchez, John Trott as well as Councilmembers Carter and Faulkner.

DISCUSSION followed to determine if the economic development director should be employed by and report to the Economic Development Corporation Board or, hired by the City Manager who has the responsibility to hire City employees. City Manager Veselka reviewed the Economic Development Corporation By-Laws and a proposed administrative agreement between the Economic Development Corporation Board and City. After review and discussion, it was the consensus of both the Council and Board that the economic development director would be hired by the City Manager as a City employee. The director would be responsible to the City Manager while being on loan to and working under the direction of the Economic Development Corporation Board.

THE Council instructed Mr. Veselka to set up another joint meeting wherein the Council and Board would be able to meet the applicant(s). The meeting was tentatively set for Monday, January 24th.

THE payment to facilitator Bob Orr in the amount of $3,000 was discussed. Councilmember Faulkner recommended that the City make this payment and the Economic Development Board could reimburse the City later. Councilmember Faulkner made the motion to authorize payment to economic development forum facilitator Bob Orr in the amount of $3,000 payable to the University of Texas San Antonio, Center of Economic Development. The motion was second by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.
THE City Attorney is to research the requirement to have a contract or agreement between the City and Corporation Board for handling of the economic development funds received by means of sales tax, setting up a depository and for any other administrative duties.

THERE being no further business, the meeting closed.

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

ATTEST:

Gladys M. Jiral, City Clerk
January 24, 2000
Council Room - 6:00 P.M.
Public Works Building

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

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

ABSENT:  None

MAYOR Harbus called the special joint meeting to order and opened to the public. An executive session was convened by the Mayor to deliberate employment of an economic development director (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Section 551.074). All members of the Economic Development Corporation Board were present - Margie McMullen, Dennis Kutach, Ken Kvinta, John S. Sanchez, John Trott as well as Councilmembers Carter and Faulkner.

THE meeting was later re-opened to the public with no action resulting 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
February 8, 2000
Council Room - 7:00 P.M.
Public Works Bldg.

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
          Charles J. Kivita, Jr.  ..........City Attorney
          A. J. Veselka  ........................City Manager
          Gladys M. Jiral  .....................City Clerk

ABSENT:  None

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

MR. Elo Jahn was acknowledged as a visitor who had various complaints on noise, trucks and loud radios, truck routes, speeding, etc. The City Attorney and City Manager advised Mr. Jahn that in most cases before the police officer can get to the location to investigate loud noises, the individual has left the area. The complainant, however, can file charges if they are able to identify the person making the noises.

THE minutes from the meetings of January 11th, 18th and 24th, 2000 were adopted as presented on motion by Councilmember Faulkner with a second by Councilmember Carter. Motion carried.

A request from the Chamber of Commerce for financial assistance with Land of Leather advertising expenses was considered by the Council. Executive Director Debbie Condel presented a total estimated projection of $8,340.00 for the 2000 Festival. After discussion, Councilmember Faulkner made the motion to contribute $2,500 towards the Chamber's advertising expenses. The motion was second by Councilmember Jamison. Motion carried.

BIDS for the purchase of one solid waste transfer trailer were received on February 3, 2000. Wilkens Industries, Inc. of Morris, Minnesota submitted a bid in the amount of $47,000.00 with a second bid coming from W&B Service Company of Dallas, Texas in the amount of $49,375.00. Staff's recommendation was to award the bid to the low bidder, Wilkens Industries, Inc. in the amount of $47,000 and the remaining $13,000 in the budget, be applied towards the purchase of a used horizontal baler for the recycling operations. The motion was made by Councilmember Rodriguez with a second by Councilmember Carter to award the purchase of one new open top solid waste transfer trailer to Wilkens Industries, Inc.
in the amount of $47,000 and authorize the purchase of a used baler utilizing the remaining $13,000 in the current budget plus funds from the sale of recyclables. The motion was second by Councilmember Carter. Motion carried.

BIDS from the following were received for the purchase of a high-pressure sewer cleaner:

Kinlock Eqpt. & Supply
Pasadena, Texas $ 32,442.50

Montgomery Municipal Supply
Austin, Texas  $ 32,340.00

Baker Eqpt. Company
Edmond, Oklahoma  $ 32,202.00

Baker Eqpt. Company
Edmond, Oklahoma  $ 29,576.00*
(* Bid did not meet specifications.)

Upon Staff recommendation, Councilmember Carter made the motion to award the purchase to Baker Equipment Company from Edmond, Oklahoma in the amount of $32,202.00 for the John Bean Model 600. Councilmember Rodriguez seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNCILMEMBER Rodriguez made the motion to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 00-01) calling for the City Officer General Election to be held on May 6, 2000. The motion was second by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried.

A resolution (recorded as No. 00-02) appointing Hazel Bland as Election Judge and Lorea Schnaffer as Alternate Judge and, providing for the election officials was adopted on motion by Councilmember Carter with a second by Councilmember Jamison. Motion carried.

A State requirement providing for a “written” Interlocal Agreement for E9-1-1 Services with Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission was reviewed. The State requires a written document and, review and renewal on two year intervals. A motion was made by Councilmember Jamison and seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to authorize the City Manager to execute the Interlocal Agreement.

THE upcoming Census was discussed and a proclamation was adopted proclaiming April 1, 2000 as “Census Day” and encouraging all citizens to participate by completing the census forms. The proclamation was adopted on motion by Councilmember Faulkner with a second by Councilmember Carter. Motion carried.

THE Mayor announced that the meeting was closed to the public as an executive session would be opened to deliberate employment
of an economic development director. The meeting was later re-opened to the public. Councilmember Carter made a motion to change the economic development director's salary range from $26,000-$42,000 to $26,000-$48,000. The motion was second by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried.

UNDER the City Manager’s Report, Mr. Veselka advised that the Budweiser Clydesdale horses would be housed in the warehouse during the Land of Leather Days Festival; the needed right-of-way will be purchased from Stanley’s for $750.00 with TxDOT paying for the survey of the property; the last Housing Rehabilitation Project contract is to be signed on February 11th since the contractor was unable to be here on Monday, February 7th as originally planned; the airport FBO is building a berm around the new fuel tanks; the Airport Task Force will be meeting later this month reviewing the master plan, and a proclamation in appreciation of her 40 years of service to the City as Election Judge was given to Mrs. Hazel Bland on the observance of her 90th birthday.

Councilmember Faulkner announced that the Hearts and Hands Group invited Congressman Ron Paul to speak in Yoakum on February 24th at 4:00 PM at the Hochheim Prairie Insurance Company building. Everyone is invited to attend.

THERE being no further business, the meeting closed.

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

ATTEST:

Gladys M. Jiral
City Clerk
February 28, 2000  
Council Room - 6:30 P.M.  
Public Works Bldg.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

ABSENT: Mrs. Curtis Jamison

THE Mayor called the meeting to order for the purpose of discussing and considering the acquisition/lease of railroad property for park and/or other purposes and, to take action if required.

CITY Manager Veselka reviewed the letter from Union Pacific Railroad Company to Charles Kvinta, Sr. regarding the purchase of railroad property from Grand Avenue to Nelson Street. Mr. Veselka also advised that Bernice Watson, President of the Helping Hands and Hearts of Yoakum, had contacted him requesting assistance in the railroad park project.

THE Council discussed various options and instructed Mr. Veselka to negotiate a lease with the railroad company for property from Hopkins Street to West Grand including the concrete platform across the street from Yoakum Packing Company.

THERE being no further business, the meeting closed.

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

ATTEST:

Gladys M. Jiral  
City Clerk
March 14, 2000
Council Room - 7:00 P.M.
Public Works Bldg.

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
Charles J. Kvinta, Jr. ..........................City Attorney
A. J. Veselka ..........................City Manager
Gladys M. Jiral ..........................City Clerk

ABSENT: None

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

MINUTES from the meetings of February 8th and 28th were adopted as presented on motion by Councilmember Rodriguez with a second by Councilmember Jamison. Motion carried.

AIRPORT Planner Jeff Smith from Bucher, Willis & Ratliff presented the Yoakum Municipal Airport Layout Plan as recommended for approval by the Airport Task Force. TxDOT, Aviation Division representatives Jim Cummins and Tammie Stone were also present in addition to Larry Brandt, a member of the Airport Task Force. The Plan proposes for a short term program (0-5 years) to acquire property for the re-alignment of Airport Road and existing utilities; request a straight-in instrument GPS approach to Runway 13; provide for the expansion of the airport terminal area; install additional airport identification signs along primary roadways; purchase property interests (aviation easements) and within the runway protection zones control property for airport purposes, and adopt updated airport height and hazard zoning. Long term improvements (6-20 years) to include providing for: rehabilitation/marking of runway 13-31; install runway visual approach lighting aids; expand terminal area facilities, and expand runway 13-31 length as demand warrants. Councilmember Carter made the motion to adopt the Yoakum Municipal Airport Layout Plan. The motion was second by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried. Councilmember Faulkner expressed appreciation to the Airport Task Force for their participation in this project.

COUNCILMEMBER Faulkner made the motion to enter into the 2000 Routine Airport Maintenance Program with the Texas Department of Transportation, Aviation Division, and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement. The motion was second by Councilmember Jamison. Motion carried. The Scope of Services is for TxDOT to provide general maintenance by placing herbicide along the
pavement edges and around lights and signs twice per year at an estimated cost of $1,304.00. The cost is divided between TxDOT and the City.

BLUEBONNET Youth Ranch representatives Perry Carter and Janet Jaco were present to request the closing of Front Street for lawnmower races on April 29th. Mrs. Jaco provided a copy of their contract with the National Drag Racing Lawn Mower Association. Mr. Carter advised that they would contact businesses located in this area as to what the plans were and time frame for closing of the streets. The races will start at 2:00 P.M. with closing of the streets scheduled for 12 Noon. Councilmember Faulkner, with a second by Councilmember Rodriguez, made the motion to authorize the closing of Front Street from West Hugo to Nelson Street, West Grand at Lott and West May at Front Street as requested. Motion carried.

THE Council received a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to approve the requested zoning change from Residential (R-2) to Residential (R-4) for Michael and Jackie Kellum at 410-412 Moffitt Street, and a change from Residential (R-3) to Residential (R-4) for Bessie Murphy at 314 East Hochheim Street. The Mayor opened the public hearing to receive citizen comments pertaining to either request. Jerfred and Darlene Carroll were present in behalf of the Kellum's. No comments were received. The public hearing was closed.

COUNCILMEMBER Carter made the motion to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 1751) on first reading granting a change in zoning from Residential (R-2) to Residential (R-4) on property described as Lots 7 and part of 8 and 9, Block 1136 of the Tucker Addition (410-412 Moffitt St.). The motion was second by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried.

COUNCILMEMBER Carter made the motion to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 1752) on first reading granting a change in zoning from Residential (R-3) to Residential (R-4) on property described as Lot 7, Block 1070 of the Yoakum Townsite Addition (314 East Hochheim St.). Councilmember Faulkner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ON motion by Councilmember Jamison, Councilmember Annie Rodriguez was appointed to serve on the Yoakum Volunteer Fire Department’s Board of Trustees for a two-year period. The motion was second by Councilmember Carter. Motion carried.

DURING the pre-construction conference for the last Housing Rehabilitation Grant location (204 Cecilia St.), it was determined that the wheelchair accessible shower facility bid on the project would not accommodate Mrs. McGrew’s needs. The type needed would have to be ordered and would require four to six weeks delivery. Contract Administrator Melissa Larson from G.C.P.R.C. contacted the Department of Housing and Community Affairs regarding an extension of the City’s contract with the State since the delivery
date of the shower stall would be after the City’s contract expiration date. The State agreed verbally that with the accessibility need at this location and with the problem developing during the pre-construction conference, an extension of the City’s contract was needed. Based on this response and to expedite shipment, the contractor ordered the shower stall. A letter was submitted to TDHCA on February 28, 2000 requesting the contract extension. Councilmember Faulkner made the motion to ratify the written request for a three-month contract extension on the Yoakum Housing Rehabilitation Grant Project with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs and authorized the Mayor to execute the contract amendment. The motion was second by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.

REPEALING of the August 2000 sales tax holiday was discussed. Councilmember Carter made the motion to participate in the sales tax holiday as provided by Section 326.003 of the Texas Tax Code. The motion was second by Councilmember Faulkner and carried.

CITY Manager Veselka reviewed and provided copies of three letters, received Monday and addressed to the Council, from members of Boy Scout Troup 228 pertaining to establishing bicycle routes in Yoakum and the bad condition of one downtown building. Letters of response would be prepared for the Mayor’s signature. Councilmember Carter commented that he was told due to a recent court ruling, truck traffic cannot be routed around the city unless on city streets. The City Manager will check into this. Mr. Veselka advised that demolition bids were received on three locations - 407 East Gonzales, 411 West Morris, and 704 Nelson. Contract documents are being prepared. Time frames on three other dilapidated homes have expired and these locations will be brought back to the Building and Standards Commission for consideration. Information is being reviewed to obtain a railroad lease on property located adjacent to Front Street for park purposes.

THERE being no further business, the meeting closed.

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

ATTEST:

Gladys M. Jiral
City Clerk
April 11, 2000  
Council Room – 7:00 P.M.  
Public Works Bldg.

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  
Charles J. Kvinta, Jr. ................................. City Attorney  
A. J. Veselka .................................................. City Manager  
Gladys M. Jiral ................................................ City Clerk

ABSENT:  None

MAYOR Harbus called the meeting to order followed by Councilmember Jamison with the Invocation. All attending recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Visitors acknowledged were: Stormy Pruitt, the City’s newest Telecommunications Operator, Tina Elizondo, and Bo Anderson with the Yoakum Herald-Times. Councilmember Jamison was also recognized and presented with a plaque for her years of service to the City of Yoakum as Councilmember. Mrs. Jamison did not seek re-election this year.

MINUTES from the meeting of March 14, 2000 were adopted as presented on motion by Councilmember Faulkner with a second by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.

COUNCILMEMBER Rodriguez made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Jamison, to adopt Ordinance No. 1751 on second and final reading granting a change in zoning from Residential (R-2) to Residential (R-4) on property described as Lots 7 and part of 8 and 9, Block 1136 of the Tucker Addition for Michael and Jackie Kellum. Motion carried.

COUNCILMEMBER Jamison made the motion with a second by Councilmember Faulkner to adopt Ordinance No. 1752 on second and final reading granting a change in zoning from Residential (R-3) to Residential (R-4) on property described as Lot 7, Block 1070 of the Yoakum Townsite Addition for Bessie Murphy. Motion carried.

THE Council received a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to approve the requested zoning change from Residential (R-3) to Residential (R-4) for Dale Merkord at 311 Concrete St. The Mayor opened the public hearing to receive citizen comments. No one was present pertaining to this request. Mayor Harbus closed the hearing.
A motion was made by Councilmember Carter with a second by Councilmember Faulkner granting the change in zoning from Residential (R-3) to Residential (R-4) for property described as part of Lot B, Block 1071 of the Original Townsite Addition (311 Concrete St.). Motion carried.

A request from the Yoakum Area Chamber of Commerce to hold the annual Yoakum Tom Tom Festival in the Municipal Park was considered. The sketch as submitted was reviewed by the Council. City Manager Veselka advised that he would be visiting in more detail with the Chamber regarding the submitted layout and locations of the various events. Councilmember Carter made the motion to grant the request to the Chamber to hold the annual Yoakum Tom Tom Festival in the Municipal Park. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried.

THE 2000 Street Improvement Project was adopted as outlined on motion by Councilmember Faulkner with a second by Councilmember Carter. Motion carried. Bids will be received and awarded by the Council at the May meeting.

A request from the Yoakum Independent School District for the closing of a portion of Aubrey Street between Aurora and Pulliam Streets was considered. It was noted that the City's sewer line would remain in the street area to be closed also if this area is landscaped, drainage could be a potential problem. Building line restrictions should also be considered. Mr. Veselka plans to visit with the YISD engineer regarding the possible development of a drainage plan. By consensus, the Council directed the City Manager to proceed with the necessary procedures for closure and, consideration by the Council at the May meeting.

TWO bids were received on April 6, 2000 for the Aubrey Street Sewer Main Replacement Project – Mercer Construction Company from Edna, Texas bid $22,962.00 while Supak Construction, Inc. from Orchard, Texas bid $32,994.50. Councilmember Rodriguez made the motion to award the bid to Mercer Construction Company, as the low bidder, in the amount of $22,962.00. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jamison. Motion carried.

THE Council authorized the sale of surplus City vehicles and equipment as outlined on motion by Councilmember Faulkner with a second by Councilmember Carter. Motion carried.

THE appointment of Elwood Gaus and Ralph G. Rodriguez to the Yoakum Housing Authority Board for two years and Erica Harper as Resident Commissioner for one year was made by motion of Councilmember Carter with a second by Councilmember Jamison. Motion carried.

COUNCILMEMBER Jamison made the motion to authorize the execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool to provide employee health benefits along with Continuation of Coverage Administration and Retiree Direct Billing Assignment. The motion was second by
Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.

CITY Manager Veselka reported that a corner portion of the Stanley property had been acquired for the TxDOT project on West Grand Avenue and Irvine Street; Information on the re-routing of the truck traffic from the downtown area will be provided at next month’s meeting; A property lease application had been mailed to the railroad company; The Building and Standards Commission will be meeting on April 13th to discuss the buildings at 602 West Grand, 801 Walnut and 407 East Gonzales Street; TNRCC has scheduled the annual inspection of the water system for next week; Inspection of the elevated water storage facilities has been done, however a written report has not been received yet but no major problems are anticipated, and preliminary approval has been received from TNRCC for the City’s wastewater treatment permit amendment along with new standards.

MR. Veselka also reported that the City has been working with the Helping Hands and Hearts of Yoakum in their spring clean-up efforts which continues through the weekend. Councilmember Faulkner questioned the disposal of old tires at the Transfer Station. Calvin Cook, Director of Public Works/Utilities, responded that tires are handled on a limited basis for residential customers only. A fee of $1.50 per tire is charged now that the State has changed regulations and we have to pay for disposal of the tires. We are limited by TNRCC to storage of only 500 tires. We are not charging for residents for tire disposal during the spring clean-up.

THERE being no further business, the meeting closed.

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

ATTEST:

Gladys M. Jiral
City Clerk
May 9, 2000
Council Room – 7:00 P.M.
Public Works Bldg.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

ABSENT:  None

MAYOR Harbus called the meeting to order followed by Councilmember Rodriguez with the Invocation. All attending recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Canvassing of the election returns was done by Councilmember Rodriguez and Carter. A resolution (recorded as No. 00-04) was adopted on motion by Councilmember Rodriguez with a second by Councilmember Carter declaring Elorine Sitka and Tim Faulkner elected with the following results: Elorine Sitka-297; Tim Faulkner-313; Larry West-79; William "Wild Bill" Redding-10, and Don Bowe-109. Motion carried. Election certificates were presented to Sitka and Faulkner followed by the Oath of Office administered by City Clerk Jiral.

ELECTION of Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem was held by the Council. Councilmember Faulkner nominated M. W. Harbus, Jr. for Mayor with a second by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried. A motion made by Councilmember Carter nominating Annie Rodriguez for Mayor Pro-Tem was second by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried.

VISITORS were acknowledged: Ruth Carter, Elo Jahn, Gary Cooper, and Connie Young with the DeWitt/Lavaca Community Messenger.

MINUTES from the meeting of April 11, 2000 were adopted as presented on motion by Councilmember Carter with a second by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried.

COUNCILMEMBER Rodriguez with a second by Councilmember Carter made the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1753 on second and final reading granting a change in zoning from Residential (R-3) to Residential (R-4) on property described as part of Lot B, Block 1071 of the Original Townsite Addition for Dale Merkord. Motion carried.

THE 2000 Street Improvement Project bid recommendation was reviewed. Bids were received from H & C Construction Company in Shiner, Texas at a base amount of $60,234.66; J. W. Faltisek Paving Co. in El Campo, Texas with a base bid of $65,955.48 and F. N. Ploch Construction Co. from New Braunfels, Texas for a base bid amount of $70,107.00. Councilmember Carter made the motion to award the bid based on unit price
basis to H & C Construction Company in the amount of $1.04 per gallon for asphalt and $46.87 per cubic yard for pre-coat rock. The motion was second by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION was held on the proposed changes in Medicare reimbursement to the City for the Emergency Medical Services. The new rates are recommended in relationship to the proposed base fees by Medicare after 2001, the current Medicare prevailing reimbursement rates, as well as taking into consideration how these fees compare to the charges of EMS providers in our area. Councilmember Rodriguez made the motion to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 1754) on first reading amending the General Section of the City’s Manual of Fees and Service Charges as it pertains to Item I. Emergency Medical Service Charges. Councilmember Carter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilmember Carter with a second by Councilmember Faulkner to enter into a contract with Jean W. Kaspar and Mary Katherine Borchers to purchase Lots 5, 6, and 7 in the Block 1077 of the Jakubik Addition for use in conjunction with the Yoakum Community Center and authorized the City Manager to execute the sales contract. Motion carried.

A Request for Proposals for review of City employees wages and salaries were received from Ray Associates, Inc. of Austin at a estimated cost of $12,080 plus expenses not to exceed 10% of the professional costs with a two-month completion period, and from D. Hilton Associates from The Woodlands at a cost of $7,500 with 30 to 45 days completion. Councilmember Faulkner made the motion to award the Wage and Salary Study to D. Hilton Associates in the amount of $7,500 and to authorize the City Manager to execute the contract. The motion was second by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.

AN ordinance to consider the closing of a portion of Aubrey Street for the Yoakum Independent School District was discussed. The City requested a certified drainage plan for the site along with written assurances that the drainage is adequate for the school property and with the understanding that the City will not be responsible for correcting any drainage problems at this site. This is to be provided prior to the second reading of the ordinance. Councilmember Sitka made the motion to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 1755) on first reading closing Aubrey Street between Aurora and Pulliam Streets reserving utility and drainage easements. The motion was second by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.

TRUCK routing options for West Grand Avenue such as Poth/West Morris, and Koether/Tozik Streets were discussed. While the Poth/West Morris route would be adequate for truck traffic, the route would place the traffic passing in front of the high school possibly causing other types of traffic problems. The Koether/Tozik route would require reconstruction, widening and upgrading of drainage at an estimated cost of $450,000 to $480,000. The City may direct truck traffic on a City street under the City’s jurisdiction as long as the City accepts responsibility and liability for the proposed route. No action was taken on this agenda item.
COUNCILMEMBER Faulkner made a motion to support the Texas Independence Trail's recommendation to use a picture of the Presidio at Goliad on the next Southwestern Bell's telephone directory. The motion was second by Councilmember Carter. Motion carried.

UNDER the City Manager's Report, Mr. Veselka read a list of concerns from Elo Jahn pertaining to the speed of vehicles on Burt St., trucks using the by-pass, and a bush at Handy Stop obstructing view at the intersection. Mr. Veselka will research the concerns and respond to Mr. Jahn. The City will pay its share ($373.15) of the air condition system replacement at the DeWitt County Health Department office. We received notice that the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission wastewater inspection fee was increased again this year to $4,077 and it was indicated the fee will increase next year also. The Council was invited to attend the Texas Municipal League Region 11 meeting in Victoria on May 18th. The Ameriway Construction Company was granted an extension on the Housing Rehabilitation Grant construction contract for Mrs. McGrew due to a shortage of manpower. This is the last home to be repaired. A State monitoring visit will be held on Monday, May 15th to review grant records and visit site locations.

COUNCILMEMBER Carter submitted the following resignation:

Dear Mayor Harbus and Councilmembers:

It has been my honor and privilege to serve the citizens of Yoakum as a member of the City Council for fifteen years. During that time we have seen many changes and I am happy to have been a part of those changes. I am proud of the things that the City of Yoakum has accomplished. Yoakum is blessed with a group of dedicated, hard working employees. They have made my role as City Council Person enjoyable and rewarding.

It is with regret that I tender my resignation effective immediately. I have purchased property near Yoakum and will be establishing residence outside the corporate city limits of Yoakum.

I wish to thank the citizens of Yoakum for allowing me to serve as their Council representative.

Sincerely,

/Carroll E. Carter
City Council Place 2

THERE being no further business, the meeting closed.

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
Anita R. Rodriguez ………………………………………Mayor Pro-Tem
Tim Faulkner …………………………………….Councilmember
Elorine Sitka……………………………………………Councilmember
A. J. Veselka …………………………………………City Manager
Gladys M. Jiral ………………………………………City Clerk

ABSENT: None

MAYOR Harbus opened the meeting to the public and asked Councilmember Faulkner to say the Invocation. Following the Invocation, the Mayor closed the meeting to the public in order that the Council could deliberate the appointment of a Councilmember to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Carroll Carter from Place 2 of the Council.

THE meeting was later re-opened to the public. No action was taken as a result of the deliberation.

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
          Anita R. Rodriguez ..........................Councilmember
          Tim Faulkner .................................Councilmember
          Elorine Sitka ..................................Councilmember
          Charles J. Kvinta, Jr. ..........................City Attorney
          A. J. Veselka ....................................City Manager
          Gladys M. Jiral ..................................City Clerk

ABSENT:  None

MAYOR Harbus called the meeting to order followed by Councilmember Faulkner with the Invocation. All attending recited the Pledge of Allegiance. John O'Neill was acknowledged as a visitor.

COUNCILMEMBER Rodriguez made the motion to adopt the minutes from the meeting of May 9, 2000 as presented. The motion was second by Councilmember Sitka. Motion carried.

COUNCILMEMBER Sitka made the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1754 on second and final reading, which amends the Manual of Fees and Service Charges pertaining to the General Section, Item I, Emergency Medical Service Charges. The motion was second by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.

A Letter of Agreement from the Yoakum Independent School District was considered pertaining to the drainage plan including maintenance and operation covering that portion of Aubrey Street to be closed. Councilmember Faulkner made the motion, second by Councilmember Sitka, to accept and approve the Letter of Agreement. The motion carried.

COUNCILMEMBER Sitka moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1755 on second and final reading closing Aubrey Street between Aurora and Pulliam Streets reserving the utility easement and drainage easement. The motion was second by Councilmember Rodriguez and carried.

UNDER new business, Don E. Bowe was appointed to serve the unexpired term of Carroll Carter, City Council Place 2, on motion by Councilmember Faulkner with a second by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.

The Strategic Plan for the Economic Growth of Yoakum was adopted, as recommended by the Yoakum Economic Development Corporation Board, on motion by Councilmember Sitka with an amendment to the Community Development/Revitalization
Objective 3 to provide for review of the enforcement of ordinances referred to in Objective 1. The motion was second by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried. The Strategic Plan is to be reviewed annually by the Economic Development Corporation Board.

The New Life Baptist Church submitted a request for closure of Koether Street between the church and Fellowship Hall buildings on each Sunday from 9:45 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. This would provide for additional safety for children going back and forth during church services and special functions. Councilmember Rodriguez with a second by Councilmember Faulkner made the motion to approve the closure on Sundays and on special occasions. Motion carried. The Church is to notify the City Manager or Police Chief of the special function dates.

THE Council received a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to approve the requested zoning change from Residential (R-3) to Commercial (C-2) for Mechanism Exchange and Repair at 201-212 East Hochheim Street and 101, 103, 105, 107, 109 and 111 East Schleicher Street. The Mayor opened the public hearing to receive citizen comments. Mrs. Bruce Card in behalf of Mechanism Exchange and Repair addressed the Council in support of their request. No additional comments were received. The hearing was closed by the Mayor.

A motion was made by Councilmember Sitka with a second by Councilmember Rodriguez to adopt an ordinance on first reading (recorded as No. 1756) granting the change in zoning from Residential (R-3) to Commercial (C-2) on property described as Lots 1-5 and 11-12 of Block 1061 and Lots 1, 2, 5 and 6 of Block 1062 of the Original Townsite Addition. Motion carried.

CITY staff and the electrical engineer reviewed, adjusted and recommended for approval an amendment to the Exhibit A of LCRA’s contract. A resolution (recorded as No. 00-05) was adopted on motion by Councilmember Sitka amending Exhibit A of the Wholesale Power Agreement with Lower Colorado River Authority providing for an increase in the contract load. The motion was second by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried.

A recommended update to the Industrial Waste Ordinance was reviewed. Initially adopted in 1973 and updated in 1989, the penalties were based on 1973 cost and the State and Federal regulations in affect at that time. With the new wastewater treatment plant and changes in the newly approved TNRCC wastewater treatment permit, new levels for the strength of waste more accurately reflect the newer standards imposed for wastewater discharges which requires an amendment to the City’s ordinance. The proposed changes would not impact any existing companies based on their present wastewater discharge characteristics and methods of disposal. In the future if any company is affected by the ordinance, they can pre-treat their wastewater discharge to meet the requirements of the ordinance. A motion was made by Councilmember Rodriguez with a second by Councilmember Faulkner to adopt the ordinance (recorded as No. 1757) on first reading. Motion carried.

COUNCILMEMBER Faulkner made the motion to accept a Sheriff’s Sale bid in the amount of $500 for the property located at 601 Lavaca Street and authorize the Mayor to
execute the appropriate documents. The motion was second by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.

AN ordinance (recorded as No. 1758) was adopted on first reading on motion of Councilmember Sitka with a second by Councilmember Faulkner to provide for placement of a yield sign on Plaza Street at its intersection with Boyle Street. Motion carried.

THE following appointments were approved and carried on motion by Councilmember Faulkner with a second by Councilmember Rodriguez:

Planning and Zoning Commission – Gary Cooper and Patricia Parr
Zoning Board of Adjustment – Esther Turner, Mark Jahn, John Mark Brown, Darlene Renken, and Dr. John Braden
Community Center Board of Governors – Mark Jahn
Building and Standards Commission – Ardie Ray Stevens, Lindsey Lacina, Howard Templin, Fred Siecko, Tony Perez, and Alternate Marlin Kuenstler
Library Board – Joyce Manning, Delores Senglemen, Margie Kvinta, Marilyn Lenzy
Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals – Charles Pate and Blaise Dreitner

ON motion by Councilmember Faulkner with a second by Councilmember Rodriguez, the appointment of Annie Rodriguez, Elorine Sitka and A. J. Veselka to the Yoakum City/Summer Recreation Board was ratified. Motion carried.

UNDER the City Manager’s Report, Mr. Veselka advised that the Mayor had proclaimed June 11th through June 17th as Bulldog Week and that a parade would be held on June 15th. Mr. Veselka will be attending a meeting in Austin on June 19th regarding LCRA’s Price Select Program. TNRCC conducted an annual inspection of the water system and the Transfer Station. The water system continues with a Superior rating and no violations were found at the Transfer Station. The City will be re-advertising since no bids were received on the Electric System Improvement Project.

THERE being no further business, the meeting closed.

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

ATTEST:

Gladys M. Jitral, City Clerk
July 11, 2000
Council Room – 7:00 P.M.
Public Works Bldg.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: M. W. Harbus, Jr. .......................................Mayor
Anita R. Rodriguez ..............................................Councilmember
Tim Faulkner ......................................................Councilmember
Elorine Sitka ......................................................Councilmember
Charles J. Kvinta, Jr. .............................................City Attorney
A. J. Veselka .......................................................City Manager
Gladys M. Jiral .....................................................City Clerk
Don E. Bowe.......................................................Councilmember

ABSENT: None

MAYOR Harbus called the meeting to order followed by Councilmember Sitka with the Invocation. All attending recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The newly appointed Councilmember Don E. Bowe was given the Oath of Office by the City Clerk. Mayor Harbus presented a plaque to Carroll Carter for his years of service as a member of the Council.

COUNCILMEMBER Faulkner made the motion to adopt the minutes from the meeting of June 13, 2000 as presented. The motion was second by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilmember Sitka to adopt Ordinance No. 1756 on second and final reading granting a zoning change from Residential (R-3) to Commercial (C-2) on property described as Lots 1-5, 11 and 12 of Block 1061 and Lots 1, 2, 5 and 6 of Block 1062 of the Original Townsite Addition for Mechanism Exchange and Repair Councilmember Rodriguez seconded the motion. Motion carried. Councilmember Bowe abstained from voting due to his previous membership on the Planning and Zoning Commission at the time the request was presented to the Commission.

ORDINANCE No. 1757 was adopted on second and final reading, on motion by Councilmember Rodriguez with a second by Councilmember Sitka, amending the Yoakum Code of Ordinances as it pertains to Chapter 22, Article II, Industrial Sewer Use (referred to as Industrial Waste Ordinance). Motion carried.

ORDINANCE No. 1758 was adopted on second and final reading, on motion by Councilmember Faulkner with a second by Councilmember Bowe, providing for location of a yield sign on Plaza Street at its intersection with Boyle Street. Motion carried.

THE Yoakum Area Chamber of Commerce requested closure of Grand Avenue on July 22nd for the 113th Yoakum Birthday Celebration dance. The one block would be closed off beginning at 5:00 P.M. with the dance lasting from 9 PM to 1 AM. A motion was made by Councilmember Sitka with a second by Councilmember Rodriguez to authorize
the closing of Grand Avenue from Lott to Irvine for the hours specified on July 22nd. Motion carried. Councilmember Faulkner requested that if possible the area closed be washed down afterwards to help eliminate the sticky spills and odors. City Manager Veselka advised this could be done.

COUNCILMEMBER Sitka made the motion to appoint Councilmembers Annie Rodriguez and Tim Faulkner to the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission's General Assembly. The motion was second by Councilmember Bowe. Motion carried.

COUNCILMEMBER Rodriguez with a second by Councilmember Sitka made the motion to recommend Councilmember Tim Faulkner to serve on the GCRPC's Board of Directors for DeWitt County. Motion carried. Calls of support on this recommendation were received from the cities of Cuero and Yorktown.

BERNICE Watson was appointed an Alternate Member to the Building and Standards Commission, on motion by Councilmember Bowe with a second by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried.

COUNCILMEMBER Rodriguez was appointed to the Yoakum Economic Development Corporation Board of Director's, on motion by Councilmember Faulkner with a second by Councilmember Bowe. Motion carried.

UNDER the City Manager's Report, Mr. Veselka advised that the weed and grass ordinances were not presented at this meeting due to unanswered questions remaining from City staff; the South Central Water Planning Focus Group will be meeting in Cuero regarding the final regional water plan; the City/School Summer Recreation Board will meet on July 18th to receive an update on activities; the City’s swimming pool will close on August 4th; received notice from the Gates Foundation that the City will receive funds for purchase of computers to expand Internet access in our community; the Police Department's NRA grant received unanimous state approval and is being forwarded to the national level for review; LCRA would be presenting grant checks to the Sweet Home Volunteer Fire Department and the YISD on July 12th; Mr. Veselka will be attending the Association of Wholesale Customers meeting in Boerne on July 13th and 14th, and water and electric usages are up due to the summer heat. A budget workshop meeting was scheduled for July 27th at 6:00 P.M.

THERE being no further business, the meeting closed.

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

ATTEST:

Gladys M. Jiral, City Clerk
SPECIAL MEETING AND BUDGET WORKSHOP OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT:  M. W. Harbus, Jr. ..............................Mayor
          Anita R. Rodriguez..............................Councilmember
          Tim Faulkner ....................................Councilmember
          Elorine Sitka ......................................Councilmember
          A. J. Veselka .......................................City Manager
          Gladys M. Jiral ....................................City Clerk
          Don E. Bowe ..........................................Councilmember

ABSENT:   None

THE special meeting and budget workshop was opened by Mayor Harbus. The 2000 certified tax roll with a total taxable value of $142,178,020 as received and certified by the DeWitt County Chief Appraiser was considered. Councilmember Faulkner made the motion to adopt the 2000 tax roll as certified. The motion was second by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.

COUNCILMEMBER Sitka made the motion that the amount of debt service to be established to support the ad valorem tax levy and the amount to be supported by utility revenue for Fiscal Year 2000-2001 for the payment of principal, interest and administrative fees on the 1995 General Obligation Bond issue debt be broken down as follows: $145,000 for principal, $133,850 for Interest and $780 for Administrative Fees for a total of $279,630; the debt to be paid from the following funds: $74,000 from Property Tax and $205,630 from Utility Funds for a total of $279,630. The motion was second by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried.

THE proposed 2000-2001 City budget was presented and reviewed. All department heads were in attendance.

THE meeting closed with another budget workshop being scheduled for Monday, July 31, 2000 at 6:00 P.M.

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

ATTEST:
Gladys M. Jiral
City Clerk
SPECIAL MEETING AND BUDGET WORKSHOP OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT:  M. W. Harbus, Jr. ..............................Mayor
          Anita R. Rodriguez...............................Councilmember
          Tim Faulkner .........................................Councilmember
          Elorine Sitka .........................................Councilmember
          A. J. Veselka ..........................................City Manager
          Gladys M. Jiral .......................................City Clerk
          Don E. Bowe ............................................Councilmember

ABSENT:  None

MAYOR Harbus opened the meeting and called for the Executive Session to begin to deliberate employment of a police investigator and officer. The meeting was later re-opened to the public.

COUNCILMEMBER Faulkner made the motion to provide for another police officer in the 2000-2001 budget pending receipt of a grant for this position. The motion was second by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.

THE proposed 2000-2001 City budget was reviewed and discussed. A 10% water rate increase is to be included in the budget. There is to be no increase in property tax for the year 2000.

THERE being no further business, the meeting/workshop was closed.

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

ATTEST:

Gladys M. Jiral
City Clerk
August 8, 2000  
Council Room – 7:00 P.M.  
Public Works Bldg.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT:  M. W. Harbus, Jr. ........................................Mayor  
           Anita R. Rodriguez ............................................Councilmember  
           Tim Faulkner ....................................................Councilmember  
           Elorine Sitka ....................................................Councilmember  
           Don E. Bowe .......................................................Councilmember  
           Charles J. Kvinta, Jr. ............................................City Attorney  
           A. J. Veselka ......................................................City Manager  
           Gladys M. Jiral ...................................................City Clerk

ABSENT:  None

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

COUNCILMEMBER Faulkner made the motion to adopt the minutes from the meetings of July 11th, 27th, and 31st, 2000 as presented. The motion was second by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.

CITY Manager Veselka advised the Council that the railroad company had responded to the City’s recent request to lease railroad property on Front Street. The railroad’s lease proposal is for park purposes, beautification, maintenance and operation of a public recyclable center, and for no other purposes. The railroad company’s letter indicated a preference to sell the property, however, a $100 one-year renewable park lease with beautification requirements was proposed. Special provisions in the lease provided for a 30-day termination clause and that if the property sold, all fixtures or equipment on the property would have to be removed within the thirty days. The lease also provided for building of fences/barricades around certain areas of the property. The letter offered for sale the old Yoakum sixty-seven acre yard site. It was the consensus of the Council that the City Manager have both properties commercially appraised.

THE Pilot Club of Yoakum, Inc. requested installation assistance in the annual lighting of trees in the Centennial Park. Dot Vrana stated that the members are unable to reach the top of the trees with the Christmas lights and asked that the city crews with the bucket truck do this. The installation of the lights would have to be scheduled around the regular work schedule. Councilmember Rodriguez made the motion to approve the Pilot Club’s request for City assistance in the annual installation of Christmas tree lights in Centennial Park. The motion was second by Councilmember Bowe. Motion carried. Colleen Heidaker thanked the City Council for previous assistance and support.

IN the past LCRA paid dues to the Association of Wholesale Customers for all customer cities and coops. Changes in the AWC By-laws were voted. LCRA has given
the City a credit for the dues amount on the July billing to pay for the City's membership. Councilmember Sitka made the motion to continue membership in the Association of Wholesale Customers under the changed AWC By-Laws. The motion was second by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried.

COUNCILMEMBER Rodriguez made the motion to select the 100% option under the 2001 LCRA Price Select Program and authorized the City Manager to sign the appropriate Price Select Program documents. The motion was second by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried.

THE ordinance presented on first reading amending Chapter 10, Article I and II regulating abatement of weeds, brush, rubbish, junk, unsightly matter and stagnant water within the city limits to be consistent with State law was discussed. Since there were several questions from the visitors and Council and more time was need for discussion, it was decided that the Council would meet in special session on August 15th at 6:30 P.M. to more closely review this proposed ordinance and the proposed abandoned motor vehicles and junked vehicles ordinance.

THE Chamber of Commerce expressed interest in renewing their Community Center's Concessionaire Agreement, which expires on September 30, 2000. The Community Center Board of Governors met; discussed the continuation request, and recommended to the Council that the Chamber's Concessionaire Agreement be renewed for a three-year period as provided for in the current agreement. Councilmember Sitka, with a second by Councilmember Faulkner, made the motion to approve the renewal of the Chamber's Concessionaire Agreement for a three-year period effective October 1, 2000 and authorized the Mayor to enter into the extension agreement. Motion carried.

THE Community Center Board of Governors also reviewed the amendment to the Community Center's usage fees and charges as proposed by the Chamber. In most categories, the fees were recommended to be lowered. A motion was made by Councilmember Faulkner with a second by Councilmember Rodriguez to adopt the ordinance (recorded as No. 1759) on first reading amending the City's Manual of Fees and Service Charges for Community Center usage. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS to the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission Advisory Committees were considered. For DeWitt County: Regional Emergency Communications – Ronald Leck and Yvonne Rodriguez; Regional Public Protection – Ronald Leck and William Formolo, and Regional Environmental Resources – Calvin Cook and Gerard Novosad. For Lavaca County: Regional Health and Human Services – Vivian Wright; and Regional Emergency Communications – David Ferry. Councilmember Rodriguez made the motion to appoint the individuals as presented. The motion was second by Councilmember Sitka. Motion carried.

BUDGET updates resulting from the Council's workshop discussion of July 31st were received by the Council and reviewed – property tax revenue was deleted (no property tax increase); the proposed sewer service revenue was deleted (no sewer rate increase), and the Gates Foundation Library Grant, which was inadvertently omitted, was added as we have received funding but the equipment has not been ordered. The
proposed budget for 2000-2001, which includes a 10% water rate increase, totals to $10,399,630. The ordinance (recorded as No. 1760) was adopted on first reading on motion by Councilmember Faulkner with a second by Councilmember Sitka. Motion carried.

THE 2000 tax rate, which is slightly lower than the 1999 rate, was reviewed. Councilmember Bowe made the motion to adopt an ordinance on first reading (recorded as No. 1761) setting the 2000 tax rate of $.09714 as presented. The motion was second by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried.

AS addressed in the budget workshops, the water rates would increase by 10%. Councilmember Sitka made the motion to adopt an ordinance on first reading (recorded as No. 1762) amending the City’s Manual of Fees and Service Charges regarding Item 5 Water Rates and Fees of the Utilities Section. The motion carried on second by Councilmember Rodriguez.

A resolution (recorded as No. 2000-06) in support of legislation for the creation of the “El Camino Real de Los Tejas National Historic Trail” was adopted on motion by Councilmember Rodriguez with a second by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried.

UNDER the City Manager’s Report, Mr. Veselka advised that some of the Public Works Departments would start work earlier due to the heat. Not included in this change is the Solid Waste Department. The Police Chief received an inquiry from the State as to the City’s willingness to participate in Project Child Safe. This program will provide educational materials and gun locks throughout Texas over the next five years. The City will participate and additional information will be forthcoming.

THERE being no further business, the meeting closed.

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

ATTEST:

Gladys M. Jital
City Clerk
August 15, 2000
Council Room – 6:30 P.M.
Public Works Bldg.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: M. W. Harbus, Jr. .............................. Mayor
Anita R. Rodriguez ................................. Councilmember
Tim Faulkner ........................................ Councilmember
Elorine Sitka ................................. Councilmember
Don E. Bowe ........................................ Councilmember
Charles J. Kvinta, Jr. ........................... City Attorney
A. J. Veselka ........................................ City Manager
Gladys M. Jiral ................................. City Clerk

ABSENT: None

MAYOR Harbus called the meeting to order. City Manager Veselka read the first item on the agenda, which was an ordinance on first reading amending Chapter 10, Article I and II regulating abatement of weeds, brush, rubbish, junk, unsightly matter and stagnant water within the city limits to be consistent with State law.

CITY Manager Veselka reviewed suggested ordinance changes, which occurred as a result of the Council’s August 8th meeting. Visitors and Councilmembers discussed at some length the definitions of lot, trash and weeds. It was suggested that the height of weeds should not be in excess of 12 inches instead of the 18 inches as proposed in the ordinance. Other suggestions were to try to generalize the definition of trash and weeds; rewrite Section 10-26 C. with reference to growth on sidewalks; rewrite 10-26 G. to provide for exemptions, and provide for an appeal process. The ordinance is to be revised and presented to the Council at the September 12th meeting.

THE second agenda item was to consider an ordinance on first reading deleting Article III of Chapter 10 in the Yoakum Code of Ordinances pertaining to Junked or Abandoned Personal Property, and providing for a new Article III, which adopts provisions of the Texas Transportation Code pertaining to Abandoned Motor Vehicles and Junked Vehicles.

THE City Manager advised that the caption of the proposed ordinance should be expanded to reflect all provisions of the proposed ordinance. Additionally, the referenced policies and procedures would be ready for Council review and adoption prior to the second reading of this ordinance. The proposed ordinance references compliance with Chapter 683 of the Transportation Code, Vernon’s Texas Codes Annotated. Discussion followed. The suggested changes will be made to the ordinance for presentation to the Council at the September 12th meeting.
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
Anita R. Rodriguez .........................................Councilmember
Tim Faulkner ...............................................Councilmember
Elorine Sitka ...............................................Councilmember
Don E. Bowe ...............................................Councilmember
Charles J. Kvinta, Jr. .....................................City Attorney
A. J. Veselka ...............................................City Manager
Gladys M. Jiral ............................................City Clerk

ABSENT: None

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

COUNCILMEMBER Rodriguez made the motion to adopt the minutes from the meetings of August 8th and 15th, 2000 as presented. The motion was second by Councilmember Sitka. Motion carried.

THE Mayor opened a public hearing to receive citizen comments on the proposed 2000-2001 City budget. No comments were received and the public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Councilmember Sitka with a second by Councilmember Rodriguez to adopt the 2000-2001 City Budget Ordinance No. 1760 on its second and final reading. The motion carried.

COUNCILMEMBER Rodriguez made the motion to adopt on second and final reading Ordinance No. 1761 setting the 2000 City tax rate at $.09714. The motion was second by Councilmember Sitka. Motion carried.

COUNCILMEMBER Bowe made the motion, second by Councilmember Faulkner, to adopt Ordinance No. 1762 amending the City's Manual of Fees and Service Charges to increase water rates. Motion carried.

SUBMISSION of the U. S. Department of Justice COPS Universal Hiring Program Grant for hiring of one new full-time police officer was reviewed. This position was included in the 2000-2001 budget, and if awarded to the City, the grant would provide federal funding in the amount of $69,498 with a City match of $23,166 over a three-year period. Beginning the fourth year, the position would be funded totally by the City. The motion was made by Councilmember Sitka to approve the submission of the grant and authorize execution of the application by the Chief of Police and City Manager. The motion was second by Councilmember Bowe. Motion carried.
ORDINANCE No. 1759 amending the City’s Manual of Fees and Service Charges for the Community Center usage was adopted on second and final reading on motion by Councilmember Rodriguez with a second by Councilmember Sitka. Motion carried.

REVISIONS to the proposed ordinance amending Chapter 10, Article I and II regulating abatement of weeds, brush, rubbish, junk, unsightly matter and stagnant water were presented by City Manager Vesperka. These changes resulted from the special Council meeting of August 15, 2000. Councilmember Faulkner made the motion to adopt the ordinance (recorded as No. 1763) on first reading. The motion was second by Councilmember Bowe. Motion carried.

ARTICLE III of Chapter 10 in the Yoakum Code of Ordinances pertaining to Junked or Abandoned Personal Property; litter abatement; providing for designation of a Commission to conduct public hearings, and that Chapter 683 of the Transportation Code be followed, was reviewed. This ordinance had also been discussed at the August 15th meeting. It was interpreted, by the City Attorney, that covers over junked vehicles would not be considered hidden from view. Councilmember Sitka made the motion with a second by Councilmember Rodriguez to adopt the ordinance (recorded as No. 1764) on first reading. Motion carried.

THE Council received a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to approve the requested Specific Use Permit from St. Joseph Catholic Church for use of the property currently owned as an institution of a religious, education or philanthropic nature. The Mayor opened the public hearing to receive citizen comments. No comments were received.

A motion was made by Councilmember Rodriguez with a second by Councilmember Faulkner to adopt an ordinance on first reading (recorded as No. 1765) granting the Specific Use Permit on property described as part of lots C, D, F, G and E of Block 1193; the north part of Lots 7 and 8 of Block 1216, and Lot 9 and part of Lot D of Block 1215 all in the Mahon Addition, as well as Lots 1 through 7 Block 1213 of the B. F. Yoakum Addition. Motion carried.

THE Council received a request from St. Joseph School to install awnings at the entrances of their Pre-K and main school buildings, which front Orth Street, and are expected to encroach onto the City’s right-of-way requiring an exception from the Zoning Ordinance, Section 8 Supplementary District Regulations and Exceptions, Subsection 7. Projections Into Required Yards. Site plans were reviewed. The motion was made by Councilmember Rodriguez with a second by Councilmember Sitka to allow the installation of awnings at the entrances of St. Joseph’s Pre-K and main school building as presented. Motion carried.

A request from the Economic Development Task Force for the City to explore the benefits of acquiring electric service areas in order to enhance industrial development was considered. The Council supported the request and the consensus was to form a committee comprised of two Councilmembers and three other interested individuals. No further action was taken at this time.
THE Yoakum Independent School District Board of Trustees submitted a proposal to transfer ownership of several lots to the City in the area of the Intermediate School Campus. The use of this real estate to improve traffic flow in this area was discussed. It was felt, however, that the traffic flow would not increase enough to justify the major realignment of the streets. It was the consensus of the Council to obtain easements instead of ownership to the lot or lots if the areas might improve traffic flow without major realignment.

COUNCILMEMBER Faulkner made the motion to approve the proposal as set out in Linebarger Heard Grogan Blair Graham Pena and Sampson, LLP letter of August 18, 2000 with reference to tax Suit No. 94-02-16908, Lavaca County vs. Bobbie Sue Pilzner, et al. The motion was second by Councilmember Sitka. Motion carried.

BIDS for the City’s Bank Depository were received on September 7, 2000 at 10:00 A.M. The First State Bank and Yoakum National Bank submitted bids. Based on the review by and recommendation of the Finance Director Charlotte Morrow, the bid was awarded to Yoakum National Bank for the period of October 1, 2000 through September 30, 2002 on motion by Councilmember Bowe with a second by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried. Councilmember Sitka abstained from voting due to business interests.

AN amendment to Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Budget Ordinance No. 1743 was considered. Exhibit A, amounting to $151,010, was reviewed. Councilmember Faulkner made the motion to adopt an ordinance on first reading (recorded as No. 1766) amending Ordinance No. 1743 as presented. The motion was second by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried,

COUNCILMEMBER Sitka made a motion to charge-off $30,596.03 in utility accounts and $27,826.51 in ambulance receivables. The motion was second by Councilmember Bowe. Motion carried.

COUNCILMEMBER Rodriguez made the motion to ratify Resolution No. 99-01 which supports the creation of a county-wide Groundwater Conservation District in Lavaca County. The motion was second by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilmember Faulkner voting for Greg Ingham-Place 11, Mike McGregor-Place 12, Eliseo Valdez, Jr.-Place 13, and Pat Norris-Place 14 for the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board of Trustees. The motion was second by Councilmember Sitka. Motion carried.

THE Council voted to approve placement of “Keep Yoakum Clean” signs at various locations throughout the City on motion by Councilmember Sitka with a second by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried. The signs and posts were purchased by the Rotary Club with installation to be made by City personnel.

THE request received from the Yoakum Area Chamber of Commerce for cash assistance was tabled, to be considered at a special meeting, tentatively set for September 19th at 6:30 P.M.
UNDER the City Manager's Report, Mr. Veselka explained that LCRA had extended their deadline to submit the Price Select 2001 option. The Council had selected the 100% full requirement option, which remains the best option for the City at this time.

THERE being no further business, the meeting closed.

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
          Anita R. Rodriguez ........................................ Councilmember
          Tim Faulkner .............................................. Councilmember
          Elorine Sitka .............................................. Councilmember
          Don E. Bowe .............................................. Councilmember
          A. J. Veselka .............................................. City Manager
          Gladys M. Jiral ............................................ City Clerk

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

MAYOR Harbus called the meeting to order. The third item on the agenda was moved forward and considered first, which was the appointment of Fay Coldewey, Bill Natho, John Trott, Mayor Harbus and Councilmember Faulkner to the Electric Service Area Committee. The appointments were made on motion by Councilmember Rodriguez with a second by Councilmember Bowe. Motion carried.

The request from the Yoakum Area Chamber of Commerce for cash assistance was considered. Chamber Executive Director Debbie Condel presented her request and reviewed the financial report she had mailed to the Council. Members of the Chamber’s Board of Directors were also present. The City Attorney’s legal opinion stating that a city is not authorized to lend its credit or grant public money to any individual, association or corporation was discussed. It was noted the City currently contributes to organizations such as the museum and cemetery associations. Lengthy discussion ensued followed by Councilmember Faulkner making the motion to give the $5,000 to the Chamber of Commerce. The motion was second by Councilmember Sitka. Motion carried. (Councilmember Rodriguez needed to leave and asked to be excused prior to the vote.) City Manager Veselka was directed to see that the funds were paid to the Chamber.

THERE being no further business, the meeting closed.

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

ATTEST:

Gladys M. Jiral
City Clerk
October 10, 2000
Council Room – 7:00 P.M.
Public Works Bldg.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: M. W. Harbus, Jr. .........................Mayor
          Anita R. Rodriguez............................Councilmember
          Tim Faulkner .................................Councilmember
          Elorine Sitka .................................Councilmember
          Don E. Bowe ....................................Councilmember
          Charles J. Kvinta, Jr. .........................City Attorney
          A. J. Veselka .................................City Manager
          Gladys M. Jiral ...............................City Clerk

ABSENT: None

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

COUNCILMEMBER Faulkner made the motion to adopt the minutes from the meetings of September 12th and 26th, 2000 as presented. The motion was second by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE No. 1763 amending Chapter 10, Articles I and II regulating abatement of weeds, brush, rubbish, junk, unsightly matter and stagnant water to be consistent with State law was adopted on second and final reading on motion by Councilmember Rodriguez with a second by Councilmember Sitka. Motion carried.

COUNCILMEMBER Sitka made the motion to adopt on second and final reading Ordinance No. 1764 deleting Article III of Chapter 10 in the Yoakum Code of Ordinances pertaining to junked or abandoned personal property; little abatement; providing for designation of a commission to conduct public hearings, and provide that Chapter 683 of the Transportation Code be followed regarding abandoned motor vehicles and junked vehicles. Councilmember Faulkner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE No. 1765 granting a Specific Use Permit to the St. Joseph Catholic Church was adopted on second and final reading on motion by Councilmember Rodriguez with a second by Councilmember Bowe. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION was held on the rehabilitation of a 12" sewer main located in the Poth Street area near the high school campus. A TV camera survey of the sewer main down Wimberly, Culpepper and Plaza Streets was performed showing the main to be in very poor condition. At some points, the main is 17-18 feet deep running beneath a residence where a large cavity has developed. With the assistance of Director of Public Works Calvin Cook, Paul Boedeker of Hunter Associates prepared three proposals including cost estimates covering the replacement of the main and filling of the cavity. Considering ease
and time of construction, safety of school children, future access for City crews, and construction cost, Option B—"Divert Flow to West" was recommended for an estimated total cost of $142,834.80. City Manager Veselka advised that reserve funds are available for use on this project. Councilmember Faulkner made the motion to approve the rehabilitation of the Poth Street sewer main utilizing Option B as outlined by Calvin Cook and Paul Boedecker. Councilmember Bowe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

THE Matussek Engineering proposal for design of roadway, drainage, and retention pond in the Yoakum Industrial Park area was discussed. The engineering cost is not to exceed $7,455. The Yoakum Industrial Foundation would pay the cost for the engineering services and materials needed to construct the road. The City would provide the equipment and labor for the construction. Councilmember Sitka, with a second by Councilmember Faulkner, made the motion to approve the proposal for engineering services with Matussek Engineering. Motion carried.

A resolution (recorded as No. 2000-07) supporting the creation of a countywide groundwater conservation district in DeWitt County was adopted on motion by Councilmember Rodriguez with a second by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried.

COUNCILMEMBER Sitka made a motion to appoint Elsie Hoffman to the Yoakum Oak Grove Cemetery Association Board of Directors filling the expired term of Mrs. R. J. Walters. The motion was second by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.

FRANCES Moore was appointed to the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission's Public Protection Committee, replacing Bill Formolo, on motion by Councilmember Rodriguez with a second by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried.

MAYOR Harbus called an executive session to perform the City Manager's evaluation as provided by V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Section 551.074. The meeting was later reopened to the public. Councilmember Faulkner made the motion to increase the manager's salary by $5,000 a year. The motion was second by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried. Councilmember Faulkner added that the Council was proud of Mr. Veselka; that he was doing a good job and that they support him.

UNDER the City Manager's Report, Mr. Veselka advised he had talked to Elwood Gaus pertaining to the transfer of YISD property in the area of the Intermediate School and that after review of the traffic flow in that area, it was felt that the flow would not increase enough to justify the major realignment of the streets. Also, that the Council was not interested in ownership of the lots, but possibly easements if any traffic changes resulted. Mr. Veselka advised he had received from Christine Brown, Co-Chair of the Community Development/Revitalization Committee, Guidelines for Drafting Historic Preservation Ordinances and Model Ordinances. The information would be reviewed as to what steps are required to be taken in order not to conflict with the City's Zoning Ordinance. Procedures for removal of junked vehicles, which coincide with the new junked vehicle ordinance, are being prepared for the November Council meeting. The City Manager also advised that staff would be considering possible options for mowing and shredding of lots since no contractor bids were received.
THERE being no further business, the meeting closed.

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

ATTEST:

Gladys M. Jiral
City Clerk
November 1, 2000
Council Room – 7:45 A.M.
Public Works Bldg.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: M. W. Harbus, Jr. ..................................................Mayor
Anita R. Rodriguez ..........................................................Councilmember
Tim Faulkner .................................................................Councilmember
Elorine Sitka .................................................................Councilmember
Don E. Bowe .................................................................Councilmember
A. J. Veselka .................................................................City Manager
Gladys M. Jiral ..............................................................City Clerk

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

MAYOR Harbus called the meeting to order for the purpose of authorizing the filing
of a grant application with the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission for a
Regional Solid Waste Grant to purchase a portable vibratory compost screen and for the
City Manager to act on behalf of the City in all grant related matters.

DIRECTOR Calvin Cook advised the screen would produce a finer compost product
that could be utilized on the golf course and park grounds. The grant application is to be
prepared with two funding options. One option would be for a $60,000 compost screen
and the second would be for a $26,000 screen. The screen for the second option would
be adequate for our current program but would be more labor intensive compared to the
first option. Councilmember Faulkner made the motion to authorize the filing of the grant
application as presented with the GCRPC and authorize the city manager to act on behalf
of the City in all grant related matters. The motion was second by Councilmember Bowe.
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 14, 2000  
Council Room – 7:00 P.M.  
Public Works Bldg.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: M. W. Harbus, Jr. ........................................Mayor  
Anita R. Rodriguez  ........................................Councilmember  
Tim Faulkner ..................................................Councilmember  
Elorine Sitka ..................................................Councilmember  
Don E. Bowe ..................................................Councilmember  
Charles J. Kvinta, Jr. ........................................City Attorney  
Calvin Cook ..................................................Acting City Manager  
Gladys M. Jiral .............................................City Clerk

ABSENT: A. J. Veselka, City Manager

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

COUNCILMEMBER Faulkner made the motion to adopt the minutes from the meetings of October 10th and November 1st, 2000 as presented. The motion was second by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.

AN updated Exhibit A attachment to Ordinance No. 1766 was presented to the Council for their review. A motion was made by Councilmember Sitka with a second by Councilmember Faulkner to adopt on second and final reading Ordinance No. 1766 which amends the 1999-2000 Budget Ordinance No. 1743. Motion carried.

A request from Yoakum Grain, Inc. for an easement to construct a 10” spouting tube over Bolster Street was received. Denis Wauson presented a site plan of the proposed grain storage building with elevator to be constructed on their property on one side of the street with the spout transporting grain overhead across the street into their other facility. The spout would be 30’ above the street. The easement request is contingent upon the Zoning Board of Adjustment approving a variance to the minimum building setback and height restrictions as well as an appeal to the City Inspector’s interpretation of the commercial uses permitted in the C-2 District. This Board is scheduled to meet on November 22, 2000. Councilmember Sitka made the motion to approve an easement to construct a 10” spouting tube over Bolster Street contingent upon receiving approval of the appeal and variance from the Zoning Ordinance. The motion was second by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.

ONE bid was received for the purchase of a new police car. Councilmember Rodriguez made a motion to award the purchase of one new police package automobile to Wendel Motor Company in the amount of $21,760.60. The motion was second by Councilmember Bowe. Motion carried.
AN ordinance (recorded as No. 1767) providing for location of school speed limit (20) control signs near school campuses was adopted on first reading on motion by Councilmember Rodriguez with a second by Councilmember Sitka. Motion carried. The purchase cost is estimated to be $951.60

COUNCILMEMBER Faulkner made the motion to select the WP-1 option under the 2001 Price Select Program with LCRA with the cost savings being passed through to the City's electric customers. The motion was second by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.

COUNCILMEMBER Sitka made the motion with a second by Councilmember Faulkner to designate LCRA as the City's Qualified Scheduling Entity (QSE) as required by the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, the regulator of the electric deregulation process mandated by Senate Bill 7. Motion carried.

AN ordinance (recorded as No. 1768) electing to make current service and prior service contributions to the City's account in the municipal accumulation fund of the Texas Municipal Retirement System at the actuarially determined rate of total employee compensation was adopted on first reading on motion by Councilmember Rodriguez with a motion by Councilmember Bowe. Motion carried.

A resolution supporting litigation involving utility fees in Cause No.C-4558-95-G(2); cities of Weslaco and Mercedes, on behalf of themselves and other similarly situated entities vs. Rio Grande Valley Gas Company and Southern Union Company, dba Southern Union Gas Company in the 370th Judicial District Court of Hidalgo County, Texas was adopted on motion by Councilmember Bowe with a second by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.

SINCE Mr. Veselka was absent due to illness Calvin Cook gave the City Manager's Report. The City received notification on the following grants: $50,000 from the M. G. and Lillie P. Johnson Foundation towards the purchase of a new ambulance, and $7,000 from the NRA to construct metal roofs at the Police Department's Training Facility. He advised that the Yoakum Housing Authority received a $170,831 Capital Fund Grant for repairs to their housing units. Mr. Cook advised that a 12" sewer main would have to be relocated from the current YISD easement location due to expansion of the football facility. YISD will pay the relocation cost.

THERE being no further business, the meeting closed.

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

ATTEST:

Gladys M. Jiral
City Clerk
December 12, 2000
Council Room – 7:00 P.M.
Public Works Bldg.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: M. W. Harbus, Jr. ..............................Mayor
Anita R. Rodriguez ........................................Councilmember
Tim Faulkner ..............................................Councilmember
Elorine Sitka ..............................................Councilmember
Don E. Bowe ...............................................Councilmember
Charles J. Kvinta, Jr. .................................City Attorney
A. J. Veselka ..............................................City Manager
Gladys M. Jiral ............................................City Clerk

ABSENT: None

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

COUNCILMEMBER Rodriguez made the motion to adopt the minutes from the meeting of November 14, 2000 as presented. The motion was second by Councilmember Sitka. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE No. 1767 previously adopted on first reading was corrected to show that the school speed zone sign for mid-block of the 800 block of Tozik Street at Junior High and High School should be mid-block of the 900 block of Tozik. Councilmember Faulkner made the motion to adopt the ordinance on second and final reading as corrected. The motion was second by Councilmember Bowe. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE No. 1768 electing to make current service and prior service contributions to the City's account in the municipal accumulation fund of the Texas Municipal Retirement System at the actuarially determined rate of total employee compensation was adopted on second and final reading on motion by Councilmember Sitka with a second by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried.

THE Lavaca County Tax Assessor-Collector submitted information on Sheriff Sales for properties located within the city limits at 417 Crittenden, 605 Lavaca, 411 Moffitt and 112 Bare St. Each property received one bid in the amount of $400 from Joe V. Hagan. Councilmember Bowe with a second by Councilmember Rodriguez made the motion to accept the bids received and authorize the Mayor to execute the necessary documents. Motion carried.

ALVAREZ & Associates Construction Co., Inc. submitted a request for the Yoakum National Bank for a variance from the Building Code, Section 3202, to permit encroachment into the City's right-of-way with a parking structure. Alvarez is constructing parking canopies for bank employees. Councilmember Faulkner made the motion to grant
the variance as requested subject to the condition that the Yoakum National Bank would remove the canopy for utility purposes if needed. The motion was second by Councilmember Bowe. Motion carried. Councilmember Sitka abstained from voting due to business interests.

MARGIE McMullen, President of the Yoakum Economic Development Corporation, addressed the Council regarding the need for a master plan for revitalizing the downtown area. Co-Chair of the Revitalization Task Force, Cheryl McMullen, outlined the proposal received from the Texas A&M University College of Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning. The $21,000 proposal, which covers the area of West Grand Avenue from Irvine to Lott Streets and the railroad property located between West Grand and Nelson St., will include a written report detailing the master plan with maps and relevant data, design drawing documents, a CD of all work for reproduction purposes, supplemental zoning plans, visual presentation boards and sets of condensed documents for presentation and grant writing purposes.

DISCUSSION followed the presentation. It was noted that economic development funds would be used for payment of the A&M proposal and the City was negotiating with the railroad for the purchase or lease of the property. The motion was made by Councilmember Rodriguez with a second by Councilmember Sitka to accept the recommendation from the Yoakum Economic Development Corporation Board regarding a re-development plan proposal from the Texas A&M University College of Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning. Motion carried.

THE following individuals were named to serve on a committee to develop plans for barbecue pits and kitchen facilities fronting the corner of Lowrance and Culpepper Streets:

Dennis Kutach
Tom Chilek
Elorine Sitka

Frances (Rocki) Grubert
David Barnes

COUNCILMEMBER Faulkner made the motion to appoint the individuals named. The motion was second by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried.

THE following bids were received on December 7th for the purchase of one industrial tractor/loader/backhoe for the Water Department as budgeted:

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A motion was made by Councilmember Sitka with a second by Councilmember Faulkner to award the bid to the low bidder, namely Holt Caterpillar, in the amount of $37,009.00. Motion carried.

BIDS were also received on December 7th for the purchase of a front-end loader for the Street Department as budgeted. The following bids were received:

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COUNCILMEMBER Rodriguez made the motion to award the bid to RDO Equipment from San Antonio, Texas, the low bidder, in the amount of $73,000.00. The motion was second by Councilmember Bowe. Motion carried.

AN Interlocal Agreement was reviewed enabling Yoakum to purchase a new ambulance through a cooperative purchasing program with the City of Richardson, Texas. This purchase would utilize designated ambulance replacement reserve funds of approximately $32,000 and a $50,000 grant from the Johnson Foundation. Councilmember Sitka made the motion authorizing the City to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Richardson and for City Manager Veselka to execute the agreement. The motion was second by Councilmember Faulkner. Motion carried.

A revision of City’s Policy Statement No. 38 providing for compensation to employees who are scheduled or assigned to on-call duty was outlined by City Manager Veselka. The new policy would provide for Fire/EMS employees on-call to receive 5 hours of regular pay while on-call in addition to receiving overtime pay if the employee is called in to work and has worked their 106 bi-weekly hours. The Public Works employees would receive 26 ½ hours for being on-call in addition to receiving overtime rates if the employee is called in and has worked in excess of 40 hours per week. Councilmember Faulkner with a second by Councilmember Bowe made the motion to adopt the revised On-Call Duty Compensation Policy (Policy No. 43) as explained by the City Manager. Motion carried.

THE Fire/EMS Department organizational change was outlined by City Manager Veselka. Mr. Veselka recommended that the Fire/EMS Director be removed from Division B shift rotation to serve as department head over all three divisions outside of pulling that rotation, and then adding a Fire/EMS Captain for Division B. Councilmember Sitka made the motion to approve the Fire/EMS Department organizational changes as presented. Councilmember Faulkner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNCILMEMBER Rodriguez made the motion to appoint James Leist to the Planning and Zoning Commission filling the vacancy created by the appointment of Don Bowe to the City Council. The motion was second by Councilmember Bowe. Motion carried.
MAYOR Harbus closed the public meeting in order to convene in executive session to deliberate the purchase of real property as outlined in V.T.C.A. Gov. Code, Section 551.072. The meeting was later re-opened to the public. Councilmember Rodriguez made the motion to authorize the City Manager to negotiate purchase of real property and to research funding options. Councilmember Bowe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

UNDER the City Manager's Report, Mr. Veselka advised that Commander Dvorak verbally indicated the V.F.W. would donate the WWII cannon currently housed at the Recycle Center to the City. Written documentation would be requested from the V.F.W. for the Council's consideration at the January meeting. The Historic District Ordinance has been reviewed and will need to be modified to work as an overlay of the Zoning Ordinance in addition to other preparatory work before adoption. Bids were received for the sale of a used storage building. The highest bid was from Rex Kelley in the amount of $186.98. Emil Blaschke contacted Mr. Veselka on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce requesting the use of the lots recently purchased by the City across from the Community Center for the Land of Leather carnival. Mr. Veselka advised him that the lots may not be large enough to accommodate the carnival and with the intent of constructing a barbecue and kitchen facility on these lots, there may be a timing conflict. Mr. Blaschke advised that other sites were also being considered. Mr. Veselka reported that there has been no change on the utilization of the old hospital building.

THERE being no further business, the meeting closed.

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

ATTEST:

Gladys M. Jiral
City Clerk