SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: Anita R. Rodriguez ........................................... Mayor
        Florine Sitka .................................................. Mayor Pro-Tem
        Rodney Jahn .................................................... Councilmember
        Timothy L. McCoy .............................................. Councilmember
        Carl O'Neill ..................................................... Councilmember
        Kevin M. Coleman .............................................. City Manager
        Kenneth E. Kiwita .............................................. City Attorney
        Theresa A. Bowe ................................................. City Clerk
        Sandra Jacob .................................................. Finance Director

ABSENT: None

MAYOR Rodriguez opened the meeting to the public at 5:15 PM in compliance with V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.041 for the purpose of receiving a presentation from the Harrison, Waldrop & Uherek, L.L.P. regarding the Annual Financial Audit Report for Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2015. A letter of assurance from the firm was provided, asserting that the information in the audit report is accurate, and a “clean” or “un-qualified” opinion indicating that the City is in good standing. Information was reviewed in detail.

INFORMATION regarding the Yoakum Economic Development Corporation funds were reviewed. Since the YEDC is not considered a political subdivision, those funds may be at risk. Further recommendations on protecting those funds will be reviewed.

AFTER discussion and review, Councilmember Jahn made a motion to accept the Fiscal Year 2015 Audit Report as presented. Councilmember McCoy seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:52 PM.

Anita R. Rodriguez, Mayor
City of Yoakum, Texas

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

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

ABSENT: None

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

MOTION was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka to adopt the minutes from the meeting of December 8, 2015 as presented. Second was made by Councilmember McCoy. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR Rodriguez announced that the Council would convene into Executive Session at 6:01 PM for consultation with the City Attorney on pending litigation (Arthur Rogers vs. City of Yoakum, ETAL) (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.071). The meeting re-opened to the public at 6:30 PM. No action resulted from Executive Session.

COUNCILMEMBER McCoy made a motion to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 2097) on second and final reading granting a Change in Zoning from Commercial (C-2) to Residential (R-4) on property described as Part of Block 78 in the Yoakum Townsite Addition as shown on the official tax roll (for location reference only: 100 Block of Cooper Street – property owned by Sara Vazquez). Second was made by Councilmember Jahn; motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka to adopt the following ordinances and second and final reading: (recorded as No. 2102) granting a Planned Unit Development for property described as All of Block 1045, and Lots 8-11 of Block 1126 in the Lewis Addition as shown on the official tax roll (for location reference only: 701 W. Grand Ave); (recorded as No. 2103) granting a Planned Unit Development for property described as All of Block 1068 in the Yoakum Townsite Addition as shown on the official tax roll (for location reference only: 412 Simpson St.); and (recorded as No. 2104) granting a Planned Unit Development for property described as All of Block 1268 in the Clifton Addition, Part of Abstract 34 in the John May Addition, Lots 7-9 in Block 1074 in the Yoakum Townsite Addition, and Lot 1 of Block 1 in the Pietsch Addition as shown on the official tax roll (for location reference only: 200 Aubrey St.). Motion was seconded by Councilmember O’Neill and carried unanimously.

MAYOR Rodriguez opened a public hearing to receive a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and provide for citizen comments regarding the following request for a Specific Use Permit as it pertains to Chapter 52: Zoning of the City of Yoakum Code of Ordinances:
a) Granting a Specific Use Permit for the operation of a religious institution for property located at 210 W. Grand Avenue

MR. Philip Baker was present representing the Grace Bible Fellowship Church requesting the Specific Use Permit to provide information and answer questions. Objection letters were presented and discussed. Discussion was held regarding parking issues. Mr. Baker informed the Council that he believes that having the buildings occupied will help maintain facilities. Extended discussion was held. Hearing no further comments from the public, the Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL was provided an ordinance for consideration granting the request for a Specific Use Permit for the operation of a religious institution at 210 W. Grand Ave as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. No motion was presented. The ordinance was not adopted. Consensus of the Council was to allow the group a 120-day window to locate another building and present another request.

A request was received from the Yoakum Shape Shop for the closure of certain streets in coordination with the Annual Dash For Downs 5K & Kids Fun Run. Discussion was held regarding the requested route and City personnel that will be utilized during the event. After review, Councilmember Jahn made a motion to approve the request for closure of the streets and allowing the use of ATV’s on City streets during the event. Second was made by Councilmember McCoy and motion carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER Jahn gave notice of another obligation and was excused from the meeting.

RICHARD Gibbons with the Way Company was present to provide information and answer questions regarding the proposed Energy Professional Services Contract. The proposed scope of work was reviewed. Staff recommended that the Senior Citizen Center and Yoakum Community Center Facility Improvement measures be pulled from the recommendation and placed into the normal budget and attempt to locate grants that will assist with the rehabilitation of those facilities. The pump at the lift station on FM 318 is budgeted and can be removed from the scope of work, as well. An investment grade audit will be the next step in the process. If the City determines not to move forward with the project after the investment grade audit, the City will be required to reimburse the Way Company for that expense. The timeline for the project was reviewed. Local contractors will be contacted for bids. Mr. Gibbons outlined the financing component. After discussion, Councilmember McCoy made a motion to select The Way Company services based upon the revised scope of work as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka and carried unanimously.

MAYOR Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to authorize the purchase of a ½ ton pickup truck for the Water Department as budgeted, and award the bid to Silsbee Ford of Silsbee, Texas for a 2015 super-cab F-150 in the amount of $26,729. Second was made by Councilmember O’Neill; motion carried unanimously.

CITY Manager Coleman provided information regarding proposed changes to the City of Yoakum Personnel Manual defining Part-Time employees as it pertains to the Affordable Care Act. After discussion, Councilmember McCoy made a motion to adopt the changes to the Personnel Manual as presented. Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR Rodriguez provided information regarding concerns of e-cigarettes/vapor cigarettes being utilized in public buildings. Upon consensus of the Council, direction was provided to the City Attorney to research the possibility of expanding the current City ordinance regarding smoking in public buildings to include the prohibition of e-cigarettes.
DISCUSSION was held regarding the March 2016 Clean-Up Day. Suggestions were received. Consensus of the Council was to cancel the March 2016 Clean-Up Day in its current format. Direction was provided to staff to research and bring recommendations back at a future Council meeting.

INFORMATION was unavailable regarding revisions to the City of Yoakum Job Description Manual. Staff will continue working on the recommendation to the Council and bring to the Council for consideration at a future meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER McCoy made a motion to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 2016-01) adopting revisions to the City of Yoakum Manual of Fees and Service Charges, specifically Subsection IV. Pavement Breaks, Subsection V., Item 3) Bulk Water, and Item 4) Water Taps, Subsection VI. Sewer Rates & Fees, Item 5) New Sewer Taps & Services all in the Utilities Section, and Subsection V. Item 12) Equipment Charges, and Item 21) Premix Material Charge all in the General Section as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember O’Neill and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 2016-02) authorizing, establishing the procedures for, and appointing election officials for the City of Yoakum General Election to be held May 7, 2016. Second was made by Councilmember McCoy and motion carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER McCoy made a motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Lease Agreement with Lavaca County for HAVA compliant election equipment. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka and carried unanimously.

UNDER the City Manager’s Report, Council was invited to the Guadalupe Valley Water Association Meeting to be hosted by Yoakum on January 21, 2016 at the Yoakum Community Center beginning at 6:00 PM. A schedule of events was provided to the Council for the May 7, 2016 General Election. Information was provided regarding the upcoming TML General Assembly meeting scheduled for January 27, 2016 in Edna, Texas, and the Yoakum Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet scheduled to begin at 6:00 PM on January 28, 2016 to be held at the Yoakum Community Center. Information was provided regarding possible future Council agenda items: re-allocation of budgeted funds will be presented; and a potential agreement for the rental of land at the Yoakum Municipal Airport to house a plane for a local individual. The Quarterly Investment Report was presented for the Council’s review.

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

Anita R. Rodriguez, Mayor
City of Yoakum, Texas

ATTEST:

Theresa A. Bowe, City Clerk
February 9, 2016  
Conference Room – 6:00 PM  
City Hall

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

ABSENT:  
None

MAYOR Rodriguez called the City Council meeting to order and gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all attending. Visitors were acknowledged and welcomed. Angie O’Neill was introduced as the new Deputy City Clerk beginning February 8, 2016; and Ben Jahn (son of Councilmember Jahn) was introduced.

MOTION was made by Councilmember McCoy to adopt the minutes from the special meeting and regular meeting of January 12, 2016 as presented. Second was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR Rodriguez opened a public hearing to receive citizen comments regarding the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG). City Manager Coleman provided background regarding the grant. Funding will depend upon the allocation from the State. Hearing no comments from the floor, the public hearing closed.

MOTION by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 2016-03) authorizing the filing of a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program application to the Texas Department of Agriculture. Second was made by Councilmember O’Neill and motion carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER Jahn made a motion to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 2016-04) in support of HVM 2016 Yoakum, LTD’s rehabilitation project of the Leatherwood Terrace Apartments at 105 Ellen May Road. Motion was seconded by Councilmember O’Neill and carried unanimously.

CITY Manager Coleman provided information regarding the purchase of a one ton service truck for the Electric Department and a recommendation on the sale of the existing vehicle as surplus on the goveals.com website in an effort to achieve the greatest value. After discussion, Councilmember McCoy made a motion to authorize the purchase of a one
ton service truck for the Electric Department from the Buyboard in the over-budget amount of $34,445.50 and authorize the sale of the existing vehicle as surplus equipment. Second was made by Councilmember Jahn; motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL reviewed bids for the Yoakum Community Center Roof Repair Project. Three bids were received and options were discussed. After review, Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to award the bid to the low bidder, Parsons Roofing of Golinda, Texas for Option 1 – removal and replacement of existing roof system, in the amount of $92,178. Motion was seconded by Councilmember O’Neill and carried unanimously.

INFORMATION was provided regarding bids for the Yoakum Municipal Airport Hangar Rehabilitation bids. After discussion, Councilmember O’Neill made a motion to award the bid to the low bidder, Joe Lopez in the amount of $22,197; subcontractors will be coordinated by City staff. Second was made by Councilmember Jahn; motion carried unanimously.

A proposal was provided from the Yoakum Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors for the funding of a project for The Grand Theater rehabilitation at 212 W. May Street. After review of the recommendation from the property owners and the YEDC, Councilmember Jahn made a motion to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 2016-05) on first reading authorizing a Performance Agreement with The Grand Theater for the allocation of Type B Sales Tax Funds in the amount of $150,000 ($50,000 for audio equipment and $100,000 for rehabilitation of the building). Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

THE Yoakum Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors recommended approval of funding for the rehabilitation of the Yoakum Community Center. After discussion, Councilmember Jahn made a motion to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 2016-06) on first reading authorizing the expenditure of Type B Sales Tax Funds in an amount up to $100,000 for the overall rehabilitation project. Motion was seconded by Councilmember O’Neill and carried unanimously.

MAYOR Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 2106) on first reading for the placement of traffic control devices at Baldwin and McKinnon Streets, Herman and Goldman Streets, Trimmel and Clark Streets, and W. Hugo and Wimberly Streets as recommended. Second was made by Councilmember McCoy and motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL received information regarding a proposed land lease of the Yoakum Municipal Airport for a private hangar from Travis McKee. The proposed lease would be for a term of 20 to 25 years with no out of pocket cost to the City. Staff asked for direction from the Council regarding the pursuit of the proposal. Staff will work with the Texas Department of Transportation to ensure compliance with all aviation procedures and plans will be reviewed prior to implementation and construction should the agreement be approved by Council. Consensus of the Council was to provide direction to staff to research the lease agreement and provide a final lease agreement for consideration.
Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to allocate Utility Reserve Funds for emergency repairs at the City Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of $10,000 to be incorporated in the Way Company proposal at a later date. Motion was seconded by Councilmember McCoy and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilmember Jahn to adopt revisions to the City of Yoakum Policy Manual for bulk water metering and to the Purchasing Policy to allow for credit card purchases up to $200 without a purchase order. Second was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka; motion carried unanimously.

Information was provided regarding the agreement with Texas Disposal Systems, Inc. for the removal of excess recycling material. TDS only requested that City staff be available to assist with the disposal of items from the brush grinding location that are unable to go through the grinder.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 2016-07) adopting revisions to the City of Yoakum Manual of Fees and Service Charges, specifically Sub-section X. Solid Waste Management Facility Rates & Fees in the Utilities Section, and Sub-section V. Miscellaneous, Item 17. Library in the General Section to include fees for Inter-Library Loan services. Motion was seconded by Councilmember O’Neill and carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding the Community Clean-Up Program. Staff recommendations included a City led bulk item pickup over the first two weeks of April; flyers, utility bill inserts, and notifications to the paper will be utilized to provide information to the public. This schedule would eliminate the limb and yard waste pickup during those first two weeks to provide the manpower to cover the bulk item pickup. Community involvement would be promoted by asking volunteers to assist with right-of-way cleanup.
INFORMATION was provided to the Council regarding the current lease of the Yoakum Municipal Airport Hangars. Mr. Gene Chandler had been invited to the Council meeting, however was not present for discussion. Legal information was provided by City Attorney Kvinta regarding the termination of the lease and actions that will need to follow if eviction is necessary.

Funds remain from Phase III of the Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project from the Texas Water Development Board funding. Staff recommended utilizing the remaining funds to assist with the street repair associated with the project. The final audit indicates a remaining balance of $64,684 after final billing. After discussion, Councilmember McCoy made a motion to allocate the remaining funds toward the street improvement projects as recommended. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Jahn and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilmember McCoy to allocate $401,850 from Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project reserves to a reserve fund for technology (i.e. AMI/AMR, SCADA Systems). After discussion, Councilmember McCoy made a motion to allocate Fiscal Year 2015 net-operating income of the Utility Fund to Capital Reserves as recommended. Second was made by Councilmember Jahn. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to allocate Utility Reserve Funds for emergency repairs at the City Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of $10,000 to be incorporated in the Way Company proposal at a later date. Motion was seconded by Councilmember McCoy and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilmember Jahn to adopt revisions to the City of Yoakum Policy Manual for bulk water metering and to the Purchasing Policy to allow for credit card purchases up to $200 without a purchase order. Second was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka; motion carried unanimously.

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MAYOR Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 2015-07) adopting revisions to the City of Yoakum Manual of Fees and Service Charges, specifically Sub-section X. Solid Waste Management Facility Rates & Fees in the Utilities Section, and Sub-section V. Miscellaneous, Item 17. Library in the General Section to include fees for Inter-Library Loan services. Motion was seconded by Councilmember O'Neill and carried unanimously.

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along the major thoroughfares throughout town. The Transfer Station would be opened on Clean Up Day to provide for citizen drop off with all of the restrictions provided for in past projects. Consensus of the Council was to move forward with the program as presented.

UPON motion by Councilmember Jahn and second by Councilmember O'Neill, Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka, Councilmember McCoy, and City Manager Coleman were appointed to the City/School Summer Recreation Board. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER McCoy made a motion to proclaim the week of February 20th through March 4th, 2016 as “Texas Public Schools Week.” Motion was seconded by Councilmember Jahn and carried unanimously.

UNDER the City Manager's Report, Council was invited to the Yoakum Volunteer Fire Department Annual Fund Raiser scheduled for Sunday, February 14, 2016 at the Yoakum Community Center beginning at 11:00 AM. The Police Department Racial Profiling Report was provided for review. City Manager Coleman informed the Council that the Way Company will bring the final report at a future meeting and will include a narrowed price line of the facilities and equipment recommendations. Utility project cost recommendations will be forwarded to TRC Engineers for review. Information from the Lower Colorado River Authority regarding a credit owed to the City of Yoakum in the amount of roughly $100,000 due to overpayment over the course of the last year was provided. Staff will be bring recommendations to the Council at a future meeting for consideration by the Council for allocation of those funds. Recommendations will be brought to the Council for the 2016 Street Improvement Project, for the rescission of certain specific use permits for the placement of mobile homes that have been abandoned; recommendations regarding revisions to the smoking ordinance may be presented at the March 2016 meeting; and Library Board Member Reggie Simek has passed away and a recommendation to fill the un-expired term will be brought to the Council at the March 2016 meeting.

MAYOR Rodriguez announced that the Council would enter into Executive Session at 7:00 PM to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, and duties for an Assistant Director of Public Works (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.074). The meeting reopened to the public at 7:15 PM. No action resulted from Executive Session.

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

Anita R. Rodriguez, Mayor
City of Yoakum, Texas

ATTEST:

Theresa A. Bowe, City Clerk
March 8, 2016
Conference Room – 6:00 PM
City Hall

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

ABSENT:  None

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

MOTION was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka to adopt the minutes from meeting of February 9, 2016 as presented. Second was made by Councilmember McCoy. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION BY Councilmember McCoy to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 2016-05) on second and final reading authorizing a Performance Agreement with The Grand Theater for the allocation of Type B Sales Tax Funds in the amount of $150,000 ($50,000 for audio equipment and $100,000 for rehabilitation of the building); to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 2016-06) on second and final reading authorizing the expenditure of Type B Sales Tax Funds in an amount up to $100,000 for the overall rehabilitation project; and to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 2105) on second and final reading for the placement of traffic control devices at Baldwin and McKinnon Streets, Herman and Goldman Streets, Trimmel and Clark Streets, and W. Hugo and Wimberly Streets as recommended. Second was made by Councilmember Jahn and motion carried unanimously.

MR. Gene Chandler was present to request information regarding the lease rate for the Yoakum Municipal Airport hangars. City Manager Coleman provided a timeline of events that had transpired including the bid process, the contact and payment history with Mr. Chandler. After extended discussion, Mr. Chandler insisted that the new rental rate was too much and would not be vacating the property.

MAYOR Rodriguez a public hearing to receive citizen input on the placement of mobile homes on properties: Licensed - owner

a) 111 Jakubik St. did not attend
b) 1404-1406 Durman St. owner did not attend

c) 401 Henrietta St. did not attend

Property owner: tin Goetz was present to request the permit to build a property for storage. Stated "utilizes" the existing structure up to Building Code bring the structure over to Building Code bring the strucure to be in accordance with Standards in current code.

e) 502 Mign St. - owner did not attend
f) 219 Haller St. – owner did not attend  
g) Corner of Edgar & O'Conner St. – owner did not attend  
h) 209 Moffitt St. – owner was present to request the permit not be rescinded. Mr. Robert Brown informed Council that he intends to maintain the property until his daughter graduates college, and would bring the property into compliance within 90 days.

After review and discussion, Councilmember McCoy made a motion to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 2107) on emergency reading rescinding specific use permits as follows:

a) Ord No. 1637 - Lot 10 of Block 1056 in the Yoakum Townsite Addition (111 Jakubik St)  
b) Ord No. 1484 & 1457 - Tract 4 & 5 of Block 99 in the Yoakum Townsite Addition (1404-1406 Dunn St.)  
c) Ord No. 1239 - Lot 1 of Block 1226 in the JS Ryan Addition (401 Henrietta St.)  
d) Ord No. 1328 - Lot 4 of Block 1102 in the West End Addition (110 McGee St.)  
e) Ord No. 1907 - Lots 12-15 of Block 1086 in the Plaza Addition (502 Migl St.)  
f) Ord No. 1130 - Lot 10 of Block 8 in the West End Addition (219 Haller St.)  
g) Ord No. 1911 - Lots 7-10 of Block 1278 in the Yoakum Improvement Company's Addition (Corner of Edgar & O'Conner St.)

Motion was seconded by Councilmember Jahn and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka to authorize the City Manager to submit a Homeland Security Grant application to the Office of the Governor for Police Department equipment upgrades for all police cars. Councilmember Jahn seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to authorize the City Manager to advertise for bids for Fiscal Year 2016 Street Improvement Project. Details were reviewed and discussed. Second was made by Councilmember McCoy. Motion carried unanimously.

DETAILS were provided regarding specific projects in the Parks & Recreation Department that are currently budgeted. Additional projects were outlined. Staff recommends funding an updated Parks & Recreation Master Plan. After review, Councilmember O'Neill made a motion allocate $32,089.59 of Park Reserve funds for utilization as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka and carried unanimously.

INFORMATION was provided regarding an overpayment to the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) for Fuel and Power Cost Recovery Factor. The total credit after LCRA's audit is $101,746.79. Staff recommended and the consensus of the Council is to use $66,320 of the fuel credit to pay off the prior agreement with LCRA for engineering services, and place the remaining credit of $35,426.70 in the Utility Fund Reserve Account to allocate for the future purchase of an AMR System.

MOTION by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka to appoint Amanda Sykora to the Library Board to fill an un-expired term. Second was made by Councilmember McCoy; motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to appoint Mayor Annie Rodriguez to service on the Yoakum Volunteer Fire Department Pension Board for a two-year term. Motion was seconded by Councilmember McCoy and carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER McCoy made a motion to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 2016-08) accepting a Certificate of Unopposed Candidates, cancelling the May 7, 2016 City of Yoakum
General Election, and declaring each unopposed candidate elected to office for City Council Places 4 and 5. Councilmember O'Neill seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilmember Jahn proclaiming the month of April 2016 as Fair Housing Month. Second was made by Councilmember O'Neill. Motion carried unanimously.

UNDER the City Manager’s Report, the Police Department is working with other area agencies for a State-wide Warrant Round-Up: Police Chief Karl Van Slooten was present to provide information. Council was reminded that City facilities will be closed at 12:00 Noon on Friday, March 25, 2016 in observance of Good Friday. The City is hosting a blood drive on March 31, 2016 from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM. The City is hosting a group on April 1, 2016 from LCRA to volunteer to work at the Centennial Park and at the Police Department Shooting Range. The Bi-Annual Community Clean-Up is scheduled for April 2, 2016. City crew will be handling the bulk item pick up the first two weeks of April. The roof contractor is schedule to be in Yoakum this week to begin work on the Community Center Roof Repair Project. Future agenda items may include a revision to the smoking ordinance to include e-cigarettes. There may be a request from citizens to change the name of a street in Yoakum to honor Martin Luther King, Jr. There will be a vacancy on the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners: Conyetta Gaus-Swaney has declined re-appointment. The appointments for that Board will be on the April agenda for Council consideration. A workshop will be scheduled to provide a mid-year update on budgeted departmental projects. Staff is waiting for additional information from The Way Company on the costs for certain projects. Once provided, staff will provide to Council at the upcoming workshop. An update was provided on the status of the LCRA Grant. Yoakum has made the first cut and is in the final review process.

MAYOR Rodriguez announced that the Council would enter into Executive Session at 6:55 PM to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.072). The meeting re-opened to the public at 7:15 PM. No action resulted from Executive Session.

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

Anita R. Rodriguez, Mayor
City of Yoakum, Texas

ATTEST:

Theresa A. Bowe, City Clerk
March 29, 2016
Conference Room – 5:30 PM
City Hall

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

ABSENT: None

MAYOR Rodriguez called the City Council meeting to order in compliance with V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.041) and opened the meeting to the public.

CITY Manager Coleman provided information regarding a proposal from the Way Company. Mr. Richard Gibbens with the Way Company was present to provide additional information. Details were reviewed regarding the Library and the Community Center; specifically the central air conditioning units and air flow issues. After discussion, Council consensus was to move forward on both the Library and Community Center improvements.

DISCUSSION was held regarding pending Fiscal Year 2017 projects. Rates were reviewed and an overview was provided regarding the utilization of Schneider Engineering to assist with the AMR System initiation. Hard costs should be available by March of 2017.

INFORMATION was provided regarding City employees currently eligible for retirement within the next three years. Discussion was held regarding immediate needs for training, replacement options, and additional staffing in the Code Enforcement Department, Park & Recreation Department, Electric Department, and an additional position funded from the Special Court Fund for a warrant officer were reviewed. After discussion, Councilmember Jahn suggested raise permit fees in order to assist in covering the cost of an additional employee in the Code Enforcement Department. Consensus of the Council was to move forward with hiring in all positions discussed.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM

Anita R. Rodriguez, Mayor
City of Yoakum, Texas

ATTEST:

Theresa A. Bowe, City Clerk
April 12, 2016
Conference Room – 6:00 PM
City Hall

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

ABSENT: None

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

MOTION was made by Councilmember McCoy to adopt the minutes from meetings of March
8, and March 29, 2016 as presented. Second was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka. Motion carried
unanimously.

A request was received from Ms. Florenda Green to reconsider the rescission of the Specific
Use Permit for the placement of a manufactured home at 401 Henrietta St previously adopted by
Council at their March 2016 meeting. Ms. Green requested that the Specific Use Permit be extended
in order to place a newer model single-wide manufactured home on the property. Current zoning in
the area would not allow for a single-wide manufactured home; however, Ms. Green believes that a
large home would not fit on the property. After review and discussion regarding additional State law,
Councilmember McCoy made a motion to table the request until the May 2016 Council meeting and
provided direction to City staff to research and provide additional information. Second was made by
Councilmember Jahn; motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR Rodriguez opened a Public Hearing to receive recommendations from the Planning
and Zoning Commission and to provide for citizen comments regarding the following requests for
amendments to Chapter 52: Zoning of the City of Yoakum Code of Ordinances:

a) Renew a Specific Use Permit for the operation of a religious institution on property
located in the easterly 300 block of Bingham Street without time limit; and

b) A Change in Zoning from Residential (R-2) to Residential (R-3) on property located at
912 Mathew Street (owned by Joaquin Garcia)

Mr. Bobby was present to provide information to Council regarding the request for a
Specific Use Permit. No opposition had been voiced from the public and details regarding
the request were outlined by Mr. Wade. The Specific Use Permit has not been utilized as
of this date, but plans are still in place for completion of the church. Should the Specific Use
Permit not be utilized, the Council will have the option to rescind the ordinance of a two-year
period. Ruben and Tiffany Rios were present to provide information and answer question
for the request at 912 Mathew Street. The applicants plan to place a double-wide
manufactured home on the property. No objections were received from surrounding property owners and both requests are in compliance with the Future Land Use Plan. Hearing no further comments from the floor, the Public Hearing was closed.

MAYOR Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 2108) on first reading renewing a Specific Use Permit for the operation of a religious institution on property described as Lots 4, 5, & 6 of Block 1137 in the Leo Tucker Addition as shown on the official tax roll (for location reference only: Easterly 300 Block of Bingham Street). Motion was seconded by Councilmember O'Neill and carried unanimously.

MOTION was made by Councilmember McCoy to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 2109) on first reading granting a Change in Zoning from Residential (R-2) to Residential (R-3) on property described as Lots 9-11 of Block 1145 of the Leo Tucker Addition (912 Mathew Street) (property owned by Joaquin Garcia). Second was made by Councilmember Jahn; motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 2016-09) authorizing the City Manager to submit a Homeland Security Grant application to the Office of the Governor for Police Department equipment upgrades and to act in all matters related to the grant. Councilmember O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER McCoy made a motion to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 2016-10) authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for a 2017 Border Star grant through the Office of the Governor for Police Department funding and to act in all matters related to the grant. Second was made by Councilmember Jahn and motion carried unanimously.

MOTION BY Councilmember Jahn to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 2016-11) authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for a regional solid waste grant in the amount of $75,000 through the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission and act in all matters related to the grant. This grant has been utilized every two years to do upgrades and improvements to our recycling or solid waste equipment. The proposed grant will purchase dedicated containers for cardboard recycling, provide funding for household hazardous waste disposal, and improve property away from the Community Center for a recycle collection area. Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

SHIRLEEN Bonacci with GrantWorks, Inc. of Austin, Texas was present to provide information and answer questions regarding the HOME Program administrative agreement. After review and discussion, Councilmember O'Neill made a motion to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 2016-12) to award administration and management for the HOME Program through the Texas Department of Agriculture Office of Rural Affairs to GrantWorks, Inc. of Austin, Texas. Second was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka; motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Councilmember McCoy to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 2016-13) amending the Manual of Fees and Service Charges specifically the EMS mileage rate billed to “In-Town” customers. Councilmember Jahn seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL was provide a petition by adjacent property owners to an alley located in the 200 Block of E. Gonzales Street. After review of the alley and discussion with one of the property owners, City Manager Coleman made a recommendation not to grant the alley closure based on City utilities being located inside the alley, as well as, other property owner ingress and egress access to their properties. Council took no action to adopt the proposed resolution.

BIDS were reviewed for the rehabilitation of Well No. 5. After discussion, Councilmember Jahn made a motion to award the contract to the low bidder, Friedel Drilling of Yoakum, Texas in an amount not to exceed $77,500. Second was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka and carried unanimously.

UPON recommendation from staff, Councilmember McCoy made a motion to award the 2016 Fiscal Year 2016 Street Improvement Project Seal Coat to the low bidder, H&C Construction of Shiner, Texas in an amount not to exceed $113,000 and authorize the City Manager to act in all matters relating to the contract. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Jahn and carried unanimously.

MAYOR Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to award the bid for the Fiscal Year 2016 Street Improvement Project Concrete portion for the Hochhiem at Front Street Street location to Bo Holster and award the Ward at Davidson location to Ken’s Material and Trucking, LLC as bid. Motion was seconded by Councilmember O’Neill and carried unanimously.

REVIEW was held for the construction of a bridge and parking improvements at the Centennial Park. After discussion, Councilmember McCoy made a motion to award the bid to Bo Holster in the amount of $16,975. Second was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka and motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilmember Jahn to approve a request from the Yoakum Area Chamber of Commerce for the closure of certain streets and utilization of City property in coordination with the 88th Annual Tom Tom Festival activities to be held June 3rd – 5th, 2016 as presented. Councilmember McCoy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER McCoy made a motion authorizing a No Parking designation on the portion of Davis Avenue between Volentine Street and S. Park Road on Saturday, June 4, 2016 in conjunction with the 88th Annual Tom Tom Festival. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Jahn and carried unanimously.

MAYOR Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to re-appoint Glen Renken to the Yoakum Housing Authority Board of Commissioners for a two-year term. Second was made by Councilmember O’Neill, motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Councilmember O’Neill to proclaim the month of May 2016 as Yoakum Business Appreciation Month. Second was made by Councilmember McCoy; motion carried unanimously.

Upon motion by Councilmember Jahn and second by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka the following proclamations were approved unanimously:
1) Library Week – April 11th – 15th
2) Public Safety Telecommunications Week – April 10th – 16th
3) Administrative Professionals Week – April 24th – April 30th
4) Municipal Clerks Week – May 1st – May 7th
5) Police Week – May 15th – May 21st
6) EMS Week – May 15th – May 21st
7) Public Works Week – May 15th – May 21st

MOTION by Councilmember Jahn to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 2110) on first reading amending the City of Yoakum Code of Ordinances, specifically Chapter 20. Health and Public Welfare, Article II. Tobacco Smoking to include electronic smoking. Second was made by Councilmember McCoy; motion carried unanimously.

UNDER the City Manager’s Report, information was provided regarding the Bi-Annual Clean-Up Day. Attendance was less than usual due to other community events. City crews will be handling the bulk item pickup. City Manager Coleman provided on the Community Center improvements. The contractor is about 80% complete and guttering will be in place soon. Renovations to the bathrooms are on schedule to be bid out. Additional information regarding the proposal from the Way Company has not been received as of this date. Quarterly Investment Reports were provided for review. Questions were posed regarding sales tax revenues indicating revenues are above budget, but declining from last year’s record highs. Information was provided on status of new hires: staffing is one short in the Police Department for a Telecommunication Operator and one short in the Fire Department of a Fire/EMT Officer. Applications are being accepted. The Carl and Mary Welhausen Library has been granted funding from the GVEC Power-Up Grant Program for the renovations to the kitchen area and Witte Room.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Anita R. Rodriguez, Mayor
City of Yoakum, Texas

ATTEST:

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

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

ABSENT: None

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

MAYOR Rodriguez presented Certificates of Election for Councilmembers Elorine Sitka and
Rodney Jahn. City Clerk Bowe administering the Statement of Elected Officers and the Oaths of
Office.

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

CHUCK Dart was introduced as the new Director of Economic Development and welcomed.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Jahn to adopt the minutes from meetings of March
8, and March 29, 2016 as presented. Second was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka. Motion carried
unanimously.

COUNCIL received a request from the property owner of Lot 1 of Block 1226 in the JS Ryan
Addition (401 Henrietta St) to reconsider the rescission of the Specific Use Permit for the placement
of a manufactured home. The property owner, Ms. Florinda Green, was present to make the request
and provide information. City Attorney Kvinta provided additional information and options for
the Council to consider. The property is unoccupied; water and electric services have been
disconnected for over two years. Ms. Green indicated that she plans to replace the previous
manufactured home with a brand new model. The property is located in an R-3 Zone and the Future
Land Use Plan does not allow for rezoning to an R-4. Additional information was provided and
discussion was held. After review, Councilmember McCoy made a motion to table the
reconsideration of the rescission of the specific use permit for a 6 month period to allow the property
owner to remove the old manufactured home and replace it with a new model. Second was made
by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka; motion carried with Councilmembers Rodriguez, Sitka, McCoy, and Jahn
voting in favor; Councilmember O'Neill voted against.

MAYOR Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 2108) renewing
a Specific Use Permit for the operation of a religious institution on property described as
Lot 4, 5, & 6 of Block 1137 in the Leo Tucker Addition as shown on the official tax roll (for location
reference only: Easterly 300 block of Bingham Street); adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 2109)
granting a Change In Zoning from Residential (R-2) to Residential (R-3) on property described as
Lots 9-11 of Block 1145 of the Leo Tucker Addition (912 Mathew St.); and adopt an ordinance
(recorded as No. 2110) amending the City of Yoakum Code of Ordinances, specifically Chapter 20. Health and Public Welfare, Article II. Tobacco Smoking to include electronic smoking all on second and final readings. Motion was seconded by Councilmember O'Neill and carried unanimously.

MAYOR Rodriguez announced the Council would enter into their designation as the Second Panel of the Building and Standards Commission for review of progress on previous orders for the property located at 202 Elk Street. Property owner Sandra Perez was present to provide details and answer questions: stated that the plumbing has been roughed-in, the only flooring left to be completed is in three of the bedrooms. The property owner is still waiting on the electrician to provide services and has not timeline for the electrical portion of the work that is required. Additional information was provided by the Code Enforcement Officer. After review and discussion, consensus of the Council was to allow the property owner three months to have the electrical work completed, flooring completed, have the sheetrock begun and maintain the yard during the process.

COUNCIL returned to the regular business of the meeting. Motion by Councilmember McCoy to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 2111) on emergency reading rescinding Ordinance No. 1081 that had provided for a specific use permit for the placement of one recreational vehicle on property described as Part of Block 1075 (OCB 75) in the Yoakum Townsite Addition (1112 S. Kenedy St.). Second was made by Councilmember Jahn and motion carried unanimously.

BID tabulations were provided and reviewed for the 216 City of Yoakum Concrete Repair/Replacement Project Addendum. Three bids were received: Ken's Material and Trucking, LLC was the apparent low bidder. After discussion, Councilmember O'Neill made a motion to award the bid to Ken's Material and Trucking, LLC in the amount of $27,625 for the Huck Street Repair Project, $21,611 for the West Street @ Irvine Repair, and $13.11 per square foot on any additional. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka and carried unanimously.

INFORMATION was provided by the City Manager regarding an electrical distribution line upgrade project. After review and discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka to award the contract to Powerline Construction, Inc. of Edna, Texas as a sole-source provider in the amount of $52,412.55. Second was made by Councilmember McCoy. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilmember McCoy to award a contract for a utility pole change out to Powerline Construction, Inc. as a sole-source provider in an amount not to exceed $30,000. Second was made by Councilmember Jahn and motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION was held regarding potential utility rate studies. After review, Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to approve an engineering service agreement with Schneider Engineering, LTD for an Electric Rate Study, Water Rate Study, Wastewater Rate Study and AMI Business Case Support in the amount of $19,000. Motion was seconded by Councilmember McCoy and carried unanimously.

MID-year financial reports were provided for review. After review of revenues and expenses, Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion authorize budget amendments as presented for the General and Utility Funds. Councilmember O'Neill seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

THE Carl & Mary Welhausen Library Policy Manual was presented for review of amendments and recommended for approval by the Library Board. Councilmember Jahn made a motion to adopt the Policy Manual as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember O'Neill and carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER McCoy made a motion to authorize the closure of certain streets as presented in coordination with the Carl & Mary Welhausen Library Summer Reading Program scheduled for July 28, 2016 at 810 Front Street and the closure of certain streets for Memorial Day Services to be held at the Yoakum Fire Station (203 Nelson Street) on May 30, 2016. Second was made by Councilmember Jahn and motion carried unanimously.
NOMINEES were received for appointment to the Yoakum Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. After the ballots were tabulated, Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to appoint Connie Zimmerman for a two-year term to the Yoakum Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. Motion was seconded by Councilmember O'Neill and carried unanimously.

MAYOR Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to appoint Carl O'Neill, Jeff Boswell, and Scott Witte to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board for two-year terms. Councilmember McCoy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilmember Jahn to appoint Annie Rodriguez and Theresa Bowe to the Hotel Occupancy Tax Advisory Board for two-year terms. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka and carried unanimously.

UNDER the City Manager's Report, information was provided regarding the City facility closures on May 30, 2016 in observance of Memorial Day. Council was reminded of the Yoakum Economic Development Corporation Business Appreciation Luncheon scheduled for May 11, 2016 at the Community Center; the Memorial Day Services scheduled to be held at the Fire Station on May 30, 2016; and the Tom Tom Festival parade and other activities. An update was provided on the Yoakum Community Center improvements. The roof project has begun but is not complete as of this date. Council will be receiving information at later Council meetings on the Way Company project, on the GVEC Grant received for Library renovations; and information regarding a rebate received from the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA). Tenant information for the Yoakum Municipal Airport was provided, as well as, a report on the improvement project. Council will receive a request from the Yoakum Oak Grove Cemetery Association for additional funding at a future Council meeting, and be provided a review of the Time Warner pole attachment rate. Information was provided to Council regarding a grant received from the Tocker Foundation for ebooks, the Library Summer Reading Program schedule and the Municipal Swimming Pool schedule.

MAYOR Rodriguez announced that the Council would enter into Executive Session at 7:27 PM to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.072); to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, etc. of the Municipal Judge (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.074); and to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, etc. of the City Attorney (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.074. The meeting re-opened to the public at 7:50 PM. Action resulting from Executive Session: 1) motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka to purchase property from Alfred Hodges in the amount of $4,300. Second was made by Councilmember McCoy; motion carried unanimously; 2) motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka to accept a donation of property described as Part of Block 404 from George Scott. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Jahn and carried unanimously; 3) Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to increase the City Attorney salary by $100 to $400 per month. Councilmember O'Neill seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

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

Anita R. Rodriguez, Mayor
City of Yoakum, Texas

Theresa A. Bowe, City Clerk

ATTEST:
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: Anita R. Rodríguez ........................................... Mayor
Elorine Sitka ............................................................... Mayor Pro-Tem
Rodney Jahn ............................................................... Councilmember
Carl O'Neill ................................................................. Councilmember
Kevin M. Coleman ....................................................... City Manager
Kenneth E. Kvinta ......................................................... City Attorney
Theresa A. Bowe ........................................................... City Clerk
Sandra Jacob ............................................................... Finance Director

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

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

MOTION was made by Councilmember Jahn to adopt the minutes from meeting of May 10, 2016 as presented. Second was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR Rodríguez opened a Public Hearing to receive an appeal and provide for citizen comments regarding the denial of a request for a Change in Zoning as it pertains to Chapter 52: Zoning of the City of Yoakum Code of Ordinances on property described as Part of Block 99 in the Yoakum Townsite Addition (106 Elwood St.) (Property owned by Pearly Johnson Estate). City Attorney Kvinta provided an explanation of the denial based on spot zoning and the implications of changing the zoning for a specific property located in a designated district that is not established in the Future Land Use Plan. Council was informed of the procedures to make changes to the Future Land Use Plan, should they wish to do so. Discussion was held and the property owners were present to make the request, provide information, and answer questions; plans are to place a new single-wide manufactured home on the property, should the request be granted. City Manager Coleman provided additional information regarding the avenue to make changes to the Future Land Use Plan depending on the wishes of the Council. After receiving all information and citizen comments from the public, Mayor Rodríguez closed the Public Hearing. Council provided direction to the City Manager to set a public hearing to review the Future Land Use Plan for possible revision for the July Council meeting and consideration of the Change in Zoning requested for 106 Elwood Street.

MR. Wayne Rudolph was present to make a request on behalf of the Yoakum Oak Grove Cemetery Association for additional funding. Mr. Rudolph provided expense and revenue reports, as well as, the current fee schedule that has been effective since August of 2005 for review by the Council. After review and discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to approve a one-time contribution in the amount of $5,000 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016, and consider increasing the annual funding during the next budget process to $14,500. Second was made by Councilmember O'Neill and motion carried unanimously.
COUNCIL received a recommendation from the Hotel Occupancy Tax Advisory Board: Councilmember O’Neill made a motion to approve the recommendation to approve funding in the amount of $4,000 to the Pearl City Dance Club dba Modern Dance Club #90 for funding assistance for the 2016 Night in Old Pearl City (NIOPC) event. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka and carried unanimously.

MOTION was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka to appoint Tommy Barre to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a three-year term. Second was made by Councilmember Jahn. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to appoint Wilbern Hairrell, Harvey Pekar, Alan Kahanek, Connie Zimmerman, and Bobby Wade to the Building and Standards Commission for a two-year term. Motion was seconded by Councilmember O’Neill and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka to appoint Roberta Bittick, Lynn Brewer, Bill Haas, and Amanda Sykora to the Carl & Mary Welhausen Library for two-year terms. Second was made by Councilmember Jahn; motion carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER O’Neill made a motion to appoint Elorine Sitka as the Yoakum Heritage Museum Council Representative for a one-year term. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Jahn and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilmember Jahn to appoint Dr. Sandra Bergey to the Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals for a three-year term. Second was made by Councilmember O’Neill; motion carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER O’Neill made a motion to authorize the City Manager to execute a Rerate Notice and Benefit Verification with the Texas Municipal League MultiState Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Jahn and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilmember Jahn to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 2016-14) authorizing the Mayor to execute a Continuation of Coverage Agreement and renewing the Interlocal Agreement with the Texas Municipal League for insurance services contingent upon final review and acceptance by City Manager. Second was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka; motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 2112) on first reading amending Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget Ordinance No. 2094, specifically the Parks & Recreation, Library, Fire, Police, Economic Development, and Community Center Special Funds as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember O’Neill and carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER O’Neill made a motion to authorize the purchase of unbudgeted mowing equipment for the Wastewater Department of a Big Dog Diablo Mower from Hub City Motors in the amount of $8,900. Second was made by Councilmember Jahn; motion carried unanimously.

UNDER the City Manager’s Report, City Manager Coleman informed Council of the Independence Day Closure of City facilities on Monday, July 4, 2016. Reports were provided on
the Community Center improvements, including final roof repair touch-up. Once complete, the bathroom renovations will be bid out and brought to Council for consideration, as well as, cost estimates for central air unit replacement, sound system and ceiling tile replacement. The Way Company has revisited the Community Center and Library for additional evaluations. Information is anticipated to be provided by the July 2016 meeting. Renovations at the Yoakum Municipal Airport are nearing completion. Once interior work is finalized, the budget will be reviewed to determine what furnishings and décor will be purchased. Time Warner Cable has combined with another company and review of the pole attachment fees are being reviewed. Staff anticipates receiving a notice from the company indicating they feel they have been overcharged. Steve Van Mannen of Harrison, Waldrop, & Uherek, L.L.P. has been working through our cost of utility services; after review of the five-year total, he has indicated that the City has a healthy balance on the Utility side. Water revenue is good; Wastewater has debt from the Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project that is currently being supported by Electric Utility Revenue; and Solid Waste is currently in the negative. Council was reminded of the TML Region 11 Quarterly Meeting scheduled for August 19, 2016 in Refugio, Texas.

MAYOR Rodriguez announced that the Council would enter into Executive Session at 7:13 PM to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, etc. of the City Manager (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.074); and to deliberate regarding economic development negotiations as it pertains to the presentation of Project 1605-01 (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.087). The meeting re-opened to the public at 7:40 PM. Action resulting from Executive Session: motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka to increase the City Manager salary by $4,500 annually effective July 1, 2016. Councilmember Jahn seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

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

Anita R. Rodriguez, Mayor
City of Yoakum, Texas

ATTEST:

Theresa A. Bowe, City Clerk
July 12, 2016  
Conference Room – 6:00 PM  
City Hall

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

ABSENT:  
None

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

MOTION was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka to adopt the minutes from meeting of June 14, 2016 as presented. Second was made by Councilmember O’Neill. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR Rodríguez opened a Public Hearing to receive recommendations from the Planning and Zoning Commission and provide for citizen comments regarding the Future Land Use Plan. The Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the Future Land Use Plan as it pertains to an area along Dunn Street and recommended changes to the map to allow for Residential zoning. After review and discussion, the Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCILMEMBER McCoy made a motion to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 2016-15) amending the Future Land Use Plan as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Jahn and carried unanimously.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Jahn to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 2113) on first reading granting a Change in Zoning from Industrial to Residential (R-4) on property described as Part of Block 99 of the Yoakum Townsite Addition (for location reference only: 106 Elwood St.). Second was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka; motion carried unanimously.

MRS. Jennifer Jahn was present to provide information regarding a request from St. Joseph Catholic School for the closure of certain streets in conjunction with a 5K and Kids Fun Run to be held on October 29, 2016. After review of the routes and procedures, Councilmember McCoy made a motion to approve the request as amended. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka and carried unanimously.

A request was received from the Learning Tree Daycare for the closure of a portion of Kenedy Street in conjunction with the business anniversary celebration to be held on August 1, 2016. Staff provided information and foresaw no problems with the closure as presented. Councilmember O’Neill made a motion to approve the request as presented. Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.
MAYOR Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to approve a request from property owners of 309 Luran Street for the extension of City sewer services to the property. Second was made by Councilmember Jahn. Motion carried unanimously.

REPRESENTATIVES from the Yoakum Heritage Museum were present to make a request for additional funding for the museum. Mrs. Ann Seidenberger was present to provide information and answer questions along with other members of the Museum Board. After review and discussion regarding the use of the additional funds, Councilmember McCoy made a motion to increase the funding for the Yoakum Heritage Museum to $12,800 effective October 1, 2016. Second was made by Councilmember Jahn; motion carried with ayes from Mayor Rodriguez, Councilmember Jahn, McCoy, and O'Neill: Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka abstained.

REVIEW was held of the Yoakum Economic Development Corporation Fiscal Year 2017 Budget. President of the YEDC, Gery Maneth was present to answer questions. City Manager Coleman provided details. After discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to adopt the YEDC budget as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember O'Neill and carried unanimously.

DIRECTOR of Economic Development Chuck Dart made a presentation to the Council regarding the Yoakum Economic Development Corporation project negotiations for an incentive package for Circle Y Saddles, Inc. expansion project (Project 1605-1). Mr. Mark Jemelka was present representing Circle Y Saddles and commented on the relationship with the YEDC. The partnership will result in producing fifteen additional jobs for the community.

MOTION by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 2016-16) on the first of two readings approving project funding proposed by Circle Y Saddles, Inc. to the Yoakum Economic Development Corporation in an amount up to $200,000. Second was made by Councilmember O'Neill and motion carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER McCoy made a motion to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 2016-16) on the second and final reading approving project funding proposed by Circle Y Saddles, Inc. to the Yoakum Economic Development Corporation in an amount up to $200,000. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Jahn and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember McCoy approving the proposed Annual City of Yoakum Pay Plan Adjustment as presented. Second was made by Councilmember Jahn; motion carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER O'Neill made a motion to appoint Mayor Pro-Tem Elorine Sitka and Councilmember Tim McCoy to the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission General Assembly Board of Directors for a two-year term. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Jahn and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilmember O'Neill to authorize the City Manager to advertise for Request for Qualifications for the administration and Request for Qualifications for the engineering services for a 2016 Texas Community Development Block Grant Project through the Texas Department of Agriculture and act in all matter related to the project. The grant is in correlation with additional funding that has become available through the Texas Water Development Board for the sanitary sewer improvement project. Second was made by Councilmember Jahn. Motion carried unanimously.
AFTER discussion, Councilmember McCoy made a motion to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 2016-17) directing Texas Gas Service Company, a Division of One Gas, Inc. to file a statement of intent subsequent to receiving final approval of gas utility rates in pending Gas Utilities Docket No. 10526. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka and carried unanimously.

MAYOR Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to approve the allocation of reserve funds to the Parks and Recreation Department for unbudgeted maintenance and equipment replacement expenses. Second was made by Councilmember O'Neill. Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION was provided regarding findings from the Way Company, specifically the Library and Community Center renovation projects. Discussion was held regarding the refurbishing of the Witte Room and restrooms in the Library, as well, as the need to have an architect or engineer draw up the details of the Community Center project.

UNDER the City Manager's Report, City Manager Coleman informed Council of a pray chain that is scheduled for Thursday, July 15, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the large pavilion in the park; the Municipal Pool will be open until the second Saturday in August. Council may be receiving information at a future Council meeting regarding the Time Warner Pole Attachment Rate review. Value of the City's poles are being reviewed along with other factors. Direction was given to the City Manager to contact area cities to see if they are facing the same battle with Time Warner. Worksheets were provided for review of the auditor's report on utility cost of service. Steve Moffitt worked through the fees and developed the report; looking at Power Cost Adjustment, what the City pays Lower Colorado River Authority and what the City bills its customers. A progress report was presented on the electric rate study: detailed information was provided regarding the cost of electricity and the rates paid out by the City's customers; the water and wastewater schedule was discussed. Information was provided to the Council regarding the upcoming TML Region 11 Quarterly meeting scheduled for August 19, 2016 in Refugio, Texas. Information was also provided on the street closure as they relate to the Street Improvement Project. Budget requests from the Department Heads have been submitted and Council will be asked to schedule a budget workshop in early August. The Quarterly Financial/Investment Report was presented for review and discussion.

MAYOR Rodriguez announced that the Council would enter into Executive Session at 7:07 PM to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.072). The meeting re-opened to the public at 7:15 PM with no action resulting from Executive Session.

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

Anita R. Rodriguez, Mayor
City of Yoakum, Texas

ATTEST:

Theresa A. Bowe, City Clerk
August 4, 2016
Conference Room – 5:00 PM
City Hall

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

ABSENT:

MAYOR Rodriguez called the City Council meeting to order in compliance with (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.041) and opened the meeting to the public.

MOTION by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 2016-18) renaming the City owned facility located in the M.C. Jamison Park to the "Curtis Jamison Youth Center" in honor of Mrs. Curtis R. Jamison. Second was made by Councilmember McCoy; motion carried unanimously.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.

Anita R. Rodriguez, Mayor
City of Yoakum, Texas

ATTEST:

Theresa A. Bowe, City Clerk

CITY OF YOAKUM
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

ABSENT: None

MAYOR Rodriguez called the City Council meeting to order and Councilmember Jahn gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all attending. Visitors were acknowledged and welcomed. Sharon Vaclavik was present representing the Victoria College and provided information to all present regarding workplace literacy courses that are being offered as a service to the Yoakum area.

MOTION was made by Councilmember McCoy to adopt the minutes from meetings of August 9, August 23, and September 6, 2016 as presented. Second was made by Councilmember Jahn. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL received a petition from property owners to close an alley located in Block 1256 of the Svoboda Addition. Details were discussed and property owner Kathy Burger was present to provide information and answer questions. After review and discussion, Councilmember O’Neill made a motion to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 2016-20) closing a twenty (20) foot wide alley abutting property located between Lots 1-6, and Lots 7-12 of Block 1256 all-inclusive in the Svoboda Addition, in Lavaca County, Texas which runs parallel to Maple and Walnut Streets with entrances off of Svoboda and John Streets, providing for a utility easement, and providing for all closure expenses being absorbed by the adjacent property owners. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka and carried unanimously.

MAYOR Rodriguez opened a public hearing to receive citizen comments on the City of Yoakum’s 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Budget. Hearing no comments from the floor, the public hearing was closed.

INFORMATION was presented by City Manager Coleman regarding the 2016-2017 City budget; details were reviewed. A recommendation was made to post-pone the previously approved pay range adjustments until mid-fiscal year to determine if revenue will be available to fund the increases. After discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 2114) on first reading adopting the City of Yoakum 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Budget. Second was made by Councilmember O’Neill; motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 2115) on first reading levying taxes to be assessed and collected, and setting the 2016 City Tax Rate for the City of Yoakum at $0.1000 ($0.03883 for Maintenance and Operation; $0.06117 for principal and interest on debt of this City). Second was made by Councilmember McCoy. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER McCoy made a motion to establish the amount of debt service to be supported by the ad valorem tax levy and the amount to be supported by utility revenue for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 for the payment of principal, interest, and administrative fees, the 2006 Texas Water Development Board Certificates of Obligation debt, and the 2008 Texas Water Development Board General Obligation Bond debt as presented. Second was made by Councilmember Jahn and motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilmember Jahn to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 2018-21) amending the City of Yoakum Manual of Fees and Service Charges, specifically Solid Waste Rates and Fees, and Solid Waste Management Facility Fees as presented. Second was made by Councilmember O’Neill; motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to authorize the charge-off of listed ambulance, utility account receivables, and library fees and fines as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember O’Neill and carried unanimously.

BIDS for the City’s Bank Depository contract were reviewed and discussed. Mayor Pro-Tem abstained. After consideration, Councilmember McCoy made a motion to award the City of Yoakum Bank Depository Contract to Yoakum National Bank for a two-year period as recommended. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Jahn and carried unanimously.

MAYOR Rodriguez opened a public hearing to received citizen comments on the renewal of the City of Yoakum Juvenile Curfew Ordinance. Letters of support for continuance of the ordinance were received from the Police Chief and the Yoakum Independent School District Superintendent. Hearing no comments from the audience, the public hearing closed.

MOTION by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 2116) on first reading providing for the continuance of Juvenile Curfew Ordinance (Chapter 28. Offenses: Art. III Minors; Div. 2. Curfew). Second was made by Councilmember O’Neill. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER Jahn made a motion to authorize the use of reserve funds for emergency repairs to Solid Waste Department equipment, and in the Street Department for unforeseen additional repairs included with the Annual Street Improvement project, and to cover the purchase price of property on Antioch Street to expand City right-of-way. Second was made by Councilmember McCoy and motion carried unanimously.

UNDER the City Manager’s Report, staff has begun preparations for the Fall Clean-Up Day event. Bulk/large item pick up will be scheduled for City crews from October 31st through November 4th. The community right-of-way Clean-Up Program will be scheduled for Saturday, October 29, 2016 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Tire disposal fees will be waived during that period with a limit of four (4) per household. No response has been received from Time Warner as of this date from the last City’s last correspondence sent or regarding the payment owed by Time Warner to the City. Further action may be brought to the Council for consideration at a future Council meeting. Information was received from the auditor indicating that Yoakum Economic Development Funds may need to be redistributed to alleviate concerns regarding whether the funds are adequately covered
through the current depository. The recommendation currently is to retain YEDC funds in
the City’s account as restricted funds and transfer funds to the YEDC account as needed.
This should ensure the protection of those funds should the depository fail. The issue may
be brought to Council for consideration at a later date. The one-year agreement with the
Texas Disposal Systems for removal and valuation for the excess recyclables will be brought
to the Council for consideration for a multi-year contract. The property owners of 214
Ruppert Street have made an appeal of a demolition order by the Building and Standards
Commission. The property owners will be notified of their obligation to be present at the
October Council meeting to make the appeal. Council was made aware of the City of
Yoakum Service Awards Barbecue scheduled for 6:00 PM on September 29, 2016 at the
Yoakum Community Center, and the Texas Municipal League 2016 Annual Conference
scheduled in Austin, Texas from October 4-7, 2016. City Manager Coleman provided details
to the Council regarding a joint beautification project between the City of Yoakum and the
Yoakum Rotary Club to replace the fence surrounding the Yoakum Municipal Airport. The
new split-rail fence will be similar to the fencing along Highway 77A bordering the Chisholm
Trail Memorial Park. The contractor for the 2016 Street Improvement Project will begin that
project on September 14, 2016. Council discussed and scheduled a special City Council
Meeting and Budget Workshop for Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at 7:30 AM to finalize the
budget process and various other necessary items. Questions were posed and addressed
regarding the 2016 Electric Distribution Improvement Project. Mr. Coleman indicated that
regarding the contractor’s ability to make the necessary replacements and repairs without
interruption of service to the City customers. A report was provided regarding the
participation and attendance during the Carl & Mary Welhausen Library Summer Program.
Council and staff expressed their appreciation to the Friends of the Library for their financial
support and the assistance provided by the members during the programs.

MAYOR Rodriguez announced that the Council would enter into Executive Session
at 6:55 PM to deliberate the appointment, employment, and duties of the Director of
Community Services (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.074). The meeting re-opened to
the public at 7:10 PM with no action resulting from Executive Session.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Anita R. Rodriguez, Mayor
City of Yoakum, Texas

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

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

ABSENT: Kenneth E. Kvinta .................................................. City Attorney

MAYOR Rodriguez called the City Council meeting to order at 7:30 AM in compliance with (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.041) and opened the meeting to the public.

COUNCILMEMBER McCoy made a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute a certificate casting votes for all incumbents for the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board of Trustees to serve six-year terms. Second was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka and motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 2114) on second and final reading adopting the City of Yoakum 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Budget. Motion was seconded by Councilmember McCoy and carried unanimously.

MAYOR Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 2115) on second and final reading levying taxes to be assessed and collected, and setting the 2016 City Tax Rate for the City of Yoakum at $0.1000 ($0.03883 for Maintenance and Operation; $0.06117 for principal and interest on debt of this City). Second was made by Councilmember O'Neill. Motion carried unanimously.

AFTER review and discussion regarding the options for deposits from sales tax revenue for utilization by the Yoakum Economic Development Corporation, consensus of the Council was to retain YEDC funds in the City's account as restricted funds and transfer funds to the YEDC account as needed. This should ensure the protection of those funds should the depository fail.

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

Anita R. Rodriguez, Mayor
City of Yoakum, Texas

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

PRESENT: Anita R. Rodríguez ................................................. Mayor
         Rodney Jahn ......................................................... Councilmember
         Timothy L. McCoy ................................................ Councilmember
         Carl O’Neill .......................................................... Councilmember
         Kevin M. Coleman .................................................. City Manager
         Kenneth E. Kvinta .................................................... City Attorney
         Theresa A. Bowe ..................................................... City Clerk
         Sandra Jacob ......................................................... Finance Director

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

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

MOTION was made by Councilmember Jahn to adopt the minutes from meetings of September 13, and September 27, 2016 as presented. Second was made by Councilmember McCoy. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR Rodríguez opened a public hearing to received citizen comments on the renewal of the City of Yoakum Juvenile Curfew Ordinance. Hearing no comments from the audience, the public hearing closed.

MOTION by Councilmember McCoy to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 2116) on second and final reading providing for the continuance of Juvenile Curfew Ordinance (Chapter 28. Offenses: Art. III Minors; Div. 2. Curfew). Second was made by Councilmember Jahn. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL entered into their designation as Second Panel of the Building and Standards Commission to hear an appeal for demolition of property located at 214 Rupert Street. Property owner Esther Molina Douglas was present to provide information, answer questions, and make the appeal. Mrs. Douglas provided details of the repairs that have been made; however, the structure has become too much to take care of by the property owners. After review and discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Jahn to allow sixty (60) days for the property owner to have the structure removed or demolished, denied the appeal and upheld the demolition order. Motion was seconded by Councilmember McCoy and carried unanimously.

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

MOTION by Councilmember McCoy to approve a contract for advertising with Lamar, Inc. for a billboard located on Highway 183 at Cuero as recommended by the Hotel Occupancy Tax Advisory Board. Second was made by Councilmember Jahn and motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember O'Neill to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 2016-22) establishing signatories for the City's contracted bank depository to include the Mayor, City Manager, and Director of Finance. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Jahn and carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER Jahn made a motion to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 2016-23) revising Resolution 2013-04 issuing credit cards to certain City Personnel including the Assistant Director of Public Works and the Director of Economic Development. Second was made by Councilmember O'Neill; motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilmember McCoy to appoint George Boecker to the Yoakum Oak Grove Cemetery Association board of Directors for a three-year term. Second was made by Councilmember Jahn and motion carried unanimously.

AFTER review and discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember McCoy to approve the unrevised City of Yoakum's Identity Theft Prevention Program/Policy as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Jahn and carried unanimously.

CITY Manager Coleman provided details regarding negotiations with Texas Disposal Systems for the purchase of recyclables. The City is in a month-to-month agreement with TDS for the removal of sludge from the Wastewater Treatment Plant and will continue so long as the arrangement is beneficial for the City. The stockpile of brush has been chipped; bailed cardboard is being removed; glass will not be in the recycle stream due to the lack of a market for the product. Staff will continue to work with TDS to determine recommendations for future programs to be considered by the Council at future meetings.

COUNCIL provided direction to staff regarding amendments to the City of Yoakum Code of Ordinances including regulations for off-premise billboard advertising, creating inspection requirements for properties reconnecting utilities after being inactive for a certain period of time, and addressing the food/cooking units that established under the pretense of being mobile units and have evolved into more permanent structures. Consensus of the Council was to move forward with the proposed ordinances are recommended. Ordinances will be brought before the Council for consideration at a later date.

AFTER presentation of a proposed contract, Councilmember McCoy made a motion to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Legacy Disposal of Yoakum, Texas for disposal of wastewater at the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant. Second was made by Councilmember Jahn; motion carried unanimously.
UNDER the City Manager's Report, Council was reminded of the City-wide Clean Up Program: volunteers will be meeting at City Hall on October 29, 2016 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM to pick up debris along the roadways; City crews will be doing the bulk item pick up the week of October 31st through November 4th. St. Joseph Catholic Church is hosting a 5K run on October 29, 2016. The City wide Halloween event, the Pumpkin Patch, is scheduled for Monday, October 31, 2016 beginning at 5:30 PM. Staff will be bringing proposed adjustments to the golf course fees and various policy changes for consideration by the Council at the November Council meeting. The Quarterly Financial Report was provided for Council review. The National Night Out is being hosted at the Fire Station and Council was invited to attend at the end of the Council meeting this evening.

MAYOR Rodriguez announced that the Council would enter into Executive Session at 6:55 PM for consultation with the City Attorney on pending litigation against Time Warner Cable, LLC (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.071), and for consultation with the City Attorney on pending litigation: Strait vs. City (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.071). The meeting re-opened to the public at 7:35 PM with no action resulting from Executive Session.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Anita R. Rodriguez, Mayor
City of Yoakum, Texas

ATTEST:

Theresa A. Bowe, City Clerk
November 8, 2016  
Conference Room – 6:00 PM  
City Hall  

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  

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

ABSENT:  
None  

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

MOTION was made by Councilmember McCoy to adopt the minutes from meeting of October 11, 2016 as presented. Second was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka. Motion carried unanimously.  

MAYOR Rodriguez opened a public hearing to receive a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and provide for citizen comments regarding a request for a final plat for the re-subdivision of Lots 6 & 7 of Block 1232 of the Lewis May Addition (Corner of Coke and Ross Streets). Owners Joseph and Conyetta Swaney were present to provide information and answer questions. Lots are slightly undersized according to the current Zoning Ordinance; questions were posed and addressed regarding space and parking issues. Off-street parking will be available. The dwellings are being converted from rental properties to single-family dwellings. The property owners indicated a timeframe of roughly one year to complete the changes to the dwelling located on Lot 6B (as indicated on the proposed plat), then work will begin on the dwelling located on Lot 7A. The property indicated as Lot 6A is ready to be placed on the market. Hearing no further comments, the Public Hearing closed.  

MAYOR Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to approve a final plat for the re-subdivision of Lots 6 & 7 of Block 1232 of the Lewis May Addition as shown on the official tax roll (corner of Coke and Ross Streets). Motion was seconded by Councilmember McCoy and carried unanimously.  

MOTION was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 2112) on second and final reading amending the 2015-2016 Budget Ordinance No. 2094,
specifically the Parks & Recreation, Library, Fire, Police, Economic Development, and Community Center Special Funds as presented. Second was made by Councilmember O’Neill. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER O’Neill made a motion to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 2117) on emergency reading amending the 2015-2016 Budget Ordinance No. 2094 for the General and Utility Funds to allow the transfer of funds as scheduled from Utility to General Fund in the amount of $2,427,637 and place over-budget funds into specific reserve accounts as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilmember Jahn to commit $2,000,000 (28.5%) of the City’s General Fund balance to the City of Yoakum General Fund Stabilization Fund. Second was made by Councilmember McCoy; motion carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER McCoy made a motion authorizing the transfer of General Fund Reserve funds dedicated to the Community Center to the Community Center Special Fund account, and a portion of the funds dedicated to the Front Street Railroad Park to the Parks Special Fund. Second was made by Councilmember Jahn and motion carried unanimously.

UPON recommendation from the Hotel Occupancy Tax Advisory Board, Councilmember Jahn made a motion to approve a billboard contract for advertising expenditures as presented for a location on Highway 183 in Gonzales, Texas. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka with a second by Councilmember O’Neill to appoint Evelyn Miculka to the Yoakum Oak Grove Cemetery Association Board of Directors for a 3-year term. Motion carried unanimously.

THE following bids were awarded: 1) Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka for the purchase of a vehicle for the Police Department in the amount of $29,848 from Sam Pack’s 5 Star Ford of Carrollton, Texas. Second made by Councilmember O’Neill; 2) Motion by Councilmember McCoy for the purchase of a half-ton truck for the Water Department in the amount of $26,824.00 with a trade in allowance of $2,000 from Sam Pack’s Star Ford of Carrollton, Texas. Motion seconded by Councilmember Jahn; and 3) Motion by Councilmember McCoy with a second by Councilmember Jahn for the purchase of a backhoe for the Wastewater Department in the amount of $73,871 with a trade in allowance of $12,500 from Nueces Power Equipment of Victoria, Texas. All motions carried unanimously.

MAYOR Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to approve the 2016 City of Yoakum Tax Roll as presented by the DeWitt County Tax Assessor Collector. Second was made by Councilmember McCoy and carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER McCoy made a motion to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract for Administration Services for the Texas Community Development Block Grant...
#7216510 with Esser & Associates of Uvalde, Texas; authorize the City Manager to execute a contract for Engineering Services for the TxCDBG #7216510 with TRC Engineers of Austin, Texas; to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 2016-24) designating authorized signatories for contractual documents and the document for requesting funds pertaining to the TxCDBG #7216510; and adopting a resolution (recorded as No. 2016-25) reaffirming Civil Rights procedures as requested by TxCDBG. Second was made by Councilmember Jahn and motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW was held of the proposed amendments to the operations at the Yoakum Municipal Golf Course, specifically closing the clubhouse on Monday's, extending the clubhouse hours throughout the week; providing four-ten hour days for the full-time employee working the clubhouse; disallowing any charge accounts; mandating check-in prior to play of the course in order to track the use of the course; creating accountability to members who allow non-members to utilize of the course without paying; defining "family members" within the Family Membership category; clarify shed agreements; and clarifying Park employee "family" memberships. After discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to approve the amendments as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember O'Neill and carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER O'Neill made a motion to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 2016-26) amending the City of Yoakum Manual of Fees and Service Charges specifically Item IV. 1) Golf Course Fees in the General Section. Mayor-Pro Tem Sitka seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL reviewed plans for additional wastewater lines to be replaced utilizing funding through the Texas Water Development Board. After discussion, Councilmember McCoy made a motion to authorize participation in a loan program with the Texas Water Development Board for replacement and rehabilitation of the east-side wastewater lines. Second was made by Councilmember Jahn; motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilmember O'Neill to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 2118) on first reading amending the City of Yoakum Code of Ordinances regulating off-premises advertising (billboards). Motion was seconded by Councilmember McCoy and carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER McCoy made a motion to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 2119) of first reading amending the City of Yoakum Code of Ordinances regulating utility service re-connection. Second was made by Councilmember Jahn. Motion carried unanimously.

UNDER the City Manager's Report, information was provided on the October 2016 Clean Up Day, including the number of volunteers for the Saturday community event and the bulk item pick-up volume. Council was informed of the November and December community activities including the Yoakum Heritage Museum Christmas Tree Forest, the Chamber of Commerce Christmas on the Grand with the lighting of Downtown and Centennial Park on December 3, 2016, the Community Meal hosted by the ministerial
alliance in honor of Ms. Betty Powell with the turkeys being cooked by Eddy Packing and other volunteers cooking the dressing and potatoes, and the Carl & Mary Welhausen Library Christmas Celebration to be held on December 16, 2016 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. A report was provided on the manufactured home on Henrietta Street owned by Ms. Florinda Green that Council had provided a stay on the removal order. The property improvements promised are at 95% completion; there will be no need to bring the item back to Council for further action. A final report is expected from the engineer regarding the electric, water, and wastewater rate adjustments and will be brought to Council for review and possible action. An agreement with Texas Disposal Systems for the purchase of the City's recycle materials may be brought before the Council at a future Council meeting. The City Holiday schedules for Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas were provided.

MAYOR Rodriguez announced that the Council would enter into Executive Session at 7:25 PM for consultation with the City Attorney on pending litigation against Time Warner Cable, LLC (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.071), and for consultation with the City Attorney on pending litigation: Strait vs. City (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.071). The meeting re-opened to the public at 7:35 PM with no action resulting from Executive Session.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Anita R. Rodriguez, Mayor
City of Yoakum, Texas

ATTEST:

Theresa A. Bowé, City Clerk
November 21, 2016
Conference Room – 5:00 PM
City Hall

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

ABSENT: None

MAYOR Rodriguez called the City Council meeting to order at 5:00 PM in compliance with (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.041) and opened the meeting to the public.

RAMSEY Cripe with Schneider Engineering, LTD was present to provide information regarding the Electric Rate, Water Rate, and Wastewater Rate Studies. As proposed the study proposes a 2% increase over time that would alleviate the need to make adjustments through Council action every year. Questions were posed and addressed, and discussion was held. Direction was provided to staff to bring the proposal to Council for action at the next regular meeting for an effective date of January 1, 2016.

MAYOR Rodriguez announced that the Council would enter into Executive Session at 5:40 PM to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, etc. of the City Manager (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.074). The meeting re-opened to the public at 6:11 PM. Action resulting from Executive Session: Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka to increase the monthly salary of the City Manager by $1,250 effective December 1, 2016. Second was made by Councilmember Jahn. Motion carried; Ayes – Mayor Rodriguez, Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka, Councilmembers Jahn and O'Neill; Nays – Councilmember McCoy.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Anita R. Rodriguez, Mayor
City of Yoakum, Texas

ATTEST:

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

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

ABSENT: Rodney Jahn ................................................ Councilmember

MAYOR Rodriguez called the City Council meeting to order and Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all attending. Visitors were acknowledged and welcomed. Fire/EMS Director Mark Herchek introduced Hunter Janak as the newest Fire/EMS Officer for the City of Yoakum. Cindy Smith with DeWitt County Emergency Management was also welcomed. Mrs. Ramona Garcia with Eddy Packing, Inc. was acknowledged. The company has been utilizing the training through the University of Houston – Victoria, and the business has been expanding. Mr. Matt Wilson with the Yoakum Herald-Times was acknowledged and welcomed.

MRS. Shirley Summer was present representing the University of Houston – Victoria Small Business Development Center. She has accepted the position previously held by Lisa Barr and will be available to provide assistance for business planning to the small businesses in our area. The Center works closely with the local Chambers of Commerce and economic development directors. Services include online training, assistance with marketing, financials, management, loan packaging, and human resources. Seventy-five percent of the Center’s funding comes from the State of Texas, 25% is from Federal funding.

MOTION was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka to adopt the minutes from meetings of November 8, and November 21, 2016 as presented. Second was made by Councilmember O’Neill. Motion carried unanimously.

RAMSEY Cripes with Schneider Engineering was present to provide information and answer questions regarding the final utility rate survey and proposed rate changes. The report took into consideration other revenue sources that the City receives to cover expenses relating to respective funds. The increases proposed are not as significant as originally projected and will insure that the revenue from each rate will cover their respective fund expenses. The increases indicated in the Water & Wastewater rates will be offset by the reduction in the Electric rates. Review was held over the deficit between the Water, Wastewater & Electric revenues and funds needed to cover costs. The electric rates are structured to pass along cost fluctuations based on changes from LCRA. The monthly packing plant rate was removed and will be brought back to Council for consideration at a later date. Customers will see the effect of the new rates in the February 2017 billing cycle. After review and consideration, Councilmember McCoy made a motion to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 2016-28) amending the City of Yoakum Manual of Fees and Service Charges, specifically Utility Rates as presented. Second was made by Councilmember O’Neill. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka to adopt amendments to the City of Yoakum Policy Manual related to Utility Services as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember McCoy and carried unanimously.

MAYOR Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 2118) on second and final reading amending the City of Yoakum Code of Ordinances regulating off-premises advertising (billboards). Motion was seconded by Councilmember McCoy and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilmember McCoy to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 2119) on second and final reading amending the City of Yoakum Code of Ordinances regulating utility service-re-connection as presented, effective January 1, 2017. Second was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka and motion carried unanimously.

AFTER review and discussion, Councilmember McCoy made a motion to adopt a resolution (recorded as No. 2016-27) closing a ten foot (10') alley located between Block 1189 and Block 1190 in the Mary E. Mahon Addition. Second was made by Councilmember O'Neill; motion carried unanimously. Public hearings with notification to surrounding property owners within 200' of the alley will be implemented from this date forward for alley closure requests.

CINDY Smith with DeWitt County Emergency Management was present to review the proposed interlocal agreement between the City of Yoakum, DeWitt County and other surrounding entities. The agreement would utilize a grant received by DeWitt County to include cities inside the DeWitt County service area. The grant will fund an emergency notification system through CodeRed, which the City of Yoakum currently utilizes, would reduce the City of Yoakum's cost and expand the usability of the system for Yoakum. Finances were reviewed, logistics were covered, and a sample agreement was provided for review. After discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into an interlocal agreement with DeWitt County for emergency notification services through Emergency Communications Network (CodeRED). Motion was seconded by Councilmember O'Neill and carried unanimously.

TEXAS Gas proposed a revision to their services that would combine Yoakum's service area with a larger service area, in turn reducing the natural gas rates for the Yoakum citizens without reducing the customer service provided by Texas Gas Company. After review, Councilmember O'Neill made a motion to adopt an ordinance (recorded as No. 2120) on emergency reading setting rates and establishing tariffs for the provision of natural gas service by Texas Gas Service Company. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilmember McCoy to authorize the purchase of equipment for the Solid Waste Department and allocate reserve funds as presented. Second was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka and carried unanimously.

REVIEW was held regarding changes to the optional supplemental employee insurance selections; specifically, currently offered Aflac coverages, potential American Fidelity Coverages, and TML Voluntary Long Term Care Insurance coverage. A recommendation was provided to move away from Aflac and move to American Fidelity coverage, based on American Fidelity's status as a TML affiliate and bidding/qualification requirements have been met through that entity. American Fidelity will offer comparable coverage offered currently by Aflac and also include the opportunity for employees to create a flexible spending account, insured by the City for up to $2,500. Council was also made aware of the addition of optional long term care coverage through.
TML for employees. After discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Sitka made a motion to approve the changes as recommended. Motion was seconded by Councilmember McCoy and carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER McCoy made a motion to proclaim the month of January 2017 as School Board Recognition Month. Second was made by Councilmember O'Neill; motion carried unanimously.

UNDER the City Manager's Report, Council was reminded of the Yoakum Heritage Museum Christmas Tree Forest scheduled for the month of December with the open house on December 13, 2016. Council was also invited to the Library Christmas Celebration and Open House scheduled for December 16, 2016. Staff is expecting to provide the audit to the Council at the February 2017 Council meeting. Four homes are being constructed under the HOME Program with an anticipated completion date of early January 2017. Funding allocations to cover the City's match will be brought to Council for consideration at the January Council meeting. Christmas and New Year's facility closures were provided for the Council's information. Council was made aware of an agreement executed by the City Manager with the architect developing the plans for the renovations to the Yoakum Community Center. The original cost estimate was $20,000. An additional $3,000 was agreed upon to incorporate changes to the roof. The additional time provided by the Council to the property owner to remove the manufactured home on Ruppert Street has elapsed. Staff will be sending a notice to have the structure removed. An ISO report was received with a 4 rating for Yoakum. The lower the number, the better the insurance rates become for Yoakum citizens.

MAYOR Rodriguez announced that the Council would enter into Executive Session at 7:35 PM for consultation with the City Attorney on pending litigation against Time Warner Cable, LLC (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.071), for consultation with the City Attorney on pending litigation: Strait vs. City (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.071), and to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.072). The meeting re-opened to the public at 8:15 PM with no action resulting from Executive Session.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Anita R. Rodriguez, Mayor
City of Yoakum, Texas

ATTEST:

Theresa A. Bowe, City Clerk