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## ***Chapter One***

### ***Historical Overview***

The original settlers of the area had names of Engleman, Riedel, Fey, Albrecht, Schumann and Friesenhahn. The current city split from an old German speaking community called Selma. They incorporated with a population of 316 inhabitants and established their name as “Live Oak.” The oldest current house in Live Oak is located on Far West Drive and originally belonged to Mr. Phillip Fey. The City is a home-rule city that was incorporated in 1960. The City is located 17 miles northeast of downtown San Antonio. At September 30, 2007 the City has a land area of approximately 5.5 square miles and an estimated population of 12,000.

The City is empowered to levy a property tax on both real and personal property located within its boundaries. The City also has the power by state statutes to extend its corporate limits by annexation, which is done periodically when deemed appropriate by the City Council.

The City of Live Oak has adopted a Council-Manager form of government. The Council is comprised of a Mayor and five Council members. The Mayor and Council members are all elected at large for a two-year term. Elections are staggered with the Mayor and two Council Members elected together (year 2008) and the three remaining members in 2009. The City Manager is appointed by the Council and is responsible for implementing council policy and day-to-day operations of the City.

The City provides a full range of municipal services including public safety (police and fire protection); residential solid waste sanitation services, water and wastewater services, public improvements, repair and maintenance of infrastructure, recreational and community activities and general administrative services. The City provides water service to most of the city, with the San Antonio Water System providing water service to most of the remaining portion of the city.

The City is a principal in the City of Live Oak Incremental Reinvestment Zone #1 for partial funding of tax increment financing and infrastructure improvements for the Woodcrest Residential Development. The City of Live Oak Economic Development Corporation (EDC) is governed by a seven-member board, consisting of four Council members and three others appointed by City Council. The EDC was established and is funded through Section 4B sales tax approved by citizens in a historic May 1996 vote.

## Historical Statement from Community Snapshot for Comp Plan.

The City of Live Oak is a home-rule city that was incorporated in 1960. Live Oak originated as German community with 316 inhabitants who were responsible for establishing the City's name as "Live Oak." When the first U.S. Census was taken following incorporation in 1970, Live Oak had a population of 2,779. In the next 10 years, the City's population grew by nearly 200 percent, adding 5,404 residents between 1970 to 1979. During this decade, 1,941 units were constructed, accounting for approximately 30 percent of the City's current housing stock (6,450 units in 2017). The drastic population increase was attributed to the construction of the city's oldest subdivisions, Live Oak Estates and Live Oak Villages, which were developed in the late 1970s.

The Woodcrest subdivision was originally platted in September 16, 1954, to be developed as a resort community. The tract remained undeveloped until late 1970s due to a lack adequate infrastructure. Once the 529 acres, in which the existing residential subdivisions resided (Woodcrest and Auburn Hills of Woodcrest), were incorporated into the City of Live Oak, residential development surged in the southwest region of the City. Most significantly, the 529-acre tract was the last piece of property to be annexed into the City. The 529 acre tract was incorporated on March 10, 1981.

Today, the City of Live Oak is landlocked and does not have any extraterritorial jurisdiction to incorporate in the future to expand its city limits. Although the growth was not as significant as what the City had experienced in the 1970s, the City continued to grow during the 1980s by adding 1,840 people, which resulted in a 2.5 percent increase in population. By 1990, the City of Live Oak reached an estimated population of 10,023 according to the 1990 US Census Bureau. During the 90's, the City also experienced a decrease in population of 10.1 percent (approximately 917 residents), but soon picked up again in 2000. The US Census Bureau opted not to adjust data to reflect undercounts, which is believed to have been the leading factor to population decrease during the 90's. Although records indicate a population decrease the City most likely experienced a slight population increase during this time frame. From 2005 to 2009, 927 new homes were constructed, constituting 14 percent of the City's current housing stock (6,450 units in 2017). In 2017, the City of Live Oak was estimated to have 15,395 residents and a total of 6,450 housing units. The City is a full service community providing all core municipal services including public safety (police and fire protection), solid waste, and public utilities (including water and wastewater).

*Chapter Two  
Mayor's Biographies*



*Clarence Albrecht*  
1960 – 1964

At the time that Clarence Albrecht became the first mayor of Live Oak, he had the support of the entire community. The city was incorporated to avoid becoming a part of San Antonio and citizens felt that they would have more of a voice in city policies. The copy of the canvassing of votes to determine incorporation shows that 33 votes were cast. The proposed town's population would total more than 200.

There were meetings held in the Albrecht's back yard under the live oak trees; the property is now owned by his four children. Lawyer Walter F. Rudeloff was hired to be sure that all the city's incorporation requirements were met.

The Albrecht family had deep roots in the area. Clarence's grandfather bought a farm bordering what is now Toepperwein Road. A portion of the farm was where Clarence's father, Hugo, established residence. Clarence and his five siblings were all born in this farmhouse. At the time of incorporation his father and mother,

brothers Milton and Elgin, sister Frances (Mrs. Melvin) Mayer and their families also resided in Live Oak. Milton had a grocery store bordering 1H35.

There was little opposition to incorporation so Clarence's vision became a reality in April 1960.

Clarence was active in community affairs. He was President of the St. Michael's Society of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Selma. He was a commander of Schertz Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #8315 and commander of the 5th District VFW. He was one of the men instrumental in organizing the Kirby VFW Post #2059.

In 1966 Clarence's employment transfer to Irving, Texas with Whirlpool Corporation caused his resignation as mayor. He died on March 2, 1972 in St Paul's Hospital in Dallas immediately following bypass heart surgery.

Submitted by: Jeanette Constance, Olga Rhodes and Jeff Albrecht



*Elton Ottmar (Fritz) Friesenhahn*  
1964 - 1972

The second Mayor of Live Oak, Texas, Elton Friesenhahn was born November 25, 1924 on the Farm that became part of the original boundaries of the City of Live Oak, Texas. This farm was originally owned by Elton's Grandfather, Joseph Friesenhahn and then by his father Martin Friesenhahn.

Elton Friesenhahn and the first mayor, Clarence Albrecht, were two of the people instrumental in incorporating the City of Live Oak. When Clarence had to step down as mayor because of his job transfer, Elton became Mayor.

Elton attended and graduated in 1943 from San Antonio Vocational and Technical High School in San Antonio. He studied carpentry mill shop and became a homebuilder with his brother Mathew. They built Custom Homes for many years with H.B. Kaulbach Co. and later Elton worked in Commercial Development for Ray Ellison Company in San Antonio.

In High School he excelled in Sports, especially running track and was the fastest 400 yard runner in San Antonio for several years.

Elton was very active in the community and at his church. He was a lifelong member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Selma, Texas where he attended elementary school and later served as President of St. Michael's Men's Society.

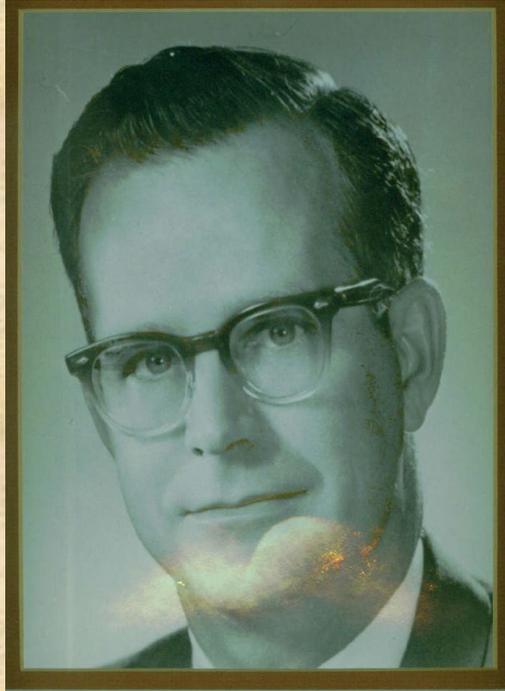
Elton served in the U. S. Army during World War II in Hawaii with the 29th Quartermaster Car Company on the Island of Oahu. Elton was a Life Member and served as Commander of Schertz Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #8315.

His hobby was singing with the Salitrillo Liederkrantz German Singing Club in Converse, Texas with his father and brothers.

When Live Oak incorporated, Elton first served a councilman, with two of his brothers, Mathew and Wilbur Friesenhahn, and the City Marshall was another brother, Clifford Friesenhahn. A sister-in-law, Wilbur's wife Bernice was appointed the first City Clerk-Secretary. Monthly city council meetings were held in the homes of the councilmen. Wilbur & Bernice's home served as City Hall for many years.

Elton died November 17, 2002. Elton's wife is Lucille Friesenhahn and he has 7 children all of whom live in this area.

All of the Friesenhahn families lived on the original Friesenhahn Farm land for many years until 2004 when the last part of the farm was sold to a developer who built the Heritage Apartments on the property.



*John L. Harper*

1972 - 1976

John L. (Lawrence) Harper

Born: December 13, 1934, Harlingen, Texas

Parents: Virginia Mae King (Davilla, Texas) and Raymond Claude Harper (Burns, Oregon)

Siblings: One brother, Billy and sister Mary.

Education:

- Elementary - Dishman ISD. (3 room rural school), at Combes, TX.
- Junior High and High School at Harlingen, Texas
- Trinity University - BS, math & physics
- Studied Mathematics towards Master's Degree in Education.

Employment:

- Southwestern Bell Telephone Company 1951 -1988. Began in the basement as a frame man and retired with 38+ Years as Second Level Manager in charge of area Real Estate.
- Served two years in the Army (Korean War) during 1954 - 56.
- Basic and Secondary training was in Artillery Guided Missiles at Ft Bliss in

El Paso, Texas. We were deployed to Washington, D. C. My base was in Waldorf, Maryland just outside D. C.

Civic/Community:

- Always very interested in civic and community affairs:
- City Councilman, Live Oak, Texas, 1968 - 72
- Mayor, City of Live Oak, Texas, 1973 - 76
- Member and President of Kiwanis Clubs - Alice & Universal City, TX.
- Manager/Coach - Little League, Alice, Texas
- City Boards - Alice and Universal City Texas
- Randolph Sub Region Council of Mayors Representative
- Cibolo Valley Waste Systems Member
- Executive Board member of AACOG
- Referee for Slow Pitch Soft Ball - Live Oak, Texas
- Church - Baptist Faith; Taught many years for pre-teens and senior adult Sunday School Classes

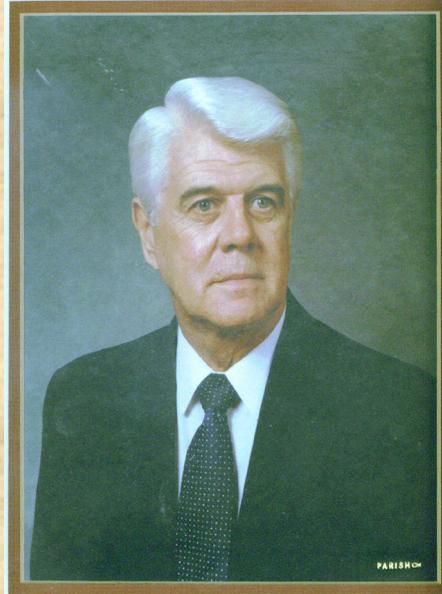
Family:

Married Melba Davis Harper, 1951, Harlingen, Texas Three sons: 1952 - Terry Lawrence, 1955 - John Richard (Ricky) and 1960 - George Robert (Robby). Six grand children: Stephanie Harper Fikes and Shawn Harper, Austin & Lauren Harper, Mackenzie Harper and Jacob Harper, now finishing Basic Training - U. S. Navy at Great Lakes Navy Base. Three great grand children: Jessica and Justin Fikes, Isabella Noelle Harper with a new sibling expected in January of 2009.

After retirement from Southwestern Bell, he and his wife Melba purchased an RV, then traveled the eastern and western United States and Canada, including Prince Edward Island. Other travels included trips to Europe and Mexico. During this time we took up Square and Round dancing and golf. All of which are very enjoyable and good mental and physical exercises.

Settling back down in East Texas in 1992, he began to substitute teach and then pursued a teaching certificate by working on a Masters Degree at Texas A & M - Prairie View. He taught 8th grade advanced math in the Cleveland, Texas, which was very fulfilling especially helping the children of Mexican decent learn by using my knowledge of their language. He found teaching very frustrating because of limitations put on teaching by the Texas Education Agency and the local Administration.

In 1998 he moved back to the San Antonio area building a home in New Braunfels, Texas where I pursue hobbies, do volunteer work and activities at Oakwood Baptist Church. He became a member of Sons of the American Revolution.



*Frank Willson*  
1976-1982

Frank Willson was born in the small North Dakota town of Valley City, near Fargo. He enlisted in the US Army and served for 24 years. Retiring as a Sgt Major. He had served around the world, in Korea, Thailand, Vietnam, and Germany. Several friends were responsible for his retiring in Live Oak. In fact, he retired from the Army 3 days before becoming Live Oak's mayor on April 3, 1976.

While Mayor, Frank Willson faced many problems due to the fact the City was growing but with little commercial tax base, having a few small stores. Money was very tight and many problems needed facing. The biggest achievement was the City electing to the home rule form of government, developing a charter. Before, a Mayor ran the City and there were few written SOPs, if any. During his terms of office he worked on the development of the Robards area which was all woods and now is filled with hundreds of Live Oak homes, the problem was it sometimes took a 3-generation title search (some on each plat), court actions, and finally, the City of San Antonio ceding the area over to Live Oak. The citizens had 3 water districts charging and taxing the different areas in Live Oak. This problem was resolved leaving the City with only one water district. The City had bought old, secondhand police cars and fire equipment. The City staff was quite small. The EMS vehicle looked like an old milk truck and the fire truck was an old Army vehicle. New vehicles came on board as the City growth continued. Frank was proud of City growth, considering no taxes were raised in his 6 years as Mayor.

The emergency services communication system, we now have started in the 1980s. We previously were served by Universal City, and had no system of our own. We established our own emergency system and this was shared with Selma, Converse, and the Judson School District Police. The City Park was barely as road and action taken to start the park dedicated in 1980. This park continues to improve. A Lion's Club was founded here with Chili Cook offs, street dances, and carnival. The area where the Northeast Methodist Hospital is located was developed from a golf driving range, then to a four screen outdoor movie theater (Judson 4 Theater) to the present hospital. The first major Federal grant in the Northeast area was made to Live Oak in the form of our present street drainage system, which has served us well during big rain storms. Other things Frank was proud of were having a city Council meeting room constructed, forming the first utility board as president, establishing a park commission, the first children's summer Play program, and having a vehicle maintenance building built by City personnel.

The major difference in the last 35 years has been the commercial development in Live Oak's two malls and the housing located in the Robards (Woodcrest) area. In looking at the future, Frank stated, the City must enforce its city ordinances. The City worked hard to establish its charter and ordinances designed to protect the homeowners. Code compliance must be enforced as the City ages. Investing in your homes keeps their values higher. Frank is now in the recording industry, operating BSW Records. He still loves this City and wishes it well.

Interviewed November 10, 2008



*Ralph E. Cullip*  
1982-1986

Resident of Live Oak: 1974-1986

Councilman: 1978-1982

Major Accomplishments under my administrations:

- Created City Water Utility through the acquisition of a privately owned water company from The Morton Southwest Companies and the dissolution of WCID #13
- Development of the Woodcrest and Brentwood subdivisions. Successfully turning what had been a haven for criminal activity into a vibrant single family housing community and a center for commercial development
- Developed the commercial frontage on the east side of IH35 North to become the locations for The Gunn Auto Dealerships, World Car Hyundai/Nissan, and Jordan Ford
- Also as a part of the development on the east side of IH 35 worked with the Hospital Corporation of America, and various state agencies, while competing with other cities in the region, to gain approval for the construction of what is currently North East Methodist Hospital
- Led a delegation to New York City with City Manager Chuck Pinto, City Financial Advisor James Seal, and City Councilman Norman Tremblay to

present The City of Live Oak to the major bond ratings companies. Was successful in acquiring an excellent rating for the city. The resultant sales proceeds from those bonds were used to extend water and sewer utilities to the east side of IH 35 North. This made possible the construction of single family and apartment developments on the east side of IH 35 North as well as the commercial development of Point Northeast, The Forum, and the service center for The Randolph Brooks FCU on the former site of Boysville. This is also the site for the signature Live Oak Water Tower that was also constructed using these same bond proceeds.

- Helped facilitate the development of the real estate directly across from Live Oak City Hall. A psychiatric evaluation and residence facility was originally constructed on the site. Later as a member of the Judson ISD Board of Trustees, I worked to help acquire and ultimately develop the old hospital facility into what is now The Judson ISD District Headquarters.

These are what I consider the most important accomplishments during my time serving the community of Live Oak. None of this would have been possible without the support of City Staff and fellow council members. Without the assistance provided by City Manager Chuck Pinto, Fire Chief/Public Works Director Heinz Mueller, and Police Chief Mark Jackley and their staffs much of this would have been impossible to achieve. My fellow councilmembers also provided invaluable assistance and support, especially Saul Zalaznick, Walter Conway, Barry Martin, and Norman Tremblay. I look back on my years as a resident, city council member and Mayor of Live Oak Texas with many fond memories.

Ralph Cullip



*Normand R. Tremblay*  
*1986 to 1992*

Normand Roger Tremblay was born in Jupiter, Florida on October 16th, 1948. He was raised by his parents Herve and Evelyne Tremblay; he had 2 brothers and one sister. He attended a private Catholic high school and joined the United States Air Force a few years after graduating. While in the Air Force, he served as an Air Traffic Controller at McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, Ramstein Air Base, Germany, and Thailand, during the Vietnam War. In four years, he was quickly promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant. Due to health issues he was medically retired at the young age of 27.

After retiring, he moved his family back to Universal City, Texas for a few years, until he bought his Live Oak home in 1975. Ms. Stephanie C. Tremblay, still resides at the family home. He has six children from his two marriages; one son from his first marriage (Shawn Tremblay), three step-children (Stephan, Anthony, and Joanie Edwards) and two more of his own from his second marriage (Raymond and Christine Tremblay). He attended college during this time and completed a Bachelors degree in Political Science from Our Lady of the Lake

College, San Antonio and a Masters degree in Business Administration from Southwest Texas State University.

His political aspirations stemmed from an unending desire to serve the community, and from his father, who during Norm's childhood ran for the office of Mayor in Jupiter, Florida. Norm ran for Live Oak Councilman in places 2 and 4 in the 1980's and finally, for Mayor in 1986. While in office, his primary visions were to improve Live Oak's City Hall, Police and Fire services, local community and military ties, and the city's expansion and financial future. His most noticeable accomplishment is the acquisition of the Live Oak Civic Center located on Pat Booker Road.

Norm Tremblay served as Mayor Pro Tem prior to winning the Mayoral election in 1986. Norm had a good working relationship with Mayor Cullip and had stated



that his decision to file to run against him was not personal. When Mayor Tremblay was sworn to office, Councilman Conway chose to award him a sledge hammer instead of a gavel, because he was somewhat shorter than the previous Mayor. Mayor Tremblay stated that it was an honor to serve the Citizens of the City of Live Oak

During his term with the City of Live Oak, he also served as the

President of the Texas Municipal League, Cub-Master of Live Oak Pack 541, and member of Rotary International and Knights of Columbus.

He was extremely proud to serve his nation and the Live Oak community. Due to his ailing health, he resigned from the office of Mayor in 1992.

He passed on September 10th, 2004.



*Ray Hildebrand*

1992 - 1996

Mayor Hildebrand was born in San Antonio, Texas and reared in Louisiana. He served in the United States Army and attended Officer Candidate School.

Upon graduation from college, he joined the San Antonio Police Department. He retired from the Police Department in 1988 and a few days later filed to run for Live Oak City Council. He walked the streets of Live Oak for weeks, knocking on every door in the city, asking for votes and discussing the issues with the citizenry. He was elected to a two year term and re-elected two years later. Four years after his first election to the City Council, in 1992, he ran for Mayor, was elected to a two year term and later re-elected to a second term as Mayor.

He served eight years on the Live Oak City Council. Mayor Hildebrand single-handedly put together a plan to open the first college campus in Live Oak. Through his efforts the first campus, St. Philip's College, was opened in the Oak Grove Shopping Center and was housed there rent-free for the first six months, in an agreement negotiated by Mayor Hildebrand.

Additionally, the \$15,000 that was expended to retrofit the facilities was later deducted from the rent. That was the first college campus in the northeastern San

Antonio although it is oftentimes ignored in spite of its importance to the students and the City of Live Oak. It provided the foundation for the campus on Pat Booker Road and now of course, the Northeast Lakeview College.

During Mayor Hildebrand's tenure, the Economic Development Corporation was founded. This was a major accomplishment for the city. Additionally, during Mayor Hildebrand's time in office, contracts for doing business with the city were professionalized, thus protecting the city's ventures. Mayor Hildebrand, and former City Manager Doug Faseler, were the founders of the Northeast Partnership, a coalition of cities in the Metrocom which joined together to promote development in the northeast quadrant of Bexar County. The NEP formed the foundation for the development of the Forum Shopping Center and other commercial developments in the Metrocom which we enjoy today.



During Mayor Hildebrand's tenure, the Live Oak Civic Center was opened. He had worked diligently as a council member with Mayor Tremblay to convert the old Handy Dan store into the civic center. It finally came to fruition during his tenure as Mayor but he always gave credit to Mayor Tremblay since the center first began under his term.

Mayor Hildebrand served as President of Region VII Texas Municipal League and also served on the Board of Directors of the Texas Municipal League.

Mayor Hildebrand retired from the Bexar County District Attorney's Office in July 2008. He served the citizens of Bexar County and the State of Texas for 47 years.



*Paula Stakes*  
1996 - 2000

Paula Stakes was elected to public office for the first time in 1989. At age 32, she claimed to have no experience in City Government, but she had a strong desire to serve her friends and neighbors of Live Oak. Live Oak provided her with an opportunity to educate herself in the relationships of government to business, an education that could not have taken place any other way, but through public service.

A highlight of her tenure on council, Mayor Stakes took a leadership roll in the conversion of a vacant Handy Dan Lumber store into a Civic Center that could be used by all of the community. Speaking of the many decisions that council under her administration made, she stated, “To have the chance to take an old empty building and turn it into a civic center, or take a corner of joining highways and allow a shopping center to develop....it was incredible. It took several people, a lot of vision, an ability to encourage your neighbors, trust your choices, and the most remarkable City staff there was over 12 years to bring to fruition just a few of the ideas that changed the course of growth for a city of five square miles and 10,000 people. What a privilege Live Oak gave me and I am still in awe of the

whole experience. I want to thank the neighbors, staff and my family for that honor. It was amazing.”

Known for her compassion, she took great care in comforting her neighbors in times of need. One incident that stood out in her memories was attending to the needs of her neighbors during a rain event that dumped 15 inches of rain on the City.

In closing, she stated, “We had people who truly believed in the opportunity of public service, and I will carry it with me forever.” Mayor Stakes signed her historic statement, and it accurately describes her administration as Mayor.

Paula Stakes  
Mayor  
Councilmember  
Neighbor



*HENRY O. EDWARDS, JR.*  
2000 - 2008

Mayor Henry O. Edwards, Jr. was born September 10, 1932 in Wilmington, North Carolina. He obtained a Bachelor of General Studies with a major in business from the University of Omaha (now the University of Nebraska at Omaha) in June 1967.

Mayor Edwards enlisted in the United States Air Force on September 3, 1952, and served on continuous active duty until his retirement October 1, 1985. He retired in the grade of Chief Master Sergeant. During his service he was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal with three clusters and a Meritorious Service Medal with cluster.

Mayor Edwards was elected to Place 5, City Council in May 1995. In 1996 he was selected as a Charter Member of the Economic Development Corporation and served as Vice President. He was re-elected to Place 5 in 1997 and 1999. He was elected Mayor in 2000, 2002, 2004 and 2006.

Many things were accomplished during Mayor Edwards' tenure on the council including, but not limited to, the following:

- On February 13, 2001, the homestead exemption of 10% of appraised value was passed by City Council.
- On January 28, 2003, the exemption was increased from 10% to 20%. The City of Live Oak is one of two cities in Bexar County that granted the 20% which is the maximum amount possible under state law.
- The over 65 senior exemption was increased to \$40,000 in May 2004.
- In 2005, a new council placed Proposition 1 (tax freeze) on the ballot and the citizens approved it by 73%.
- Construction of the new fire station which included the purchase of new fire apparatus at a cost of over \$1 million.
- Outfitting of a new communications center.
- Construction of new Animal Control facility.
- Construction of new fleet maintenance building.
- Start up of new Woodcrest Park.
- Major upgrades and improvement to Main Park and swimming pool.
- Major street and sewer project.
- Commencement of new Public Safety Building renamed as Live Oak Justice Center.
- From 2001 thru 2008, the tax rate was reduced seven of the eight years.



Mayor Edwards attended every Regular, Special and Joint City Council meeting and workshop from May 1995 thru May 2008.



*Joseph W. Painter*  
2008 – 2010

Joe Painter has been in local government for over 35 years and city manager of six cities in five states. His final move was to come to Live Oak, Texas in Jan. 1997 with his wife Becky. Joe says that every single city had its advantages, disadvantages, and learning experiences that can be passed on to others.

Joe was born and raised in Ohio, in a family who were always involved in community affairs as volunteers, and he grew up understanding the meaning of service to your community. Joe and Becky met at the University of Oregon where they both graduated. They have three grown children, Ann, Jeff, and Monica. Both he and Becky are active participants at the Universal City United Methodist Church.

Joe and Becky made the decision to move to Live Oak as their last professional move. Becky recently retired, as a first grade teacher at Ed Franz Elementary School and Joe is currently the Mayor of Live Oak and City Administrator of Castroville but is looking forward to joining Becky in retirement; both will continue to serve the Metrocom community wherever the need arises.

Joe says that trite old phrase is correct, “we weren’t born in Texas, but we got here as quickly as we could,” and “we love our home and friends in Texas.”

Joe is a US Army artillery combat Viet Nam veteran and a life member of the Viet Nam Veterans Association. It is a real honor to live in a community filled with Christian values and respect and honor for our military and country.

(read by City Manager Scott Wayman and Joe’s celebration of life)

**Joe Painter began** his public service career in **Beaverton Oregon**, a town directly west of Portland, as a college student mowing the grass around the city buildings as a volunteer

- after three years in the **Army**, which included a year of combat in **Vietnam**, he came home to the states and finished his degree in Public Administration
  - he was hired as the Assistant City Manager in finance in **Burlington Iowa** which is a beautiful city on the Mississippi river, south of Iowa City.
  - then he was hired by **Marion Iowa** as their City Manager
  - he transitioned to **Kennewick Washington** as their City Manager. Kennewick is a cool little city that is part of the tri cities region with Richland and Pasco. While in Kennewick, Joe became the President of the Oregon, Washington, and Alaska city management association and brought professional hockey to the desert, landing the world travelling hockey team the Tri City Americans. ICSC story.
  - becoming an expert of economic development law, Joe moved to **Cathedral City California**, next to Palm Springs, as their City Manager
  - Never giving up his Massachusetts accent, Joe next moved to **Watertown Massachusetts** as their City Administrator
  - then he arrived in **Live Oak TX** as City Manager where he was able to utilize his talents in finance and economic development to the fullest.
- I remember **Paula Stakes** talking about how when they interview Joe, She actually had to call Becky and convince her that Live Oak was the place for Joe. Joe did a wonderful job for the city of Live Oak council. And that’s where I met Joe. He **brought me across** from the police department to the assistant city manager’s office in 2002. I wasn’t in the office a month and Joe took me and mark wagster to **Bellingham**, in Washington state to look at a development of a shopping facility of

the then owner of the town center property. **Mark, Joe, and i** spent four days, flying to Seattle drove up the coast to Washington state and even drove a crossed the border into **Vancouver Canada and visited IKEA** there, which started our Ikea courtship. My **favorite memory** of the trip and I believe Mark would probably agree, we stayed in Semiahmoo, a little spit out into the **Drayton Harbor**, and Joe talked us into stopping at the seafood place right off of the coast of Washington at the San Juan islands and we blew our entire next day's perdiem on every type of crab that this place had.

- after **“retirement”** from Live Oak he became Mayor of Live Oak and interim manager for **Castroville and Poteet**

Joe then got to be the full-time husband to Becky and they made weekly trips to **Mexico to deliver food and supplies** to orphanages in Mexico as a mission for the Church.

- Never fully retiring, Joe became **President of the EDC** rounded off his career in Public Administration and Service

Next, the family would like to hear **I'll fly away**. When I first heard this request, the only version I know is the Johnny Cash version. This reminded me of the first time I met Joe. He had arrived in town the day we had the city Christmas party that night. Joe Karaoke'd his own version of a Johnny Cash song, but his version was “I owe my soul to the City Council.” So I found the Johnny cash version of I'll fly away from “My Mammias Old Hymn Book” that we would like to play for Joe.





*Mary M. Dennis*  
2010 - Present

Mary M. Dennis was born in Newton, Mississippi. Mary's father served in the United States Army and the family traveled throughout Europe and the United States. The family moved to San Antonio, Texas when Mary was 15. Mary, also known as "Little Mary" is the daughter of Mary Wyatt, the former owner of "Flowers by Mary".

She is a Sam Houston High School graduate, a paraprofessional with the San Antonio Independent School District and completed a Mortuary Science Associate Degree at San Antonio College. Mary is passionate about the education and safety of our children. Mary is also a licensed Funeral Director having worked for both Sutton & Sutton Mortuary and Lewis Funeral Home. She helps wonderful people make difficult decisions and provide assistance during one of the most difficult times in their lives. Mary has found both of these professions to be very rewarding.

Mary has received numerous awards, but her most noteworthy accomplishment is being chosen to serve as Mayor for the City of Live Oak in the June 12, 2010 run-off election. She is the First African American to serve the City of Live Oak in this capacity. Prior to her Mayoral election, she ran twice for council seats in Live Oak and was defeated each time by a few votes. As destiny would have it, Mary was given the opportunity to complete the council place terms both times as the elected council person resigned. Mary Dennis says "It is about not giving up and being determined. This is something she learned from her parents – to never ever give up.

Whatever your dream is – go for it!” As the current Mayor of Live Oak, Mary desires to bring the city closer together across varied backgrounds. Mary believes that government is about helping people, being a good steward of tax dollars and making City government more efficient.

In the year 2016, Mary M. Dennis represented the region and the City of Live Oak as the statewide President of the Texas Municipal League. Mayor Dennis represented the city well in that year, which was a year in which the Legislature met, championing many initiatives that directly related to city government and local control.

Her additional civic activities includes service as the Treasurer/Secretary to the Northeast Partnership, member of Randolph Metro Chamber, City of Live Oak Economic Development Corporation, City of Live Oak Planning and Zoning Commission, Bowden Charter of Business and Professional Women, San Antonio Commission of Literacy and Mary is a charter member of National Council of Negro Women – Ruth Jones McClendon Chapter. Ms. Dennis also served as Commissioner on the Mayor’s Commission for the Status of Women, San Antonio Livestock and Rodeo Public Affairs Committee, the Martin Luther King Jr. Commission and President of Pearls (Professional Business Women). She is a member of Livingway Christian Church.

Her personal interests are traveling, antiques, reading, cooking and visiting nursing homes. Mary was married for 33 years to Roger Dennis. Roger served the citizens of San Antonio for 35 years as a San Antonio Firefighter/Paramedic until his transition to heaven in February 2008. Mary has one daughter, Christina Bright, a son-in-law Antonio, three grandchildren: Chase, Christane and Cierra.

Mary epitomizes the power of persistence as well as the incomparable power of an abiding faith in God.

## *Chapter Four*

### *Taken from Minutes of Official records of Live Oak Council Meetings*

#### **September (no day), 1959**

Donations of \$10 collected for fees and Wilbur Friesenhahn consults the Texas Almanac and makes the motion to name us Live Oak.

Donations for New Proposed Corporation in this area Toepperwein Road to End of Martin Friesenhahn's Property North on U.S. 81

Murray A. Winn	Aerial
Claude N. Ferrell	\$10
Milton H Albrecht	\$10
Clarence Albrecht	\$10
Hugo Albrecht	\$10
Richard O. Schultz	\$10
A. L. Copeland	\$10
Matthew E. Friesenhahn	\$10
Elton O. Friesenhahn	\$10
Grace Cephler	\$10
Ewald Pfeil	\$10
Richard Keller	\$10
Martin Friesenhahn	\$10
Elgin Albrecht	\$10
Melvin Mayer	\$10
Clifford Friesenhahn	\$10
Wilbur Friesenhahn	\$10
John Krizek	\$10
Mary Robbins	\$10

#### **March (no day), 1960**

Milton Albrecht called for election of officers.

Mayor Clarence Albrecht

Alderman Claude Ferrell, Elton Friesenhahn, Wilbur Friesenhahn, W.H. Brantley, Mathew Friesenhahn, Melvin Mayor, and Richard Keller.

Marshall – Clifford Friesenhahn.

Wilbur Friesenhahn outlined the boundaries of the city, as surveyed by Robert Moffett.

#### **November 9, 1960**

First Meeting of the City Council of Live Oak, Texas.

Bernice Friesenhahn was appointed city clerk

Monthly meetings were established (second Tuesday of month in council member's homes.)

Claude Ferrell appointed mayor pro tem.

Claude Ferrell volunteered to contact TXDOT for city limits signs.  
Elton Friesenhahn will get the scene for the city.

**December 13, 1960**

Financial report showed balance of \$6.85.  
City clerk will decide what bank to use for city funds.  
Present population for signs was listed as 420.  
Mayor Albrecht asked that they have a community gathering in the spring.

**January 10, 1961**

Financial report showed \$16.85 at Bank of Cibolo, TX.

**January 21, 1961**

Special Meeting  
Ferrell presented plat of subdivisions and a blue print of the first home to be built and gave a complete description of project. Wilber Friesenhahn made motion to approve the subdivision.

**February 14, 1961**

Treasure report showed \$7.80  
Names of some property owners were presented to solicit donations.

**March 14, 1961**

Treasurer's report showed \$7.80  
Letters were presented and a list of names was talked about for solicitations for funds.

**April 12, 1961**

Treasure's report showed \$17.80.  
Ferrell still working on highway city limit signs.  
TML sent a letter asking for names of council "men".  
Albrecht asked to check with Southwestern Bell to get the same telephone rates as the City of San Antonio.

**May 10, 1961**

Treasure report showed \$17.80  
Albrecht didn't have any luck with the Telephone Company because the man in charge was in the hospital.  
Second reading of summary of laws of State of Texas applicable to incorporated towns furnished by TML.  
Council meeting changed to second Wednesday of month at 8 pm.  
Albrecht brought motion for residents to have dogs and cats vaccinated. \$1.00 fee for vaccinations done by the city.  
First mention of City Attorney Mr. Rudeloff.

**June 14, 1961**

Treasurer's balance \$16.05

Vaccination of pets date was set.

Voting of Summary of Laws from TML was postponed because not enough councilmen were there.

### **July 12, 1961**

Treasure balance showed \$36.05 with the windfall coming from pet immunization. Third reading and adoption of Summary of laws from TML

Marshall's credential asked to be sworn in.

### **August 9, 1961**

Treasure's report showed \$46.05

Elton Friesenhahn received the Marshall and deputy's Badges and credentials for Clarence Albrecht and the clerk was asked to give the appointment of a deputy. Badges cost \$8

### **September 13, 1961**

Treasurer's report showed \$38.05

Motion made to appoint Mr. Bill Brantly as deputy. C.N. Ferrell was to contact Mr. Lovelace of Boysville to advise him of appointment.

### **October 11, 1961**

Treasure report \$38.05

City Limits markers will be placed soon.

Motion to accept Bill Brantly as deputy. Brantly was sworn in by Mayor Albrecht.

Motion made to have a stamp made with the city's address:

City of Live Oak  
Route 3, Box 170-DD,  
San Antonio, TX

### **December 13, 1961**

Treasurer's report \$55.70.

Letter sent to Mr. Kyle in Uvalde for \$20 collection that he hasn't paid.

Richard Keller asked that meetings be held every other month.

Discussion to compile a short letter report of the City's activities during the last year to send to the citizens.

### **February 21, 1962**

Treasurer report showed \$55.70.

Letter discussed from the Dept. of Health Education and Welfare regarding a health survey.

Adoption of ordinance restricting billboards within the city limits. Current signs must pay \$100 and no new billboards allowed.

Letter discussed to send to the Converse Fire Department to give them the right to enter the city to fight fires.

Election of officers set for April 3, 1962.

Meeting changed to third Wednesday of month.

### **June 27, 1962**

Treasure report \$26.00

Billboard Ordinance was amended to change the \$100 to \$50 fee for existing billboards.

Discussion on building permits for any constructions conducted in the City. Decide to each get information regarding the permits and draft a type of building permit for the next meeting, for all types of building construction in the city.

### **September 19, 1962**

Treasure report showed \$26.00

Attorney contacted regarding billboard ordinance. After finalization, letter will be sent to all current billboard companies.

Discussion on building permits. Motion made to require permits and to set the cost at \$1 for residents and \$5 and \$10 for commercial buildings. They will be accepted or rejected at the next council meeting.

Agreed to inform citizens of the building permit and billboard sign issue in letter form.

Elton Friesenhahn stated he would check on probable annexation of proposed golf course East of Live Oak.

C.N. Ferrell made motion that the Marshall deputizes all aldermen. Motion carried and Albrecht will get the badges.

### **November 20, 1962**

Treasure report is \$26.00

No deputizing due to the absence of the Mayor, because he had all the badges and credentials at his home.

Elton reported that he had attempted to contact the manager of the proposed golf course regarding the annexation and couldn't get in contact with him.

### **January 15, 1963**

Treasure's report showed \$4.58

Mayor presented badges to all aldermen and deputized every one. Each paid for their own badges. Marshall Clifford Friesenhahn swore all in.

Discussion to send letters to all of the property owners to let them know the progress of the city.

### **March 19, 1963**

Treasure report \$18.50

Letter and ordinance with the City Public Service Board of San Antonio giving them a 20 years franchise for electricity and gas. In turn the city will receive 2 cents for every 1 dollar from our area. All voted in favor.

Announced that Chuck Klein had purchased the old Col. Taylor Property for a 9-hole golf course and driving range.

Discussion of possible trailer park construction in the city.

Keller will check on billboard on Quirk property to check on the hazardous lights on it.

Meetings changed to the Second Tuesday of every month.

### **May 14, 1963**

Treasurer's report \$33.08

Building permits will be printed.

Highway city limits signs will be erected soon. Man in charge of this at TX DOT died and sign erection has been overlooked.

Report of annual letters had been sent to residents.

A special election will be held in June to discuss further the billboard ordinance enforcement.

Reported that Chuck Klein had opened his driving range.

### **June 11, 1963**

Treasurer's report \$33.08

CPS accepted the franchise agreement and they received their first check in the amount of \$59.15 was given to the clerk to deposit.

Mayor announced that the Highway department had finally put signs up.

Attorney Rudeloff advised Clarence Albrecht that he is obtaining the information and is handling a letter received from a billboard company with an objection to the fee assessed.

### **July 9, 1963**

Treasurer's report \$93.23

First building permit issued. (Doesn't say to whom)

Converse fire department had advised him that they would inspect all fire-plugs and their locations in the city.

### **September 10, 1963**

Treasurer's report \$93.23

Discussion of new state law on annexation for incorporated town. Decided to have the clerk order a copy of the new law that went into effect on Aug. 23, 1963.

Motion made to check with Highway dept. to see if we could get the speed limits on the access roads reduced to 45 mph.

### **September 21, 1963**

Special meeting

Ferrell advised that the Quirk sign had been taken down for repairs, and decided that they would let it be reconstructed if assessment was paid.

### **November 12, 1963**

Treasurer's report \$216.24

Ferrell had checked with the Highway department and City Ordinance will be provided to them so they can conduct a study to see if a speed reduction is feasible.

Clerk got the copy of the Annexation laws.

Second Building permit was issued to reconstruct the billboard and assessment was paid.

### **January 14, 1964**

Treasurer's report \$292.24

Discussion on hiring a new attorney because they were not getting results from Rudeloff.

A meeting was proposed with neighboring towns, UC and Converse to discuss boundary lines of the cities.

Discussion of new Randolph Field National Bank of Universal City, and each member is asked to encourage citizens to support this bank.

Ferrell made motion to have bank account changed to this Randolph Field National Bank. Motion carried.

Decided to have a special meeting in February do to elections of city officials. City Clerk was appointed in charge of election and candidates must fine 30 days in advance. Election site will be at Boysville "Again".

### **February 11, 1964**

Treasurer's report \$319.24

Richard Keller reported that he had talked to Mr. Mayo Galindo of San Antonio and he would consider being the City's Attorney. It was agreed that Mayo would be invited tot he next meeting.

No meeting arranged yet with neighboring cities.

No annexation decided at this time because it would not benefit the city

Election to be held on April 7, 1964 at Boysville at 7:00 a.m. till 7 p.m. All positions up for elections.

Discussion of SW Bell Telephone company's 2% franchise commission. Discussion postponed.

### **March 18, 1964**

Treasurer's report \$391.47

Mayo Galindo was at the meeting, and it was decided to hire him as attorney. He stated that he would charge \$25.00 for each meeting that he attends and if they need advise they can call him on the phone.

Mr. Galindo presented information on the billboard ordinance.

He also advised that the tax roll of the City is not feasible.

He also was directed to contact the phone company to get the 2% franchise tax.

Special meeting will be held on the second Tuesday to swear in new officials.

### **April 14, 1964**

Treasure's report \$367.47

Mr. John Hallem came to the meeting asking that the City of Live Oak not stand in his way of having some of his property to the north of Live Oak incorporated by Selma. Since the property is in our jurisdiction of the one half mile around our city limits, that we release the property from our jurisdiction so Selma could incorporate and his property could be included in that. City council moved to not stand in the way of Selma incorporating the property into their city.

Wilbur Friesenhahn will contact a surveyor who had surveyed the City Boundary lines when it was incorporated to obtain new plats from him since the original ones were lost.

*Richard Keller made the motion that Council meetings be opened with a short prayer to Thank God for having guided our City until now and guides us in the future.*

**April 28, 1964**

Clarence Albrecht swore in the following positions.

Mayor – Elton Friesenhahn

Marshall – Clifford Friesenhahn,

Aldermen – Richard Keller, Wilbur Friesenhahn, Mathew Friesenhahn, and Elgin Albrecht.

City Clerk was thanked for her hard work

The new mayor Elton Friesenhahn swore in Clarence Albrecht as alderman and Bernice Friesenhahn as City Clerk.

Discussion by Mr. John Hallem in regards to the possible incorporation or some of his property in to the area of the City of Selma. Motion was made that after the City of Selma has legally incorporated that area, we will consider relinquishing the Hallem property from our jurisdiction.

Elgin Albrecht stated that he didn't want to be deputized as deputy Marshall.

**12 May 1964:**

Meeting held at home of Richard Keller. Council at this time was Mayor Elton Friesenhahn, aldermen Richard Keller, Matthew Friesenhahn, Elgin Albrecht, Wilbur Friesenhahn, and Clarence Albrecht.

**14 July, 1964**

Issue of Live Oak annexation by City of San Antonio rose in regards to China Grove and Universal City joint opposition. No advantage at this time in opposing annexation.

**12 August, 1964**

City of Selma amended petition to annex property in Live Oak ETJ and removed this property annexation from petition Telephone franchise fee established with S. Bell Tel to remit 2% of gross income in area on April 1<sup>st</sup> each year.

**8 September, 1964**

Treasurer's report- \$388.14. Live Oak was not deemed densely populated by the telephone company.

**10 November 1964**

Treasurer's report-\$393.14. Trailer park under construction by Mr. Dean Vivian. Building permit obtained after the fact for 6 trailers with 8 additional spots to be placed. Trailer park was next to Mr. Elgin Albrecht's home. (West side of IH35-US87)

**12 January 1965**

Nothing substantial. In home of Elgin Albrecht.

**15 January, 1965 (Special Meeting)**

In home of Wilbur Friesenhahn. SARA discussed building sewerage plants around San Antonio and associated fees. F.H.Rhew properties and WCID #13 would receive sewer service. Each home owner would pay \$100 to SARA with monthly rate of \$1.25 to \$1.50.

**9 March 1965**

Treasurer report-\$508.12. Proposed development of 20 homes on FH Rhew property by Mr. CJ Van Horn presented to council. Water well will be drilled on property also.

**18 March 1965 (Special Meeting in Home of Wilbur Friesenhahn)**

Mr. Van Horn explained the Live Oak Village Unit I subdivision and requested approval. Proposed subdivision was authorized with Mayor Friesenhahn to sign plat and ordinance after preparation by Mr. Galindo.

**11 May, 1965**

Treasurer's Report-\$504.75. Slow development in Live Oak subdivision I

**13 July, 1965**

Meeting in Elton Friesenhahn's home. Treasurer's Report-575.14. Mr. Rhew was ready to move on second phase of subdivision and set aside 6 to 8 acres of land for a school (8 classrooms). City Marshall received numerous complaints on non-vaccination of pets.

**16 Sep 1965**

Meeting in home of Mathew Friesenhahn. Treasure report-\$562.45. Purchases of Filing cabinet (\$62.50) and 500 building permits printed (\$19.00). Mr. Paul Fisher requested Commercial Zoning/light industrial at corner of Pat Booker Rd/Austin Hwy for Ice Station construction.

**19 October 1965 (Special Meeting)**

Held in Mayor's home. Revision to previous plat for Live Oak Village I required by FHA. Time of the essence to continue development. City Attorney brief aldermen on the powers of a small city and requirement to establish a Corporation Court when population attained 600 people.

**16 November, 1965**

No Hunting in city limits is a State Law, not the jurisdiction of city. San Antonio annexation of ETJ was non-issue.

**11 January, 1966**

Meeting in home of Wilbur Friesenhahn. Treasurer's Report-\$620.48. Mr. Henry Gutierrez and Lorenzo Bustos approached city for right to pickup garbage. City attorney recommended companies contract with individual homeowners for pickup and payment.

**2 February, 1966 Special Meeting**

Discussion and agreement on joining the Bexar County Regional Planning Commission w/ dues of \$100.00 annually. The vote of council was not to join at this time. Mayo Galindo briefed council on the ETJ they were willing to cede to Live Oak to include the Rittman property. Proposal would go back to San Antonio for approval.

**1 March, 1966**

Meeting held at home of Wilbur Friesenhahn. Treasurer's report showed \$623.09. Election to be held on April 5, 1966. City Clerk was approved to be paid \$120.00 per year retroactive to January 1<sup>st</sup>. Council reconsidered previous vote on the BCRPC in February and agreed to join for the year 1966.

**3 May, 1966**

Meeting again held at Wilbur Friesenhahn's home. Results of the election in April for terms (1966-1968) were Elton Friesenhahn (Mayor), Aldermen Wilbur Friesenhahn, Mathew Friesenhahn, Richard Keller, Elgin Albrecht and the City Marshall Clifford Friesenhahn. Clarence Albrecht was not present and would be sworn in upon return to City of Live Oak. Treasurer's report was \$604.60.

City Public Service received a plat of the Friesenhahn Addition and would start laying gas lines. TML dues for 1966-67 year were \$36.00 approved.

**21 June, 1966**

Meeting held in the home of Elton Friesenhahn. Mayor was given full authority to negotiate the final boundaries of the territory ceded by San Antonio to Live Oak.

Mr. F.H. Rhew addressed the issue of establishing Water District WCID #13 for Live Oak Village. At issue was the relinquishment of city rights within the WCID zone only. This was made at the request of FHA and VA for home sales. Council members determined this would be acceptable only after the city attorney reviewed and approved the ordinance. Richard Keller terminated his term of office at this meeting.

**11 August, 1966**

Meeting held at home of Mathew Friesenhahn with Elgin Albrecht, Wilbur Friesenhahn and the City Attorney Mayo Galindo present. Mayor Elton Friesenhahn called the meeting to order CPS submitted the contract to Live Oak for street lighting. Discussion requested Mayo Galindo to negotiate the terms of the contract with CPS. A tax program was discussed for the city of Live Oak. Mr. Galindo advised it would have to be implemented by ordinance he would draw up. The Bexar County Tax Collector, Mr. Chas Davis would be asked to collect taxes. Mr. Rhew requested information in regard to street lighting Mr. Galindo will draw and send to us a zoning ordinance, building code ordinance, and a fire ordinance. ETJ ceded to city extended the west boundary line to Toepperwein Road, Lookout Road, to the Outer Loop,

**6 September, 1966**

Held at the home of Elgin Albrecht with the Mayor and all aldermen present. Treasurer's report was \$774.05. Mr. Rhew offered property for City Hall in his land. City received the metes bounds for the taxing district to receive tax revenue as early as 1967 if the tax plan is approved. Mr. Van Horn, the developer for LO Village, stated he would pay for the cost of running street lights for a while. CPS provided maps of where street lights would be put.

**1 November, 1966**

Meeting held in home of Wilbur Friesenhahn with Mayor, Mathew Friesenhahn and Elgin Albrecht also present. Treasurer's report showed balance of \$774.05. Mr. Galindo said he was working on all previous projects. An update will be given to Mayor Friesenhahn on 15 November. All projects were progressing satisfactorily.

**7 March, 1967**

Meeting in home of Mayor Elton Friesenhahn with Wilbur and Mathew Friesenhahn, Elgin Albrecht and Mayo Galindo present. Also present was Ronald C. Neubecher. Treasurer's report showed \$1,145.63 balance.

Request to join SABCORP for 1970 Census was rejected. Mr. Galindo brief replacing Richard Keller and Clarence Albrecht who had moved would require a resolution to appoint someone to fill these vacancies. Mr. Galindo briefed council the county agreed to collect taxes for Live Oak, but only using county assessments and could not go over 50% of county tax rate. Ordinance would be prepared for council review and vote. ETJ capture from San Antonio would be accepted as proposed and Live Oak would keep the remainder of the Rittiman property up to the outer loop. Street light contract would have to be negotiated with CPS and city as well as Mr. Van Horn. Mr. Galindo said would check with Quincy Lee for his participation. Mr. Ronald C. Neubecker was appointed to fill one of the unexpired alderman terms.

**28 March, 1967:**

Special Meeting held in home of Mathew Friesenhahn. All aldermen, the mayor and Mr. Galindo were present. Meeting was to discuss proposed Tax program and Ordinance. Tax program would begin with the tax year, January 1, 1967 to 31 December 1967. Tax rate of \$.60 per \$100.00 valuation was set. It was one-fourth the Bexar County rate. Council accomplished first reading as it wished to keep the lowest rate possible. Vote of the public was not needed as tax rate was below the threshold set by the Statutes of the State of Texas governing incorporated towns. Ordinance required three reading before it is enacted.

Bexar County would collect for a fee of 2% of the total amount collected. City needed to provide a list of names and addresses of property owners in Live Oak.

**4 April, 1967**

Special meeting of City Council of Live Oak held in home of Elgin Albrecht. All aldermen and the Mayor were present with guest Larry Pearce. Meeting purpose was to accomplish second reading of the Tax Ordinance. Preamble to Ordinance was also read.

**13 April, 1967**

Special meeting held in home of Wilbur Friesenhahn with all aldermen and Mayor present. **Tax** Ordinance was read by City Clerk to aldermen for third time and council vote. Elgin Albrecht-For, Mathew Friesenhahn-For, Ronald C. Neubecker-For, Wilbur Friesenhahn-For. Preamble was read and approved unanimously. Tax Ordinance must be renewed every year.

**2 May, 1967**

Meeting was held in home of Mayor Elton Friesenhahn. Called to order with Mayor and Wilbur Friesenhahn and Elgin Albrecht present. Larry Hidalgo and Saul Zalaznick were present to finalize plans for city party for all citizens of Live Oak on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Letter read from City Clerk of San Antonio concerning the proposed ETJ area agreement between Live Oak and San Antonio. Discussion and direction given to Mr. Galindo to approve the proposal and prepare ordinance for adoption. City Clerk announced more building permits for Live Oak Village Units 1 and 2. Unit 2 permits were held up as Council had not yet approved Unit 2 for building. Community Properties were contacted. City Clerk was approved to pay TML dues of \$36.00.

**22 May 1967**

Special meeting home of Wilbur Friesenhahn with all aldermen and mayor present. Purpose was for the third and final reading of the settlement of the Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) area between Live Oak and San Antonio. Motion read, adopted and approved as ordinance setting the future boundary between Live Oak and San Antonio unanimously. Community Properties proposed donating land to City for Park and City Hall. Subdivision plat for Live Oak Village Subdivision approved and permits authorized to be issued. Community Properties Planning Commission tasked to make master zoning layout for Live Oak.

**5 September 1967**

Meeting held at home of Ronnie Neubecker with all aldermen and mayor present. Treasurer's Report showed a balance of \$1,511.18. Street light contract with CPS executed and forwarded to CPS. Total cost for Live Oak party previously mentioned was \$126.86. Personal Census count by City Clerk visits showed 76 homes and 253 people added to demographics of city

**7 November, 1967**

Meeting held at home of Wilbur Friesenhahn. All aldermen present with Mayor Elton Friesenhahn presiding. Treasurer's report showed balance of \$1,632.18. Minutes of last meeting approved.

Street lights had been installed for all of Live Oak subdivision #1. Motion made to annex new area into the city as far as we are legally allowed, to include the Rhew Property to the southeast of existing city limits. Clerk advised election of city officials would be April 1968

**5 December, 1967**

Meeting at home of Mayor Elton Friesenhahn with all present except Wilbur Friesenhahn. Proposal from Universal City on ETJ common boundary between UC and Live Oak. Clerk directed to acknowledge receipt. City attorney will review and address the proposal and council member remarks at next meeting. Mr. Saul Zalaznick announced to the council the charter approval of Boy Scout Troop #172. Troop 172 would be sponsored by the Live Oak Village Civic Association and open to all boys in Live Oak.

First mention of construction of a City Hall.

**2 January, 1968**

Meeting at the home of Wilbur Friesenhahn with Mayor Elton Friesenhahn, and Mathew Friesenhahn present. Treasurer's report of balance as \$1,853.44 and minutes of last meeting accepted. Mr. Galindo, city attorney, briefed council on a small conflict in the Universal City proposal concerning San Antonio ETJ and Live Oak acceptance of property per earlier agreement of 22 May, 1967. Mr. Galindo would talk with all affected parties to settle this matter as to jurisdiction.

**5 March, 1968**

Meeting held in home of Wilbur Friesenhahn with Mayor, and aldermen Elgin Albrecht, Wilbur and Mathew Friesenhahn and guest John Harper present.

Treasurer's report of \$3,411.31 Balance and previous meeting minutes were accepted and approved. Street lights approved for installation in Live Oak Village #2 in the most feasible and necessary places as well as at Dutch's Grocery.

Tax Ordinance for 1968 was read and approved for rate of 60 cents per \$100 valuation.

**Special Meeting – 14 March, 1968**

Meeting at home of Wilbur Friesenhahn with Elgin Albrecht, Wilbur and Mathew Friesenhahn and Attorney Mayo Galindo present. Discussed with City Attorney were high Ad-Valorem tax being assessed by the Water District and the annexation to the city of the ETJ areas.

Objection rose to construction of trailer park and a camper park adjacent to Live Oak Village. Mr. Galindo advised could not stop, but future zoning changes will eliminate such reoccurrence. Camper Park permit can be issued for limited duration of six months and site will be vacated after October 1968.

Burglaries have increased in Live Oak and need for a corporation (town) court must be considered.

**7 May, 1968**

Regular meeting of City Council held at home of Wilbur Friesenhahn. Following individuals sworn in to serve 1968-1970 term of office: Mayor-Elton Friesenhahn, Aldermen-W.G. Able Jr, Mathew E. Friesenhahn, Wilbur E. Friesenhahn, John L. Harper, and Clyde W. Weikert. Town marshal was Andrew J. Smith, Jr. Treasurer's report of \$3,524.23 balance and previous meeting minutes were approved and accepted.

Layout of future city park discussed. Zoning ordinance and ETJ annexation still in work. Recommended a city ordinance requiring pet vaccination in city be adopted. Purchase of a copy of Vernon's Civil Statutes for the State of Texas approved. City affiliation with TML was approved for 1968-69.

**2 July, 1968**

Meeting held at home of Mayor Elton Friesenhahn. All present except Clyde Weikert. Present were Attorney Mike Gibson and Maj. Victor Cole.

Treasurer's report of \$3,790.92 balance and previous minutes accepted and approved. Motion by John Harper to set speed limits and erect signs posting same as well as STOP and Yield signs in the City of Live Oak. Ordinance for dog vaccination discussed and to be approved after revisions. Request to review and approve Town Ordinances as a whole rather than writing each one separately made by Mr. Harper. Motion made to have Mr. Wm "Bill" Able serve as Mayor Pro-Tem when the mayor is absent (First mention of this office). Approved.

Washateria requested next to On the Way Grocery. Permit to be issued after plans and specifications submitted to council.

Attorney Mike Gibson addressed details of Zoning Ordinance. First step was to appoint a 5 member Zoning commission. Steps to creation of ordinance would require 3 readings. First reading was by the clerk at meeting. Second reading at special meeting on 5 July, 1968. Mr. Gibson advised he would complete the zoning ordinance and ask Community Properties for suggestions to new ordinance.

**16 July, 1968**

Special meeting in home of Wilbur Friesenhahn. Mayor Elton Friesenhahn, Clyde Weikert, Wilbur and Mathew Friesenhahn and John Harper present. Purpose was second reading of Zoning Commission appointment ordinance – accomplished by the clerk. Mr. Dan Gable issued his building permit for add on to his business. Next meeting set for 22 July, 1968

**22 July, 1968**

Special meeting held at home of Wilbur Friesenhahn for third reading of Zoning Commission ordinance. All present except Clyde Weikert.

Third Vote on the ordinance was unanimous for the Zoning Commission Ordinance. Attorney Gibson would be notified of council action.

**3 September, 1968**

Meeting called to order in home of Wilbur Friesenhahn. All present except Wilbur Friesenhahn. Treasurer's report of \$3,773.56 balance and last meeting were read and approved.

STOP signs, Yield signs and speed limit signs were ordered and will be erected by Community Properties when received. Mr. Gibson stated city must determine an exact location for each sign by ordinance prior to erecting signs.

Dog vaccination ordinance introduced and read for first time. Dr. Waldrip would review ordinance and be asked to be veterinarian for city. ETJ Jurisdiction Agreement between Live Oak, Universal City and San Antonio presented and read for first time.

Council adjourned for first meeting of Zoning Commission

**Zoning Commission – First Meeting**

Mr. John Harper nominated to be first chairman of Zoning Commission. Schedule for zoning ordinance set out. First reading approved with public hearing to follow on 24 September, 1968. Report to be given to council after the public hearing. Meeting set in John Harper's home for further study of zoning plan. Meeting adjourned.

Council reconvened to discuss a swimming pool Community Properties desired to construct in Live Oak as to for whom, where and when.

**10 September 1968**

Meeting in home of John Harper with all members present. Proposed ordinance was read and studied by all members with suggestions for revisions. This was the second reading. Public meeting will be 24 September at Boysville at 7.00 PM. Adjourned.

City council held a second reading of the Dog vaccination ordinance and ETJ jurisdiction agreement between SA, LO and UC.

**24 September, 1968**

Special Meeting of City Council-Zoning Commission held at Boysville after a public hearing on proposed zoning for Live Oak. Meeting called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Able in absence of Mayor Friesenhahn. (First time)

Dog Vaccination Ordinance presented and adopted unanimously. Permit card and tags to be issued by city adopted as part of ordinance. Dr. Waldrip was appointed as the city veterinarian. Dog tag license would run calendar year (January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>).

Council passed a third reading of the ETJ jurisdiction agreement to be signed by the Mayor on return.

**24 September-Public Hearing**

Meeting held at Boysville starting at 7:00 PM. Attendees were Mr. John Harper, Chairman, Messrs Wm Able, Wilbur Friesenhahn, Clyde Weikert, Mathew Friesenhahn and attorney Mike Gibson. Interested persons were Mr. Frank Rhew, Cliff Morton, Ralph Bender and Jim Kazen with Community Properties.

Suggested changes to ordinance were; allowing new building techniques, required height of fences and minimum lot sizes. Cost of building permits addressed with need to compare with other communities. The question of the ordinance zoning everything residential in Live Oak directly affected Mr. Rhew property tax on his commercial property along the highway. He was advised to contact the county tax assessor after zoning completed.

Suggested important and necessary changes would be written into the ordinance by Mr. Gibson when it is redrafted for final approval.

**4 November, 1968**

Special meeting of Council (Public Hearing) at Boysville at 7:30 PM. Mr. John Harper, Chairman, briefed Council/Commission Members (also) on the zoning ordinance and changes. Council read, discussed and approved the ordinance as read for first reading per direction of City Attorney Gibson.

Messrs Stewart, Lizana, and Pape addressed council concerning their properties next to city limits the impact of property being zoned commercially. Council advised all property would be developed to best interests of all citizens and to create a beautiful city.

**5 November, 1968**

Meeting of council held in the home of Wilbur Friesenhahn. All members were present. Treasurer's report of \$3,502.67 balance and minutes of last meeting and special meetings were accepted and approved.

Motion made to sponsor a Cub Scout troop lead by Wm. Behrman for one year and give the troop \$20.00 as the sponsor. (First time)

Mr. Lloyd Denton requested permission to develop his Live Oak property and also requested a 25 year franchise for water. Motion made to deny issuance of a 25 year franchise for water to Mr. Denton.

Zoning ordinance read for a second time. Five Board of Adjustments appointees were suggested and would be contacted as to their interest.

Third reading of Dog Vaccination Ordinance approved unanimously. STOP signs, Yield signs and speed limit signs were up in the Live Oak Village Subdivision.

First letter of application as a Life Guard whenever the swimming pool is completed was received from Terry Harper.

**18 November, 1968**

Special meeting held in home of Wilbur Friesenhahn. Present were Messrs Marvin Shipman, Chesley Swan, Lloyd Denton, Wm Able, John Harper, Wilbur Friesenhahn, Clyde Weikert. Mayor Elton Friesenhahn called the meeting for the purpose of Mr. Denton's development plan for his property. Plat presented by Marvin Shipman, Engineer, on proposed layout. Bexar County Water Control & Improvement District would not provide water to their proposed

subdivision. Mr. Denton said he had completed his own well and negotiated with SARA to take care of all sewerage. All homes would be built with FHA and VA standards. The builders would be Tom Smith and Ray Ellison Jr.

Motion made by Clyde Weikert that Mr. John Harper had authority to take necessary action to provide for 30% annexation of property to Live Oak. Third reading of the Zoning Ordinance was held and unanimously approved.

Temporary Camper Trailer Park on Chuck Klien property was noted in violation of occupancy as the permit had expired in October. Mayor will contact Mr. Klien concerning immediate removal.

### **7 January, 1969**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Friesenhahn in home of Wilbur Friesenhahn with all present. Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$5,438.87. Minutes of last meeting and special meeting accepted and approved.

Copies of ordinances were distributed to builders and developers as they contained increased fees. Attorney Mike Gibson was requested to develop ordinance on STOP, Yield and Speed limit signs. Plats for Community Properties Live Oak Village Units 5 and 6 were signed by mayor.

Denton Subdivision was granted a franchise for private water system in his subdivision subject to City of Live Oak granted first right of purchase at actual cost less any depreciation. Community Properties started construction on community Swimming Pool to be completed by summer.

Discussion of control of fireworks in city limits was made subject for future action. 1969 Tax Program Ordinance read for first time. Council meeting were to be accomplished on the first Tuesday of every month approved by motion of Clyde Weikert and second by John Harper.

### **20 January 1969**

Special meeting held to address Mr. Denton's franchise of private water system. All aldermen, the mayor and city attorney, Mike Gibson, present. Possibility of tying WCID #13 and Mr. Denton's proposed system together for emergency purposes was discussed. Name of franchise would be Live Oak Water Corporation serving the subdivision named Live Oak Estates. Sewerage would be through San Antonio River Authority.

Tax Ordinance for 1969 was read a second time. Franchise for Live Oak Water Corporation read second time.

### **4 February, 1969**

Regular meeting of city council of Live Oak held at Live Oak Elementary School in conjunction with an annexation public hearing.

Mayor Elton Friesenhahn called the meeting to order with Messrs Able, Harper, Weikert and Wilbur Friesenhahn present. Also in attendance were city attorney Mike Gibson, Messrs Lloyd Denton, Chesley Swan, and John Davidson of Improvement Inc (Live Oak Village Inc), and Messrs Cliff Morton, Quincy Lee of Community Properties and Mr. O. Van Horn of WCID #13. The annexation discussion concerned areas to the Northwest and East of current city boundaries. Ordinance read for first time by city attorney.

Meeting minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$6,858.63. Tax ordinance for year 1969 read for third time with approved rate of \$.60 per \$100 valuation by Bexar County. Voted and approved.

Third reading of Live Oak Water Corporation was read and opened for discussion. Objections raised by Mr. Van Horn and Mr. Morton were noted and added to proposal. These were 1. Specifications 2. Definitive rates, 3. Fire Protection, and 4. Well to be used. After adjournment to executive discussion with attorney, council reconvened and amended the ordinance to incorporate objection. Special meeting called for 11 February, 1969.

**11 February, 1969**

Special meeting called to order by Mayor Elton Friesenhahn at the Live Oak Elementary School. 40 citizens in attendance as well as Mr. Denton with 4 representatives and Community Properties with 11 representatives.

First order of business as the annexation ordinance read by Ms. Bernice Friesenhahn. Proposed was annexation of 156.685 acres on East side and 85.458 acres on the Northwest side of Live Oak-second reading.

Discussion of the development of Live Oak Estates followed focusing on the delivery of water. Mr. Denton addressed cost of the new homes to be built, and water franchise details and advantage to City of Live Oak. Community Properties opposed the franchise as being too costly to city. WCID#13 opposed the franchise based on cost of borrowing funds by a private company. Questions raised by citizens were why WCID#13 has denied providing water to other developers, and would the City give franchises to other developers also.

Motion made to pass ordinance as read for fourth time by Wilbur Friesenhahn and seconded by John Harper. Mathew made motion not to vote, but table the issue. Second by Clyde Weikert. Vote called. To table-Bill Able, To table-Clyde Weiker, To Table-Mathew Friesenhahn, Not to Table-John Harper and Not to Table-Wilbur Friesenhahn.

Motion made to Mr. Harper to have Mr. Able and Mr. Weikert meet with city attorney and Mr. Denton to work out a more acceptable franchise agreement to settle on an answer one way or the other.

**18 February, 1969**

Special meeting of City Council called by Mayor Friesenhahn with all present except Mathew Friesenhahn.

Report from Mr. Harper showed that Judson School District had severely underestimated the expansion of the school needs in the District, especially Live Oak in view of the rapid population growth of the city.

Third reading of annexation ordinance was accomplished and approved unanimously. Copy of annexation ordinance given to Mr. John Shannon of Texas Highway Planning Survey to update state maps.

Redraft of water franchise ordinance was covered by Mr. Able stating all objections and questions were included in the amended ordinance to be presented to a public hearing and final reading on February 25<sup>th</sup> at Live Oak Elementary School.

Exclusive right of Garbage pickup was requested by Mr. Schuster (Judson School District Contract) and Mr. Gutierrez (Live Oak Residential). Council decision was garbage pickup is a private treaty between the pickup service and the customer and the City Council cannot deny either contractor. Future ordinance discussed concerning trash on streets, covering garbage cans and old cars parked on street. Need for more street lights also discussed.

**25 February, 1969:**

Special meeting of City Council called by Mayor Elton Friesenhahn at Live Oak Elementary School with all aldermen present except Mathew Friesenhahn and the city attorney, Mike Gibson. Present were 50 citizens, Mr. Lloyd Denton and Community Properties with their representatives.

Mr. Able called on to discuss the alternatives available to Mr. Denton. WCID #13 rushed an ordinance through council in 1966 with a quick decision to grant WCID #13 exclusive water distribution right. Council had worked with Mr. Denton for over six months to resolve the lack of water service issue. Motion to take franchise off the table made and seconded with unanimous approval.

Council motion to accept proposal by Live Oak Civic Association and activation of Live Oak Planning and Zoning Commission to determine water needs and forego consideration of ordinance just read until it was determined WCID#13 could not provide water.

Signed petition containing 250 home owners presented by Live Oak Civic Association opposing the Franchise Ordinance. Vote taken on motion by Mr. Weikert-Mr. Able-For, Mr. Harper-Against, Mr. Friesenhahn-Against, and Mr. Weikert-For. Mayor Elton Friesenhahn cast vote For to break the tie. Water Franchise Ordinance defeated. Plat for Unit 1, Live Oak Estates presented showing private water and sewer easements and approval requested. Sixteen citizens signed names for service on the Planning and Zoning Commission after meeting closed.

**4 March, 1969**

Regular meeting of City Council held in home of Wilbur Friesenhahn. Mayor and all aldermen except Mathew Friesenhahn were present. Two guess present were Mssrs Joe Marchant and Chuck Laurent. Minutes of last regular meeting and four special meetings were read and approved. Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$5,970.24.

Motions made for 1,000 additional building permits be reprinted with changes, Costs of renaming streets were to be responsibility of developer, not city.

Water issue between Mr. Denton and WCID #13 were working on an agreement to provide water. Water wells may only be drilled by home owners for personal use.

Five founding members of the Live Oak Planning and Zoning Commission were appointed. They were Messrs Joe F. Marchant, Jesse Smith, Dan Gable, Mack MacDonald and Forest Whitlow. Five founding members of Board of Adjustment were Messrs Victor Cole, Tom Smith, Gerald D. Barnett, Leon Ross and Joe Kohout.

Community Properties Plat for Live Oak Village Unit 7 was not approved pending the receipt of complete utility plat showing all utilities properly installed.

**1 April, 1969**

Regular meeting called to order by Mayor Elton Friesenhahn. Meeting minutes were approved and Treasurer's report of \$7,230.01 accepted.

Community Properties plat for street lights amended and approved. City attorney, Mr. Gibson, briefed council on three new ordinances: Speeding Ordinance, Corporation Court Ordinance and Taxation on Mobil Home Ordinance.

First reading of these ordinances was accomplished. Further explanation of Court Ordinance showed city allowed a corporation court and the Mayor is the ex-officio judge with the city clerk authorized to appoint a deputy to serve the court.

Mr. Joe Marchant, Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z Cmsn) briefed on zoning guide for developers. First individual to address P&Z Cmsn was Mr. Hilmar Schuhardt for a trailer park. City Marshall was provided with red light and other supplies for his car. Water problem between Mr. Denton and WCID #13 was solved with agreement to furnish water for development. Live Oak Elementary School addition did not have a building permit as of yet.

**6 May 1969**

Regular Meeting of City Council held in the home of Mr. Wilbur Friesenhahn with all present except Mr. Wm Able. Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$7,845.94 Minutes approved as read.

Issue of permits not being issued for Live Oak Elementary School addition and number of Community Properties homes were discussed for enforcement.

Issue of nominal compensation for council members for first time was raised at this meeting. Dinner meeting of Council members and wives discussed as alternate compensation in thanks for what done in city.

**1 July, 1969**

Regular meeting of City Council in home of Mayor Elton Friesenhahn with all aldermen present. City Clerk was ill and unable to attend. Minutes of last meeting were approved as read. Treasurer's report showed balance of \$9,276.08

Live Oak streets were renamed and renumbered per request of US Postal Service. Streets were Village Oak Drive, Old Spanish Trail, and Welcome Drive. Mr. E. Paul Fisher requested P&Z Cmsn rezone his property to Commercial-Business Retail. Approved as requested.

Corporation Court established with only one reading of the Ordinance as motion to do so by council was passed and ordinance passed on two separate votes.

Zoning Cmsn report on the property zoned for Commercial-Business Retail- drive-in restaurant as well as a mall type building Mr. Gabel on P&Z recues himself as he was a business partner of Mr. Fisher. (See Exhibit A to July 1, 1969 meeting)

**5 August, 1969**

Regular meeting of City Council called to order in home of Wilbur Friesenhahn with all present except Mathew Friesenhahn. Zoning of Schuchardt Mobile Home Park was permitted and approved with specific stipulations as variances to zoning ordinance.

Treasurer's Report of \$9,523.45 accepted and minutes of last meeting approved as read.

Speed Limit ordinance passed and approved on first and only reading establishing a 60 MPH speed limit on SH 218 (Pat Booker Rd). Meeting adjourned to be reconvened at 8:00 PM on 7 August. Community Properties Inc submitted a bill to city for sign replacement lost due to vandalism, theft or destruction in amount of \$39.50. Plats for Community Properties Units 5, 6, and 7 were approved by council.

Drainage Ditch resolution assigned first individual to maintain public properties and clear drainage ditches to good order. State of Texas will maintain highway rights of way in good order.

**2 September, 1969**

Meeting held in the home of Wilbur Friesenhahn with members present. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$10,051.00.

Discussion covered hiring of first law enforcement officer who would also take care of municipal property. A contractor was contacted and approved to clean ditches of weed and debris. Municipal Court was to start with tickets to be printed after new city attorney Mr. Mayo Galindo presented procedures for court operations.

**14 October, 1969:**

Meeting held at home of Wilbur Friesenhahn with all aldermen present. Minutes read and approved. Treasurer's report of \$10, 153.76 accepted. Initial approval of contract for Mr. Gutierrez to serve Live Oak with garbage pickup. Will be approved at next meeting.

Next election of city council will be in April, 1970. Change to terms of office dictated by State Law to have alternating terms of office for council members. Positions to be designated. WCID #13 is constructing Water Storage Tank, but no request for permit. Will see if painting LIVE OAK on tank will be acceptable replacement for payment of fee. First 13 building permits issued to Mr. Tommy Smith (Flamingo Homes) in Live Oak Estates subdivision.

**4 November, 1969**

Meeting held at home of Wilbur Friesenhahn with all aldermen present.

Cliff Morton and Henry Bain representing Community Properties requested permission to create two new water districts across FM 1604 and south in the Live Oak ETJ. Asked about city plans for utility infrastructure in the city of the future. Question referred to Mr.

Galindo for advice and legal direction. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. Treasurer's report noted a balance of \$9,293.86 and a bill of \$947.00 from Bridges Sign Co. Clerk directed to pay this bill. Cub Scout leaders, Messrs Leon Ross and Bob Wilkins requested sponsorship by city and purchase of Cub Scout flag for \$23.00

WCID#13 still had not purchased a building permit and will not paint LIVE OAK on tower as it costs \$250.00 to do. The proposed development of two additional water districts and problems with WCID#13 caused council to discuss taking over all water supply for the city. Two city law enforcement officers' applicants submitted paperwork, Mr. Howard M Hazelwood Sr. and Mr. Jerry Smith. Would be considered at special meeting on 11 November.

**11 November, 1969**

Special meeting held in home of Wilbur Friesenhahn with all aldermen present.

Proposed master plan presented to council by Mr. Ralph Bender with layout of city residential, business, recreational areas and public areas. Recommended area for municipal areas was suggested near intersection of SH 218 and Village Oak Drive.

Discussion on the issue of two independent water districts was continued with four options addressed: 1-Expand WCID#13-Not desirable, 2-Give private franchise-Not Desirable, 3-City provide services-Not able to do so and 4-Approve new water districts within ETJ. New water district boundaries and limits are attachment to these minutes.

Mr. Jerry Smith was elevated to position of City Marshall. Additional application for law enforcement officers received from Mr. Edward Sullivan and Mr. J.A. Padgett.

**2 December 1969**

Regular meeting held at home of Wilbur Friesenhahn with all aldermen present. Minutes of previous meeting accepted and approved. Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$13,783.71. Resolutions passed giving Community Properties permission to proceed with formation of two

water districts. Resolution passed approving contract with Mr. Gutierrez for garbage pickup. Terms of contract to run for 3 years and monthly fee of \$3.00

Council recommended to P&Z to set aside area for zoned for churches. WCID #13 and city have finally worked out the permit versus painting LIVE OK issue to the benefit of both parties. Mr. Clyde Weikert briefed council on setting up a Police Department. Bids for renting a police car would be \$139.54/month for two years. No bids received for buying a car. Budget for 1970 was discussed and came to \$16,000. Council felt tax rate could remain at 60 cents per \$100.00 valuation.

### **9 December, 1969**

Special meeting in home of Wilbur Friesenhahn with John Harper, Clyde Weiker, Wilbur Friesenhahn and Elton Friesenhahn present. Car rental remained unchanged except the city had to purchase radio equipment to put in car. The sole bid for a purchase was a Dodge Polara Police car at a cost of \$3,374.25. City would also have to purchase a radio. Radio cost was \$891.90. Council instructed Mr. Weikert to purchase the Dodge Polara. Mr. Weikert had contacted the Water District for an office for the Police Department to use. Space would be provided, but city would have to provide supplies.

### **6 January, 1970**

Meeting held in home of Wilbur Friesenhahn with all present including Mayo Galindo, City Attorney. Minutes approved and Treasurer's report in the amount of \$13,504.03 was accepted. City attorney advised council the city having passed a 600 population threshold would have more corporate powers. City having a full time police officer will relieve the requirement for a separate city marshal. The city law enforcement officer and city clerk were also bonded in performance of duties. Maintenance of the city police car focused on getting a service station within city of Live Oak. Initial payment of mileage was set at 10 cents / mile when using personal vehicle for police business until receipt of police vehicle. Selma Grange upon being dissolved made a donation of \$200 to get the Live Oak Fire Department started.

### **28 January, 1970**

Special meeting of city council called to order at home of Wilbur Friesenhahn with Mayor Friesenhahn, Mathew Friesenhahn, Clyde Weikert and Wilbur Friesenhahn present. Ordinance passed providing for resignation of Andrew J Smith as City Marshal and appointing Jerry Smith as City Marshall. Ordinance passed to compensate Jerry Smith \$600.00 per month with an annual uniform allowance of \$100.00. Jerry Smith sworn in as City Marshall after appointment.

### **3 February, 1970**

Meeting called to order at home of Wilbur Friesenhahn. All aldermen and mayor present except Mathew Friesenhahn. Treasurer's report showed balance of \$16,350.48. Garbage pickup service to High Key Apts was causing complaints, but not serviced by Gutierrez Garbage. Check for \$175 received from Selma Grange. Clerk directed to put \$7,000 of city funds in Certificates of Deposits to generate more income. Referendum on leash law to be placed on April election ballot. Election to be held 4 April at Live Oak Elementary School. Ordinance adopting Chapters 1 thru 10 of Title 28 of Texas Statutes approved unanimously. 1970 Tax ordinance of 60 cents per \$100 valuation assessment passed on 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading.

**26 February, 1970**

Special meeting held at new Municipal Court Office at 7510 Austin Highway. Mayor arrived late. Mayor Pro Tem Able presided with all aldermen and Marshall Jerry Smith in attendance. Purpose of meeting was to vote on ordinances 126 through 140. All new ordinances approved by voice vote of all aldermen. Old ordinances 103, 119, 120, 121 null and void by approval of these new ordinances by resolution of council.

**3 March 1970**

Meeting of City Council called to order in home of Wilbur Friesenhahn. All aldermen and Marshall Jerry Smith present. Treasurer's report showed \$4,711.68 Balance. Purchase of one year CD for \$5,000 (5.50 % rate) and two 90 day CDs for \$1,000 each (4.50% rate) was announced. Street requested behind Dutch's Grocery. Street must be paved and curbed by developer after approval by Planning and Zoning Commission.

Dog Leash referendum placed on April Ballot establishing it as a misdemeanor offense for violation.

**20 March, 1970**

Special meeting held at home of Wilbur Friesenhahn. Purpose of meeting was to address problems with overbuilding into easements and front yards by two home builders. Front yard setback violated on Lot 9, Block 3 of Live Oak Estates Unit 1 was granted exception by council with letter of reprimand sent to builder. Lot 21, Block 7, Live Oak Village Unit 1 encroached on utility easement. Certificate of Occupancy granted after Mr. Riechart agreed to accept responsibility for any and all damages to city property and equipment when city needs to cross/access the easement.

Permit requested for a trailer park behind Dutch's Grocery referred to P&Z. Time and place for sessions of Municipal Court of Live Oak and appointment/salary of court clerk, Ms Agnes E. Eisenberg approved. City Marshall's office abolished and City Chief of Police (Mr. Jerry Smith) appointed and approved by council. First Municipal Court of Live Oak session collected \$156.00 in traffic violation fines.

**7 April, 1970**

Regular meeting of Live Oak City Council held at home of Wilbur Friesenhahn. All aldermen present with Mr. Joe Marchant also in attendance. Report from Mr. Marchant received by council regarding the swimming pool built and operated by Live Oak Civic Association. Pool membership was limited to Community Properties home owners. Briefing was to extend invitation to Council members not living in the Live Oak Subdivision.

Minutes of previous two meeting accepted and approved. Bank balance of \$1,736.19 necessitated discussion of cashing on one of the \$1,000 CDs.

Property revaluation discussions were requested by Bexar County, but denied based on Judson ISD recent valuations being used by Bexar County. Mr. Lloyd Denton was granted a variance to use property fronting on IH 35 at Toepperwein Rd for business. Results of 4 April election were: Mayor-Elton Friesenhahn, Aldermen: John L. Harper, Wilber Friesenhahn, Mathew Friesenhahn, Clyde Weikert, and William Able. Dog referendum passed 31 for-10 against. City approved a motion to purchase the first radar unit for a cost of \$1,345.00 on the advice of Police Chief Jerry Smith.

**5 May, 1970**

Meeting held at the Live Oak Elementary School. Public Hearing in conjunction with the regular meeting was also held with all aldermen present and the police chief. 32 residents and property owners were in attendance. Minutes approved and Treasurer's report with balance of \$1,497.64 cash and \$6,000 in Certificates of Deposit and all bills paid.

Request for rezoning of property behind Dutch's Grocery for a mobile home park. Issues addressed were water well development and road easement of 50 foot width into the property. Favorably received without citizen comment.

Second zoning request was for commercial classification on property adjacent to IH-35 between Toepperwein Rd and the On-the-Way Grocery. Objection raised by granting variance to all of Lot 22, Blk 1, Unit 1. Variance adjusted after study to Frontage on IH35 to a lot depth of 169 feet with retail development only allowed. After further discussion, inclusion of the Fisher property in the variance as it was adjacent to the requested zoning. Further discussion covered the addition and variance was unanimously adopted by entire council. Mr. William Able resigned his post and Mr. Larry Hidalgo was to be appointed to fill his unexpired term.

**2 June, 1970**

Council meeting convened in home of Wilbur Friesenhahn with all aldermen present. Bank balance of \$808.77 reported by clerk and minutes of last meeting were approved.

Discussion leads to a council consensus abstaining from enacting a law that was impossible to enforce. Zoning requested for a 30 plus dog kennel next to the Pan Am Speedway. Information presented to council which recommended favorable endorsement and action by the zoning commission.

1970 census report was formally reported as 2,721 in preliminary data collected.

**9 June, 1970**

Special work session held at home of Wilbur Friesenhahn with all aldermen present including the Police Chief. Nine citizens were also in attendance. Work was accomplished on several ordinances and this meeting was considered the first reading of all ordinances discussed. Ordinances covered these areas; Parking and No-Parking areas in city, Inter-local assistances requests, more definition of zoning classifications, zoning of a dog kennel, annexation of areas along IH 35, Pat Booker Rd and FM 1604, garbage and trash pickup and the Dog Leash Ordinance. City growth would result in more staff hiring for added services and as a result an increase in tax revenue was unavoidable

Last item discussed was the flooding encountered on Welcome Drive where Greycliff intersects due to runoff of soil. Drainage ditch also had a silting problem needing attention from Community Properties.

**30 June, 1970**

Meeting of City Council of Live Oak was held in Municipal Court Office at 7510 Austin Hwy. All aldermen present with 12 citizens in attendance. First item was ordinance for rezoning of land to Dog Grooming Kennels. After unanimous opposition from four citizens who spoke, council voted against the variance request. Second reading of annexation ordinance was accomplished w/o objection. Ordinance 112, specific zoning ordinance read and passed second

reading. Tax ordinance was read for the year January 1970 to December 31, 1970 increasing tax rate from 60 cents to one dollar per hundred dollars assessed valuation. Adopted unanimously. Chief Smith and 3 citizens present.

One citizen stated he was for Dog Leash law during discussion. Mr. Fred Harrison, Weekly Herald newspaper, stated he would be starting coverage of activities of City Council in the paper. Third and final readings of ordinances on Parking, Inter-Local assistance, Annexation, and Zoning were approved. Herald Newspaper was designated the city's official newspaper for all future public notices.

#### **4 August, 1970**

Regular meeting of City Council of Live Oak held in home of Wilbur Friesenhahn. All present except Mr. Harper who was working Hr Celia telephone service repair in Corpus Christi. Messrs Morton and Lee presented a proposal to give land to the city for a municipal building. This donation would be at no cost to the city and size of the property and location would be negotiable. Issues of population build out, fire and police coverage were discussed. Three letters concerning items for future action were read. City of Live Oak welcomed Nancy Polski as new editor of the Village Voice. Suggestion made to notify school district on all new subdivision platting to allow for adjustment to enrollment increases. WCID#13 advised city it would need to hire a secretary to answer phones and do typing in the Police Department as their secretary could no longer handle the increasing workload.

#### **1 September, 1970**

Meeting held in home of Wilbur Friesenhahn with all present except Clyde Weiker. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Treasurer's Report showed a balance of \$2,226.08 cash and \$2,500 in Certificates of Deposit.

Official census report for Live Oak showed 3,101 residents with 62% being military.

Proposed Municipal Building and property requirements were set at 3,000 sq feet with 2,000 sq for municipal activities and 1,000 sq ft for fire department.

Base Community Council representative, Maj. Bob Coldwater, gave a report on the division of activities into a steering group (Mayors) and working group (Representatives of cities). Three items under study were; Safety in area of Flying and Traffic, Youth activities, and Pet-Control.

Resolution passed and sent to TX Dot requesting a traffic light at TX Hwy 218 and Village Oak Drive. Ms Marian Elbel hired as Municipal Court Clerk assistant and Police Department Secretary effective September 14<sup>th</sup>, 1970. Salary would be \$2.00 per hour for 5 hours per day, 5 days a week.

Ordinance #149 passed approving coverage of all city employees by Social Security, but not elective officers.

#### **23 September, 1970**

Special meeting called to order in home of John Harper. All present except Mayor Friesenhahn and Clyde Weikert. Purpose of meeting was discussion and approval to hire an additional police officer. Discussion and results of interviews by Chief Smith led to approval to hire Mr. Richard Carey for a salary of \$450.00 / month. Patrol car would be given to Officer Carey and Chief Smith would purchase his own car and be paid a car allowance.

**6 October, 1970**

Regular meeting called to order in home of Wilbur Friesenhahn. All present except Larry Hidalgo and the two police officers. Clerk read the minutes of last meeting and reported bank balance at \$1,800.21 with all bills paid. Accepted and approved.

Dog leash ordinance first reading voted on. Resolution made to establish a 9:00 PM curfew for Halloween night trick or treaters. Tax Ordinance repealed tax ordinance for 1970 setting a rate of 60 cents per hundred and re-establishing a rate of one dollar per hundred property valuation. Speed limit on FM 1604 set by ordinance immediate adoption.

Establishment of Fire Department discussed with specifics of getting equipment from TX Surplus. Mr. Heinz Mueller and Mr. Robert Simica appoint to committee to get fire department started. Fund raising effort will occur in spring 1971.

Messrs Morton and Bender stated they would donate property and architect fees to city once city determines the size of lot needed for Municipal building. Unit 8 of Live Oak Village was requested to be platted and zoned for meeting of 3 November, 1970.

Proposed budget for 1971 was for \$42,880.00 in both revenues and expenditures. Adopted unanimously.

Resolution drawn recognizing and designating October 12<sup>th</sup> as Randolph Air Force Base Day in Live Oak in honor of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of RAFB.

**3 November, 1970**

Meeting held at home of Wilbur Friesenhahn with all aldermen present and the Police Chief Smith. Minutes of last meet approved as read. Bank balance showed \$607.18 in cash plus \$2,500 in Certificates of Deposit.

Billboard on IH 35 was to be removed as placed without a permit. Mr. Heinz Mueller appointed fire marshal and Mr. Bob Simica, his assistant. Basic tools needed for fire department would take approximately \$5,000. This figure does not include a fire vehicle. Discussion of bank loan for two years for fire department. City sales tax adoption vote in 1971 also discussed.

Ordinance annexing Live Oak Village Unit 8 approved and adopted. Ordinances adopting location of Stop signs and designating through streets as well as licensing/regulating solicitors and peddlers also approved.

City clerk directed to give Mr. Mueller a letter to negotiate business on behalf of City of Live Oak as it's appointed Fire Marshall.

**24 November 1970**

Special Meeting of Live Oak City Council held in home of Wilbur Friesenhahn with all aldermen present except Clyde Weikert.

Completed plans for a Mr. M Food Store on Village Oaks Drive submitted to council. Lack of Lot, Block, and address delayed permit issuance. Morton and Lee builders agreed to allow council to use one of the model homes on Village Oak Dr as the City Hall until new Municipal building is built. It will be provided rent free.

Mr. Mueller announced a used fully operational fire truck (1942 Chevrolet) had been located in Balcones Heights. It had been replaced with a new vehicle. The fire marshals and Mr. John Harper had checked it out as satisfactory. Balcones Height agreed to sell it to Live Oak for \$1,200.00. Council voted to accept this offer and work on getting funds into the budget to pay

for it. A second truck (2 and ½ ton) also located in Balcones Heights was available for \$450.00. Council voted to purchase this vehicle to be converted to a water tanker.

TXDOT approved and stated would place a traffic light at intersection of FM 218 and Village Oak Drive. Community Properties submitted a plat for approval of Live Oak Subdivision Unit 11. Lot sizes did not conform to minimum requirements in Zoning Ordinance and plat returned for correction.

### **1 December, 1970**

Meeting held in new City Hall (Morton & Lee Model Home) with all aldermen present. Minutes of last regular meeting approved and accepted. Treasurer's report showed a Bank Balance of \$2,495.59 and a Certificate of Deposit for \$5,000. First check for 1970 property taxes had been received and deposited. Mr. Mueller presented the council with a requirement of \$ 4,264 in minimum funds to operate and fund equipment. Suggestion to join Bexar County Fire Fighters Association to provide mutual assistance from other departments and get insurance for the volunteer firemen. Kick off meeting to organize a Fire Department was set for December 16<sup>th</sup>, 1970 in the Live Oak Elementary School. Mr. Mueller advised pumper drills are held each Sunday afternoon at 1:00 PM at 12718 Welcome Drive with anyone welcome.

Clarence Albrecht requested update on a triplex building he had submitted for approval some months ago.

### **10 December, 1970**

Special meeting of City Council of Live Oak called to discuss the issue of drainage ditch erosion. All aldermen present except the Mayor. Mayor Pro-Tem John Harper presiding.

USDA Soil Conservation Service specialist briefed council there was 1543 acres of drainage in the Live Oak Watershed. The major problem was the dirt drainage channels vs the concreted drainage channels and soil runoff from new homes being constructed. City needs a decision on the concreting of channels every 5, 10 or 15 years. City needs to hire an engineer to assist in this planning.

Motion made to hire Mr. R. Marvin Shipman to review new building drainage as he had already engineered existing developments.

Council after looking at the workload decided on formally going to two meeting per month. Motion made, seconded and approved unanimously.

### **5 January, 1971**

Meeting held in City Hall with all aldermen present except the Mayor. Mayor Pro-Tem John Harper called meeting to order at 7:40 PM. Minutes of previous meetings approved after minor correction. Treasurer's report showed Checking Account Balance of \$9,924.12 and CD of \$5,000 as of 31 December, 1970

\$10.00 fee for rezoning request and plat showing exact location of property need from Mr. Albrecht.

Mr. Robert Simica presented a budget to the Council for \$6,000 for basic needs of organizing a Vol. Fire Department. Immediate needs were a building to house the fire trucks and installation of a telephone alarm system to alert volunteer firemen.

Organization meeting and election of officers will be held on 10 January, 1971. Construction of the fire house will be set for January 16<sup>th</sup>, 1971 on Water District wellsite#1 Lot.

Morton & Lee have been asked to open the strip between the two subdivisions. Council requested, at a minimum, a breakaway barricade be established to allow emergency vehicle access to the entire city. City addressed a health issue with an open pit sewerage facility serving the trailer park operated by Mr. Claude Ferrell. Park was to be closed as no permit issued or zoning approved for the trailer park.

Ordinances 159 through 166 were voted on and approved unanimously. Ordinances covered the establishment of a Volunteer Fire Department, Subdivision Ordinance, Plumbing Code, Electrical Code, Trash and Garbage collection, waiver of city building inspections.

Placement of a 1 percent (%) city sales tax information arrived allowing placement on the election ballot to be held 3 April, 1971.

Discussion of fireworks for next meeting requested Councilmember comments due to numerous citizen calls during holidays about use in city limits.

### **26 January, 1971**

Regular work session convened by Mayor Pro-Tem at 7:30 PM All aldermen present except the Mayor.

Community Properties plat submitted for approval after changes to lot size concerning depth of lots. Recommend for approval by the Mayor Pro-Tem.

Cost of first Fire House will be \$600.00 Mr. David Allen was appointed general building inspector for City of Live Oak. His services will be paid out of one/half of the permit fee. Mr. Mueller presented a bid for the 6x6 truck conversion to a water tanker was \$1,570. Council approved spending the funds and further authorized purchase of 1,000 feet of polyester hose. Both Live Oak police officers were authorized to serve warrants issued by the Municipal Court in off duty hours. They would receive the warrant fee for their services

### **2 February, 1971**

Regular meeting of Live Oak City Council held starting at 7:40 PM. Mayor Elton Friesenhahn presided with only one alderman absent, Mr. Mathew. Previous meeting minutes were read and approved. Bank balance noted as \$3,553.37 in cash.

Mr. Cliff Morton approached council about changing lot sizes from 7200 sq feet to something as small as 5500 sq feet. Justification was the increasing costs of home construction required more homes in a given area of development. Mr. Morton also stated he currently could not and would not take the liability risk to open the barricade on Village Oak.

Council next addressed the mobile home park operated by Mr. Ferrell and Mr. Niedorff. After discussion, the council granted a 60 day window to bring the Trailer park into compliance with city ordinances and zoning code.

Mr. Hilmar Schuhardt asked for and received an extension to June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1971 of his existing variance.

Ordinances approved calling for elections to be held on 3 April, 1971 and further providing for adoption of a 1% City Sales Tax by citizen vote. The budget for 1971-1972 would be worked on at the February 23<sup>rd</sup> work session.

Mr. Gutierrez is now the garbage collector for all of Live Oak to include both commercial and residential properties.

### **23 February, 1971**

Regular work session of Live Oak City Council held in the City Hall at 7:40 PM. All aldermen except the Mayor present along with Chief Smith, Mr. Mueller and Mr. Simica.

Mr. Ricci Ware, owner of Pan Am Speedway, requested Fire Department support on Saturday Night races. Council approved and sanctioned the use of the Volunteer Fire Department when compensation was negotiated for their services.

Fire officials requested approval of mutual aid support agreements with Randolph AFB and surrounding communities. Council approved the painting of the new fire truck for \$60.00. Clerk directed to pay \$450.00 owed Balcones Height by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 1971 and send a letter of thanks for their support. Mr. Morton's and Mr. Lee's request for smaller lot sizes was declined to prevent overcrowding. Work on 1971-1972 Budget was begun. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 PM.

## **2 March, 1971**

Meeting held in City Hall with all aldermen present. Bank balance as of February 26, 1971 was \$3,714.23.

Mr. Ferrell turned a rezoning request for all his property on IH 35. Mutual aid agreement approved for fire protection. Letter to be sent to Bexar County stating Live Oak Fire Dept desires to be a member dept of the paid county fire system. Fire Dept volunteers would receive \$25.00 for each service as fire protection crew at Pan Am Speedway. Two way radios were declared obsolete and one serviceable unit was created from cannibalizing both units. A second transistor radio was to be purchased for the 6X6 truck.

Live Oak Village Unit 5, Phase III was discussed and plat accepted by motion. Live Oak Village Unit 6, Phase III was approved and plat accepted with minor exceptions. A few lot sizes did not conform to width and depth requirement, but all met minimum lot size.

Ordinance regulating septic tanks was adopted unanimously.

Official and Local Sales Use tax election was to be held on April 3, 1971. March 3 is last day to file for office.

## **March 30, 1971**

Regular work session meeting of city council called to order in City Hall. Citizen appeared requesting a permit for a fence higher than city ordinance allowed. After discussion, motion was made to approve permit for higher fence.

Citizens presented a petition objecting to erection of a fire siren at the fire house. Fire Marshall Mueller advised the purpose of the siren was to provide rapid response by volunteers. Election judges would be paid \$10.00 for running polls on Election Day.

Plat of Live Oak Estates, Unit 5 by Lloyd Denton was approved with a variance requiring all drainage ditches be seeded and watered until ground cover appeared. Morton & Lee submitted plat for approval Live Oak Village Unit 5, Phase III. Approved subject to same requirements as set for Mr. Denton.

Mr. Ferrell's rezoning request was recommended for approval at the next regular council meeting by the Planning and Zoning Commission. All property owners w/i 200 feet will be notified prior to the meeting.

New police officer was hired effective April 1, 1971 per request of Chief Smith. Starting pay was \$550/month. Ordinance passed and approved providing the State to maintain the traffic light at State Hwy 218 and Village Oak Drive.

**April 6, 1971:**

Meeting of City Council called to order in City Hall. All aldermen were present. Minutes read and approved. Bank balance was reported as \$6699.00. Telephone Co franchise fee of 2% in the amount of \$1,229.94 received and added to the balance.

City election results were declared as follows: To serve for next two years, Mr. Wilbur Friesenhahn, Mr. Mathew Friesenhahn, and Mr. Larry C. Hildalgo. The Local Sales Tax initiative was adopted by a vote of 55 to 10.

Mr. Lloyd Denton was given preliminary approval to plat a park as part of his development.

Discussion covered appointments to fill vacancies on Boards and Commissions in near future. Morton and Lee planning for development of Units 5, 6 and the small strip resulting in the Village Oak cut through when platted and developed.

Old windmill tower located and purchase approved for use as fire siren tower and a hose tower at a cost of \$25.00

Work on the 1971-72 budget continued with public hearing proposed for May 25<sup>th</sup>. Must pass tax ordinance by July 6, 1971 to arrive at Tax Assessor's Office before 1 August.

**April 27, 1971:**

Regular work session of city council held in City Hall with all aldermen and Chief Smith present. Work done on the city budget for 1971-72. Main emphasis was on maintenance and equipment to do the maintenance.

**May 4, 1971**

Regular meeting of city council held in City Hall with all aldermen, Chief Smith and Mrs. Marion Elbel present. Minutes of the last meeting read and approved. Bank balance as of April 30 was \$7,460.71.

Fire siren could not be put up until the Water District removed their water tank,

Mrs. Bernice Friesenhahn announced she must resign her city secretary position after 11 years of service. Ms Marion Elbel was appointed Court Clerk and City Secretary by unanimous vote of the council.

Check signing authority approved by motion of council for Marion Elbel, Secretary and Mr. Elton Friesenhahn, Mayor.

Addition of second patrolman, Mr. Lingo, to police force resulted in a 32% reduction in crime.

Public hearing on the rezoning of the Ferrell property from R-1 to B-2 and B-3. The B-3 zoning was for the trailer park. It required sewerage and an adequate water supply for fire protection to meet City Code. Mr. Ferrell was given 6 months to bring property into compliance. Property was rezoned by Council vote subject to the noted requirements.

Request made for placement of traffic light at Toepperwein and IH 35.

**25 May, 1971:**

Monthly work session of city council held with all present except Wilbur and Elton Friesenhahn. Mr. John Harper called meeting to order.

Letter requesting an increase in pay presented by City Attorney Mayo Galindo. It was determined Mayo Galindo receive \$75/mo and Mr. Stewart Alexander receive \$50/mo effective June 1, 1971.

Zoning commission approved and recommended lot 11 block 1 and lot 10 block 5 be rezoned to B-2. Subdivision plats on Unit 6, Live Oak Estates, and Unit 7, Phase II Live Oak Village were approved by council.

Motion by Elton Friesenhahn made to waive fee for solicitor's permit to allow Schertz V.F.W. to sell poppies in Live Oak on May 29, 1971.

Motion made to reimburse any member attending an official function to be paid for his expenses approved unanimously.

Tractor bids still arriving to purchase a tractor for chuck holes and low spot repairs.

A recommended policy letter concerning the burial of utility wires was sent to City Public Service Board and Southwester Bell Telephone Co.

\$175.00 belonging to Live Oak Fire Department is to be drawn from San Antonio Savings Assn and sent to LO FD. Differences in the ETJ between Live Oak and Universal City needed to be scheduled in near future.

### **June 1, 1971:**

Regular meeting of city council called to order in the City Hall by the Mayor with all aldermen present.

Marion Elbel, City Clerk, read the minutes of May 4<sup>th</sup> and May 25<sup>th</sup> and approved by council. Bank balance as of June 1, 1971 was \$5,723.58.

Tom Riggs and Karen Hill were appointed to Zoning board by unanimous vote. Tony Caspar and Carolyn Zalaznick had one year remaining on term. Jesse Smith would serve until September.

Mr. Bob Simica reported that Bexar County had approved \$225/mo for Live Oak Fire Department. Mr. Mueller and Mr. Simica were commended for their ongoing efforts to ensure support from Bexar County.

Motion made and passed that City Council follow a definite agenda. City Secretary would draft and distribute the agenda three days prior to meeting.

1971-72 budget was discussed and adopted for the year November 1, 1971 to October 31, 1972.

Police chief Smith reported a citizen was painting automobiles in his garage. City Attorney requested to write a letter advising Zoning Ordinance violation he will be filed on. A city tractor was bid on and lowest bidder was Boeck Motors in Converse.

Committee was appointed to discuss the feasibility of curfew for the city of Live Oak.

### **June 29 1971**

Monthly work session of City Council held June 29, 1979 one alderman Wilbur and Matt two 3¢ on and Clyde wicker in attendance minutes previous meeting read and approved. Bob Semple reported committee on curfews net and recommended a curfew not practical at this time.

Jerry Smith reported dump truck purchased at cost of \$1,350.00 for city maintenance.

Fireworks ordinance discussed and accepted citizen's grateful claims on fireworks control acted on. Base waiver of solicitors permit for high school boys painting house numbers on resident's arrival is requested motion made to waive permit fee approved. Tax assessed value of \$3,995,380.00 required and warm tax rate to be \$1.30 per hundred dollars to meet 1971 – 72 budget future annexations discussed most important was the triangle an area east of the fans 1604.

**July 06, 1971**

Regular meeting called order by Mayor pro tem John Harper 7:30 PM all aldermen were present except Mayor Elton Friesenhahn. Public hearing on rezoning of two parcels of land in live oak estate subdivision from R-1 to B-2 of properties in live oak estates subdivision opened. Report from planning and zoning commission voiced a favorable change for the request. Mr. McMahon of flamingo homes presented proposed plan for small community center and apartment complex. Objections Rose by letter and personal appearance from four citizens. Mr. Macke on stated building would not be done that would hurt the neighborhood. Mr. Clyde Wickert recommended zoning commission to report be accepted proved after vote of council.

But in tax ordinance for the year January 01, 1971 to be some Bahr 311971 increased tax rate from 0.60 two 1.30 per hundred dollars valuation motion voted on and approved unanimously. Minimum square footage on single family residence discussed an ordinance directed to be prepared. City manager advised by the old did not have an ordinance regulating moving of structures into or within city limits and ordinance directed to this effect

**July 27, 1971 work session of City Council called to order by Mayor**

Realtor met with counsel to advise if plans of a shopping center on parcel of land at interstate 35 state highway 218 and have them 1604 intersection requested assistance in obtaining this utilities for the center Mayor pro tem Harper recommended council meet with their county water control district that next work session of City Council. He said he would attend meeting August 4 to advise of new development –Mr. Jerry Smith advised that mobile home should be included into the ordinance on moving of structures in two or within city limits. Mr. Farrell’s trailer park was questioned as to meeting city standards. Mayor Friesen on would contact Mr. Ferrell on required improvements. Ms. Lisa Dupree appointed as assistant city Secretary and assistant municipal court clerk in providing for compensation approved by counsel. Ordinance appointing lines Miller director of public works and providing for compensation proved tractor and equipment had arrived and is in use. Vehicle maintenance program started and in use. Mayor pro tem John Harper recommended a \$100.00 per month braves for Jerry Smith and you change workload like taking over city administration as well as police chief duties.

**August 03, 1971 regular meeting of City Council held in City Hall**

With all present city clerk was unable to attend therefore Mrs. Bernice Friesenhahn substituted for her.

Reports for department introduced a new President of Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Andre Meyer.

Resolutions commending Mr. Robert Simica for work in establishing and organizing the Live Oak Fire Department and Mr. Leonard Recker for work done for city of live oak read and accepted.

Comprehensive or master plan for city’s future growth and expansion not in advanced enough therefore council members will meet with zoning commission to work on plan. Mr. Smith drafted a letter to be presented to all new homeowners and citizens of live oak at the time they move into the city advising of rules and regulations. Letter approved.

**August 31, 1971**

City of live oak City Council work session called to order at 740 PM. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Morton southwest did not wish to ask for annexation of unit eleven. However homeowners would petition for annexation. Property on the east side of 1604 was requested to be annexed by live oak.

Mr. Roche Rosckes, 7517 standing oak said he had problems with the house he bought less than a year ago and builder unwilling to make repairs. Counsel stated they had no control over the situation and advised he contact the civic association during their meeting.

Plans for commercial building on the corner of copper line and village oak drive submitted and approved by counsel.

Letter from cliff Morton stating they were willing to donate the site for City Hall and build the structure at no profit. Also enclosed was propose set a preliminary plans for City Hall. City Secretary and buys to write a letter to Mr. Morton that Mayor would meet with him any time to discuss further.

Motion presented by that the meeting night would be changed to the second Tuesday of the month. Motion made and approved effective immediately. Monthly court sessions changed to afternoons rather than evening leaving the patrolman on the streets in the evening at time of most need. Council approved.

**September 14, 1971**

Regular meeting of the City Council called order by Mayor. Minutes of previous meeting approved and read.

Chiefs Mueller stated fire prevention week would begin with a parade through the city on October 3. It would be followed by a demonstration fire and open house at the live oak elementary school. He presented Wilbert Friesenhahn with a fire commissioner's badge for work well done.

Mayor pro tem Harper stated the interest on charge by southwestern bell would be discontinued September 11972.

Secretary advised letter sent to Mr. Morton in regards proposed plans of City Hall. No answer received yet. Secretary requested to notified property owners of grass weeds need of cutting.

Letter received from universal city Secretary requesting Mayor signed letter addressed to judge Blair Reeves requesting reconsideration of funding for tri cities to receive Federal funds through county or AACOG in the amount of \$18,274.00 for first year of operation expense of youth center program. Letter approved by City Council.

Moving structures ordinance read and approved by counsel.

**September 28, 1971**

Monthly work session of the City Council called to order. All councilmen present. Ordinance 186 minimum standards for mobile home Parks read discussed and adopted.

Mr. Jerry Smith stated a contract needed between the city and a wrecker company to control auctioning of unclaimed vehicles that had been impounded. Motion to negotiate a contract approved unanimously. Motion presented to give Jerry Smith the authority to establish and enforce rules and regulations for the police department.

Zoning commission made recommendation that lots seven through eighteen live oak estates subdivision be rezoned R-3 and lots nineteen and twenty be rezoned B-2 as requested. Public hearing will be held October 26.

Mr. Tony Centeno appointed to serve on zoning commission filling unexpired term of Tom Riggs. Other board members We're Carolyn Zalaznick, Tony Casper, Jesse Smith, Karen Hill. Ramon Ruiz appointed to fill vacancy on the Board of Adjustments. Other members were Mamie Coldwater, Howard Shafee, Mary Ann Casper and Laura McClurd.

**October 12 1971**

Many of the City Council called order by Mayor pro tem John Harper

Petition for annexation of unit love and live oak village signed by majority of property owners read and accepted. Notice a public hearing to be published in Weekly Herald

Mayor announced he had not been able to contact Mr. Morton concerning plans for New City Hall. Mr. Ferrell contacted City Hall concerning his septic tank system. City inspector informed him of procedure. A jeep pickup donated to the far department was in good running condition and has been equipped with a radio and accepted. Mr. Jerry Smith reported Randolph subregional thoroughfare study group requested each community share be raised above the original amount approved. Live oaks share increased from \$550.00 to \$917.00. If and when HUD funds became available, communities would be reimbursed for additional amount. Motion to accept approved and voted for.

Mr. Glenn lives on a pro to City Council stating plans to build an auto repair shop on pat booker wrote. Mayor pro tem Harper thanked him for bringing his plans before the council and stated he would be advised if there was any need for rezoning of property. Speed limit on state highway 218 red and adopted unanimously

**October 26, 1971**

Monthly work session of live oak City Council called order with all present except Mr. John Harper. Minutes of previous meeting approved as read.

Comprehensive plan for coordinated youth activities program for cities of universal city, shirts, said below, live oak, and converse discussed and rejected. Council felt any money going to a youth center should be spent in Live Oak. Youth of Live Oak would not benefit from a center in universal city. Mayor for Mayor Friesenhahn stated he would vote accordingly at next meeting on November 17.

Public hearing on lots to be rezoned at request of flamingo homes opened with a report of zoning commission being favorable. Short discussion followed and motion accepted to grant rezoning.

**November 09, 1971**

Regular monthly meeting of the City Council of the city of live oak called order by Mayor Friesenhahn on with all in attendance.

Minutes of previous meeting were approved as read

Mr. Jerry Smith reported the flamingo homes advertising was not in violation as long as less than 85% of the building is incomplete. Mr. Smith reported he'd worked on the square footage needed for new City Hall and the figures showed a little more than 5000 square feet and to include the fire department and the water board. He stated he would continue with plans and contact Mr. Morton.

Petition requesting annexation of unit in love and live oak village was read along with public notice by the Mayor. He asked for objections to the proposed annexation and there were none. Mayor Pro Tem Harper recommended to the council that an ordinance be prepared for approval at the November 30 meeting.

President at 7513 leading oaks requested approval of City Council to operate a small dancing school in home. Council approved on condition that no traffic hazard would develop to this school.

Mr. Ferrell, 7500 Austin highway, requested a sewer line be brought to his side of interstate 35. He was advised to contact San Antonio river authority.

The final plat of unit twelve, live oak village, was approved with condition that utility easement be changed to telephone easement and utility layout be signed by the utility companies. Preliminary plat of unit thirteen also approved.

Council approved Mr. Jerry Smith having full authority to set up a schedule of holidays, sick leave and annual leaves of city employees. Sick leave would accrue one day per month collective to 30 days, annual leave after one year of employment, one week; after two years of employment, two weeks; after ten years, three weeks and after twenty years, four weeks. The holidays would be the same as Bexar County.

A new addition to Mr. M. included a beauty shop and two other spaces for new businesses approved by council.

The fire chief has contacted the owner of two vacant houses off converse road which one has burned down twice. If the owner refuses to take any action to tear down or remove buildings the matter will be turned over to city attorney.

### **November 30, 1971**

Monthly work session a City Council of city live oak called to order by Mayor. All council members were present. Minutes of previous meeting approved as read.

Mr. Jerry Smith advised council he had contacted cliff Morton about the square footage of City Hall an architect is working on preliminary plans. Mr. Farrell's request for sewer line S.A.R.A. was referred back to Live Oak. Council determined it was a S.A.R.A. responsibility and directed contact with Mr. Pheifer.

Dog kennel was running smoothly. A German shepherd would be kept by city for later training as a narcotics dog.

Fire chief stated Bexar County fire marshal would try to help in getting rid of two vacant houses off of Converse Road.

Mr. Jerry Smith stated the police department had ordered a night scope of the cost of \$1,100.00. The city will pay \$275.00 and the rest will be paid by safe street bonding through the criminal justice division.

Ordinance number 189 amended zoning ordinance number 147 was approved by City Council. The Ordinance number 190 amendment to subdivision ordinance approved by city council. Ordinance number 191 annexation of unit eleven approved by City Council.

Resolution pertaining to flood insurance assuring Federal insurance administration the city of live oak will take legislative action to maintain in force flood insurance approved. Copy to be sent to Federal insurance administration.

Mr. Jerry Smith reported low bid for new patrol car was \$4,124.85. Bid made by O. R. Mitchell Plymouth on a fury III. Bid accepted by City Council.

Assistant fire chief stated that live oak volunteer fire department will again be getting monthly funds from Bexar County. The amount depends on commissioner's court vote. Either way live oak fire department should receive more funds than they did last year.

### **December 14 1971**

Regular monthly meeting of City Council called to order by Mayor with all councilmen in attendance. Due to absence of City Secretary, Ms Lisa Dupre, Assistant City Secretary, substituted for her. Minutes of previous meeting approved as read.

Colonel Altman, Randolph air force base, showed slides and talked about comprehensive area youth program. Approximate cost of Live Oak would be \$3,400.00. Citizens present at the meeting were given a chance to ask questions.

The acting city Secretary stated the city Secretary had contacted Mr. Charles Percival CPA and determined he would be able to work with her on city accounts. Mr. Jerry Smith stated that converse road would be paid by the county by April or may. Mr. Smith also reported he had met with cliff Morton and architect and hopefully the product and was it the fault of 358 thousand feet fifth. 3/2 of plate for three types. Final plat for units 12 and 13-Morton Southwest were approved.

Ordinance number 192 establishing a 30mph speed limit was read by Mayor and adopted unanimously. Ordinance 193 establishing stop signs streets read by Mayor pro tem and approved unanimously. Ordinance 194 establishing no passing zones read by the Mayor and adopted unanimously. Ordinance 195 sale of abandoned vehicles and other personal property read by Mayor adopted and approved unanimously. Ordinance 197 amendment to ordinance 135 adopting schedule of lines for certain offenses on plea of guilty prior to trial read and approved unanimously. Ordinance 196 appointing Gerard T. Shodrock as a patrolman approved unanimously.

Citizen expressed concerns about non-enforcement of Dog Leash Law. Mayor and Mayor-Pro Tem stated they would pickup stray dogs over Christmas vacation on call from citizens.

Ricci Ware, owner of Pan Am speedway, explained plans for expansion of speedway as well as a 4 to 6 acre park called Speedway Park. This park would be leased to the city for up to 10 years as a nominal cost of \$1.00 per year. He also presented a letter requesting Fire and Police Dept standby on December 30<sup>th</sup> during fireworks discharge due to needs of his insurance coverage.

December 28<sup>th</sup> Council meeting was dispensed due to the holiday season.

### **January 11 1972**

Regular monthly meeting of the live oak City Council call to order by the Mayor of council members present. Previous meeting minutes were approved as corrected.

Mayor pro tem John Harper reported that San Antonio river authority not interested in bringing this sewer line across to interstate highway 35 for private homeowners. Mr. Harper informed them the city was interested in this for future development. They stated that a study would be made.

The Mayor reported he'd heard only good news on how peaceful the city was during the holidays without fireworks. Everything went well at the Pan American Speedway on December 30<sup>th</sup> concerning the fireworks display.

Mr. Jerry Smith informed the council the new patrol car would be in by the end of the month. He also reported that dog problem had improved due to complaints filed on owners in violation of the dog leash law.

The fire chief, Mr. Mueller, reported during 1971, \$11,651.00 had been spent on fire department equipage.

Citizen reported a problem with water and that it had been discovered for a month and had ruined their clothes. Bexar county water control district board member Stated water was potable and hoped the problem was now solved. Council informed citizens at the meeting the water was not owned by the city and they should go to water board meeting on January 12.

Resolution read for work done in helping to make our city a better place to live. Accepted and copy presented to Mr. Smith.

Delegation from McDonald's trailer park were displeased with new mobile home park ordinance requiring a \$1.50 a month inspection fee for each mobile home. Mr. Smith explained the B. was an inspection of all utility connections by the city inspector and a fire hazard inspection by the city fire marshal. A definite date was not setup for inspections. Delegation wants to know how they might petition the city with regard to this ordinance recommending a change.

Mr. Sam Parmes, Morton Southwest, sent a letter of petition to the city of live oak from the board of directors of the village public utility district to annex to tracks of land to the original district boundary. A motion made to table the matter for city attorney study and resolution.

#### **Executive session -- --January 11, 1972**

Councilman and Chief Smith met in executive session. John Harper wanted to know the feelings of council members on the action taken on filing complaints against violators to the dog leash ordinance. They stated they had been for this action at the peace amber fourteenth meeting and they still agreed with the action taken. Executive session closed.

#### **January 25, 1972**

Meeting called to order and City Hall. Petition and resolution to annex to tracts of land to village public utility district discussed. City attorney gave the OK to approving annexation. Mr. Harper made motion to approve the resolution. All voted for approval. Mr. Harper determined the sewer lines west of my age 35 would belong to Bexar county water control and improvement district number thirteen and they needed to be contacted. State regulation may forbid septic systems in live oak. Mayor stated he would get official letter to this effect.

Residents of McDonald trailer park stated they've wanted several changes to ordinance 186. After council discussion, Mr. Harper made recommendation that initial inspection of \$5.00 cost would be made on all mobile homes within five working days after moving into the park. Follow up inspections on all mobile homes would be made at six month intervals at cost of \$2.50 per inspection. The park owner would be responsible for notifying the city inspector of all new residents. It was also suggested to delete Section 6, para N-2-d of the ordinance. Mr. Jensen thanked council for listening.

Mr. Weickert made motion to adopt order establishing procedure for city officer's election. Second and all voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Shaw Jerry Smith informed counsel that James lingo resigned from the police department. A replacement will not be hired at this time. Comprehensive plan has been typed and ready for study by the planning board. He also stated that they proposed revised budget would be prepared for the next meeting of the council.

#### **February 08, 1972**

Regular meeting of the City Council of the city of live oak called to order in City Hall with all councilmen in attendance. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

The Mayor reported he had not been able to contact Mr. Morton about the progress of City Hall plans. Mr. Barnes had advised the architect with trying to have preliminary plans ready by middle of February.

Bringing the sewer line across highway 35 discussed and it was noted Mr. Ferrell would have to contact WCID thirteen as to its feasibility. A new study needs to be made on the air travel routes. As a result the A. and FHA will not approve any loans on houses constructed in the air travel route. Village oak unit thirteen has been briefly halted due to this restriction.

A community youth program was discussed as to whether or not to continue the program suggestion was made that base community council meeting discusses the decision.

A recommendation requesting counsel consideration of a proclamation granting honorary citizenship or a letter of thank you to Mr. Silverman for work done on the thoroughfare study. Council will act on this at a later date. During the month of February proximately 1500<sup>th</sup> dollars worth of stolen goods had been recovered. The Fire department had sixteen hours of training and purchased hose clamps and connections for \$50.00. F marshal made inspections of trailers and the area trailer Parks. There were two fires, one- a house trailer and the other a grass fire. The director of public works reported that he had repaired some streets and did some ditch work.

Resolution 113 approved a revised budget for the city of live oak. Brief discussion preceded the vote and approval.

### **February 29, 1972**

The monthly work session of the City Council of the city of live oak call to order in City Hall with all council members in attendance.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a red. Mr. Harper made the motion to vote on whether or not city will participate in base community council youth program. Motions seconded and all five voted no. Mayor stated that would inform the proper authorities of the council decision.

A letter from Morton southwest requesting the city of live oak to annex land described as live oak village unit twelve. Motion made to prepare proper papers and call for public hearing. Motion seconded and all voted in favor. Resolution recognizing Captain Donovan's efforts concerning the thoroughfare study group read and accepted all voted for. Preliminary plat of live oak estates unit seven which includes 1.818 acres of land to be donated to the city for a park. Platt approved by counsel

These to be paid to election judge and clerks discussed. Council decided judge be paid \$15.00 and clerks \$12.00 for the election to be held April 1 1972

Mr. J. Y. Goldman and Jack Oldham advised council of plans to build a lounge in the triangle between state highway two eighteen, interstate 35, and farm road 1604 in the very near future. Council gave approval to this development and asked if Mr. Goldman and Mr. Odem would desire to be annexed into the city of live oak.

### **March 14, 1982**

Regular monthly meeting of the City Council of the city of live oak called to order and City Hall. Meeting minutes or approved as read. Ordinance amending ordinance 186, both home ordinance made as a motion to adopt ordinance 198. Motion seconded and voting was unanimous. Public hearing for the annexation of unit twelve Live Oak Village will be held March 28, 1972. Mr. Jerry Smith reported it would cost the city \$200.00 to a month for lighting on interstate 35. Mr. Smith stated lighting would produce pick since quite a bit. He was answered to continue working

on this project. Regarding residential lighting, Mr. Smith had five stick and street lights had been installed and there were 30 more to be installed. City was still awaiting word on new City Hall plans.

The Mayor informed the City Council of the death of the first Mayor of live oak, Clarence Albrecht. He noted that Mr. Albrecht was in a large way responsible for the incorporation of live oak. Mr. Harper reported that city attorney stated in letter a city under 5000 population can not annex property unless the city is petitioned by the property owners.

It was suggested the City Council look at it and inches and disadvantages of becoming a home rules city before expanding funds to have a census taken to determine the exact population.

Police department report stated February was a very busy month. Fire department to ten fires during February. Public Works stated all needed signs in the city were installed and one of the drainage ditches, is seeded. Public works also reported that twelve dogs had been picked up during February

Mr. Tony Centeno requested the council to give planning and zoning commission the authority to review all subdivision plats and all rezoning, requests and submit them to the City Council with their recommendation. City Council gave full authority to the planning and zoning commission to act as such.

Mr. Saul Zalaznick, vice president of WCID number thirteen, requested City Council not approved any plat unless the utility plat had been approved by WCID.

Mr. Jerry Smith reported raw sewage on top of the ground at the ranch house trailer park. Counsel requested city Secretary to call county health department and report situation.

### **March 28, 1972**

The monthly work session of the city of live oak City Council called to order in City Hall with all councilmen present. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Mayor stated he had contacted city public service board about installing streetlights the city week quested many months ago. And he was informed they were installing the lights and would complete the job as soon as possible.

City Secretary stated that the county health department would send an inspector to check out ranch house trailer park. Mr. Cold water gave a report on the meeting of the youth activities council. He stated although all cities voted against the program, colonel Altman was going to continue the program.

Petition from Morton's SW to annex live oak village unit twelve was read by the Mayor. Public hearing opened to interested persons concerning this annexation. No one voiced opinion on the annexation. Mayor and then read ordinance 199 annexing live oak village unit twelve into the city of live oak. Motion was made an adopted approving an exciting live oak village unit number twelve into the city of live oak.

Ordinance 200 and resolution 114 were approved and implemented by City Council. City manager asked what had been done about job descriptions for city employees. He stated he did not have time to work on this do to some very important police matter that had occurred. Mr. Smith was given the OK to hire another police officer.

### **April 11 1972**

Regular meeting of the city of live oak City Council called order in City Hall with all council persons present. Minutes of previous meeting were approved as read.

Mr. Smith made a monthly police department report and informs the council that C. E. Rutledge had been hired as a patrolman. In the absence of the public works department director, Mr. Smith stated beaches have been seeded with Bermuda grass seed. The fire department report showed that all hydrants were tested and painted. Five fires were reported during March.

At this time Ricky Ware commended the live oak volunteer fire department for the wonderful work they had done at the Pan American race track

The Mayor reminded everyone to vote May 6 to break the tie of the mayor's race. The Cibolo Valley Jaycees would be going door to door in Live Oak to encourage voting in the May 6 runoff.. Mr. Russell, driver's Ed teacher at Judson high school, commended Mr. Jerry Smith for giving his time showing films and talking to the student drivers.

Mr. Ware discussed park to be donated to the city of Live Oak. He felt it was time to start working on the development of the park. He offered the city a chance to make \$500.00 for the city park. He made arrangements for drivers to make available to the city for 1000 tickets to the races at \$2.00 each. They sell at \$2.50 therefore the profit of ticket sales would be \$500.00 for a park. He recommended a Live Oak night with the Mayor is grand marshal and all councilmen present. If the city decides to take advantage of offer, Mr. Ware asked the city to write a letter to the drivers so that park work could get started by August.

Mr. Clyde Weikert Thanked the council and citizens for having been able to serve on the council during the past four years. Two new council people, Shirley Todd Russell and Mr. William Lay, were sworn in as City Council person's by the Mayor

#### **April 25, 1972**

Monthly work session City Council city of Live Oak call to order by Councilman Larry Hidalgo in the absence of the Mayor and city hall. All other council people were present. Minutes of previous meeting approved as read. Live Oak night at the pan am speedway discussed suggested that bill Leigh be appointed chairman of this function since he was associated with the speedway. He was asked and accepted the chairmanship he stated he would appoint a committee to work with him to accomplish this.

Mr. Smith reported he contacted the city attorney Mr. Mayo Galindo about the sewer problem in several of the trailer parks in Live Oak. Mr. Galindo said he would have to confer with another attorney about this.

Mr. Hidalgo questioned Mr. Smith about the construction of the new Carl's Furniture as to whether or not Council should have approved it. Mr. Smith stated he and the building inspector had reviewed and approved the plans. It was felt the council should adopt an ordinance requiring the council to approve the design of structures and commercial buildings. Mr. Smith stated he would go to the planning and zoning commission and try to come up with an agreeable solution. Mr. Mueller has been working with Mr. Allen on inspections and will take over job May 1 as a result the city will hire an assistant to the director of public works to allow time for the inspections. Council approved the action taken.

City Secretary reported the amount of sales tax receive for the first quarter after it went into effect was \$1741.07 for October November and December of 1971. Patrolman Kerry was appointed detective investigator effective May 1. Morton southwest request permission to construct a sign advertising a new development across Pat Booker as Olympia council will delay decision pending recommendation from planning and zoning commission.

**May 9, 1972**

Regular meeting of the city of live oak called order in City Hall. All councilmen were in attendance.

Minutes of previous meeting approved as read. The 1972 – 73 Budget was discussed. Mr. Smith stated there will be a 50% increase in the ad valorem taxes. Sales tax will show an increase. However with the city's growth the department manpower needs to be increased. Tentative budget for fire department and department of public works compiled by Mr. Mueller. The police department and city administration budget was compiled by Mr. Smith budget planned to be ready for council approval by June 13.

Recommendation from planning and zoning commission was to approve sign request from Morton's southwest. After discussion motion to table any action medieval aid until May 30. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor briefed council on Airport and Byron Scott McGee study. All Federal funding would be withheld from the area's located within certain zones listed on the noise can't or map of Randolph air force base. Committee is making a study of the area and hopefully will arrive at a solution.

Reports from monthly police department showed city was keeping the crime rate down because of enforcement. Far department reported twelve fires in April. Public works department reported that ditches were in good condition until the heavy rain causing many residents of the city to work hard cleaning mud from the streets. There is still work to be done such as minor street repairs.

Ordinance number 201 amending ordinance 114 regarding impounding and observations of dogs read by Mayor and adopted unanimously

Ordinance to go to a pointing Clarence E. Rutledge as patrolman of Live Oak was read by Mayor motion made and approved unanimously

Ordinance 203 adopting the official flag for the city of Lyon read by Mayor Friesenhahn motion made and approved unanimously. Ordinance two or four appointing Heinz Mueller as general inspector read by the Mayor motion made and approved unanimously

Canvassing of the city's Mayor run off election was held by canvassing committee and noted there were no errors in the results. Oath of office for Mayor was administered to Mr. John Harper event took his position as Mayor. Mayor Harper recommended Larry Hidalgo be appointed Mayor pro tem. All voted in favor of the appointment

Mayor Harper read Resolution 116 commending Elton Friesenhahn for the 12 years he served as Councilman and Mayor of Live Oak.

Ordinance 205 appointing Michael Zalaznick as maintenance employee approved unanimously.

Mr. Tony Centeno was interviewed and approved as Supervisor of Engineering for City of Live Oak.

Mr. Wilbur Friesenhahn expressed dissatisfaction in recent campaign for mayor. Mr. Saul Zalaznick Stated by others may feel much like the previous statement. However it was important for the citizens and especially for the members of the City Council to put their differences aside for the betterment of our city.

**May 30, 1972**

Monthly work session of the City Council city of live oak called to order in City Hall. All council persons were present. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Numerous citizens cars and at the meeting, as Mayor Harper to change the order on the agenda to allow citizens to be heard. Resident at 7513 standing oaks expressed if dissatisfaction with neighbor's yard. Neighbor had several vehicles in and around his yard and asked the council to investigate this situation. Resident 7518 standing oaks agreed with previous resident and added the neighbor was storing old engines, and pans of gasoline and open pans of oil with Oxy acetylene welding be done. Mayor stated that the council would investigate the matter.

Resident of 11613 Honey Grove questioned the bond election of the village public utility district. Many citizens in attendance had the same question. Mayor Harper Informed citizens that a public hearing on June 09, 1972 would be held in the live oak elementary school. The board members and their attorney will be invited to explain the reasons for the bond election and to answer any questions.

Mr. Smith reported the budget was not quite ready and requested a meeting on 7 June to work on the budget. He also reported the preliminary plans for the City Hall would be ready for council approval by next Wednesday. Morton southwest returned to the council for their billboard variance. Mr. Smith stood reported the sign would be 20ft. above ground and letter from the property owners to permission for the construction of the billboard. After much discussion council denied the variants.

Council approved Carolyn Zalaznick and Jessie Smith to another two years on P&Z Commission. Mamie Coldwater and Elton Friesenhahn were appointed to the Board of Adjustments.

Recommendation was made and approved the Board of Adjustment write/rewrite the building Code for the city.

### **13 June, 1972**

Regular meeting called to order by Mayor Harper with all councilmen present. First issue addressed was the large number of vehicles at 7517 Standing Oaks. Mr. Smith stated the home owner was not in violation of any ordinances. Public hearing on the 1973 budget would be held on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Jerry Smith had met with the architect on the new City Hall project. There were minor changes needed in the plans. Once made, the changes will be presented to Council for approval.

Zoning Commission recommended the appointment of B.B. Potts to the Board. Council unanimously voted to approve the appointment. Issue of paying for water main being built in Live Oak. Mr. Saul Zalaznick stated Morton/Southwest would pay for it, not WCID #13.

Mr. Mark J. Sideman was appointed Alternate Judge and Mr. Thomas J. Howard was appointed Alternate Prosecutor for Live Oak. City of Live Oak contracted with Universal City for dispatch service using the Law Enforcement Communication System.

Ordinance #208 made certain streets in Live Oak "No Passing Streets." Final Plat for Live Oak Village #14 and corrected copy of Plat for Live Oak Village #13 reviewed and approved.

### **June 27, 1972**

Monthly work session of City Council called to order by Mayor John Harper. Minutes of previous meeting approved as read.

Mr. Smith presented information on the Texas Retirement System. A recommended contribution of 7% was suggested by Mr. Bill Lay and approved. Mayor Harper opened discussion on the 1973 Budget by reading the income and expenses of the proposed budget.

Mr. Wilbur Friesenhahn addressed the necessity of having a paid fireman on duty during the 8 AM to 5 PM time period as most volunteers were at work thus leaving the city relatively unprotected. While the rest of council agreed with this need, it could not be funded at this time. Budget would be changed to hire a fireman if funds became available.

Resolution #118 adopting a budget for January 1, 1973 through December 31, 1973 for total budgeted income and disbursements of \$138,625 was approved by council. Metropolitan Health contract was approved to handle all sanitation issues in Live Oak. The Bond election on June 17<sup>th</sup> for the Village Public Utility District was reported as defeated.

Garbage contract would be revised to enforce the need for each resident to pay for garbage service whether or not they used it. Issue of accumulation of vehicles at 7517 Standing Oaks was being worked by City Attorney, Mayo Galindo. The zoning ordinance would be adjusted to include Town Houses.

Issue of confusion of Wilderness Oak with Wilderness Trail was addressed and a name change for Wilderness Oak was recommended by City Council.

Issue of a Councilman representing each different city department was addressed by Mathew Friesenhahn. Mr. Smith explained this was the job of city administrator thereby lifting the burden from City Council.

Mr. Ben Nardini was recommended for appointment to Planning and Zoning Commission. It was recommended he sit in on one of the Planning and Zoning Commission meetings prior to appointment by the Council. He was invited to the next P&Z meeting. Mr. Rainer Buckley was appointed as the Live Oak representative to the Airport Environs Committee.

Mr. Ray Doran complained about the actions of Mr. Rosckes concerning his yard at 7517 Standing Oaks. He was advised the City Attorney was working this issue.

City Council was asked to waive the \$10.00 permit fee for a July 4<sup>th</sup> parade sponsored by the Civic Association.

**Executive Session** held immediately following the regular meeting.

Mr. Jerry Smith requested City Council approve the Leasing of two (2) radar units at a cost of \$70.00 /month. Revenue gained from these rentals would more than cover the monthly cost. Council approved immediate leasing. Mr. Smith asked council to approve increase in attorney's fees to address the problems at 7517 Standing Oaks. Council said it was necessary to follow through on this action regardless of the cost.

### **July 6, 1972**

Special meeting of Live Oak City Council called to order by Mayor Harper. All present except Wilbur Friesenhahn. Purpose of the meeting was discussion of latest development concerning City Hall.

Mr. Smith stated he'd received a phone call from Mr. Cliff Morton of Morton Southwest expressing dissatisfaction with City Council. Mr. Morton requested a meeting with Mr. Harper to discuss future relationships with the City of Live Oak.

Council decided to check possible sites to construct new City Hall and associated cost of the property. Mayor Harper said he would check with Tommy Smith as to availability of a temporary City Hall should Mr. Morton request the City to vacate Current City Hall.

Issue of building new City Hall was discussed and it was determined a new Fire Truck would need to be purchased at that time. Because of the total cost of project, it was determined the City would need to have a bond election to fund the desired activities.

Mayor Harper with Mr. Jerry Smith requested each councilman be responsible for certain facets of City business. Mr. Smith would notify Council members of any jobs which could be handled by them. All councilmembers agreed to give their time in any way they could.

Meeting schedule for July was revised to cancel the July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting in view of the special meeting called. A second meeting would be scheduled on July 18<sup>th</sup> in lieu of the July 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. Notice to this effect would be posted.

### **July 18, 1972**

Regular meeting of the City of Live Oak called to order by Mayor Harper with all council members present. Minutes of previous meeting approved as read.

TML Region 7 Resolution prepared by Universal City concerning "Noise Pollution" was read and unanimously approved for presentation at TML Region 7 meeting.

Reports from Police Dept, Fire Dept and Public Works Dept addressed the beneficial and negative effects of recent heavy rains. Mr. Mueller and Mr. Smith looked at acquiring a street cleaner from Windcrest.

Ordinance #209 levying a \$1.50/hundred valuation for tax year January 1, 1972 to December 31, 1972 read and adopted. Mr. Ben Nardini was appointed to the P&Z after he sat in on previous meeting. Council approved drawing up agreement with Bexar County WCID #13 to use some of the well site space.

**Executive Session** called to address issues of the Special Meeting on July 6<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Van Horn was approached about purchase and cost of property for new City Hall. Mr. Van Horn advised answer would be forthcoming. Mayor Harper had met with representatives of Morton/Southwest and discussed the new City Hall. Results were pending. Mayor Harper also met with Tommy Smith about a possible site for a new City Hal. Mr. Smith informed Mr. Harper property was available on the southwest side of the City on Village Oak Dr. Mr. Smith stated he would be happy to negotiate a deal with the City.

### **August 8, 1972**

Regular meeting of City of Live Oak Council convened by Mayor Harper with all Council Members present except Mr. Bill Lay. Minutes of previous meeting approved as read.

Report on Live Oak Night at the Pan Am Speedway showed poor ticket sales.

Mr. Jerry Smith gave report for the Police Department. He stated that \$2,766.00 of stolen property was recovered. Fire Department responded to 8 fires. Public Works Department reported all street signs and stop signs were up in Unit 13. Street sweeper was purchased from Windcrest for \$500.00. Suggestion to improve Zoning Ordinance concerning "Day Nurseries" was directed to Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mayor Harper covered his meeting with Bexar County Commissioner Vaughn to discuss redistricting issues in Bexar County as it affects Live Oak. He addressed his concern about Live Oak being split into two Commissioner Precincts. Councilman Russell addressed the issue of Live Oak ETJA being publicized as to advantages of being in Live Oak.

Mayor Harper advised council of need to revise the budget to include November and December in the 1972 budget. Pan American Bank desired to donate the marquee in front of the bank to the City of Live Oak. The old marquee had been replaced by a larger marquee.

**August 29, 1972**

Monthly work session of the City Council called to order by the mayor in City Hall. Council members in attendance were John Harper, Larry Hidalgo, Mathew Friesenhahn, and Bill Lay.

Minutes of previous meeting approved as read.

Converse Rd was to be paved as soon as the weather dried. John Polski was appointed on August 15<sup>th</sup> to the Board of Adjustments. Mr. Larry Hidalgo reported 55 tickets sold for Live Oak Night at the Pan Am Speedway at a profit of \$27.50 for the City Park Fund.

Community Council activities involved the relocation of Boysville. Property behind Randolph AFB was being looked at. Mr. Clark Hendrix was introduced and commended for outstanding and devoted service as a citizen of the City of Live Oak.

Councilman Russell requested a 30 minute delay in start of council meeting for remainder of year as he was attending evening classes. Council voted unanimously to delay City Council Meeting start to 8:00 PM.

Ordinance #211 – Beautification Act discussed and approved. Ordinance #212- Amendment to Zoning Ordinance approved.

Solicitor's License fee waived for students of Kirby Junior High School to sell magazines after students would be identified by individual name tags. All voted for waiver.

Miss Davol requested action on Sewage across IH 35. Mrs. Slattery questioned the illegal garage sale held every month for several months on Sandpiper. Carolyn Zalaznick, P&Z, advised City Council of a meeting with Mrs. Boodell and Mr. Ellis of State Dept of Public Welfare at the next P&Z meeting.

**September 12, 1972**

Regular meeting of City Council of the City of Live Oak called to order by Mayor John Harper. All members present except Shirley Russell. Minutes of previous meeting approved as read.

Major Thoroughfare Plan and maps were discussed, voted on unanimously and approved as Resolution #121.

Cable Television service for Universal City letter was discussed and filed for future reference.

Mayor Harper reported a letter from State Dept of Public Health giving Mr. Henry Gutierrez Disposal Site an unfavorable report. Upon checking out the area, he noted the flies were very bad, felt Mr. Gutierrez was working on the problem.

A proposed annexation of Universal City was found to be in order. Base Civil Engineers contacted Mayor Harper requested they be allowed to develop a park area on Northledge.

Police Dept reported \$3,600 of \$4,200 in stolen property was recovered. Fire Dept reported a second hand Scott Air Pack had been purchased for \$100 saving the City \$150. Flamingo Homes donated sheetrock to the construction of the Fire House. Public Works Dept sold the original street sweeper to Boeck Implement Co. for \$500. Upcoming City Garbage Contract was to be a Public Notice for Bids publication.

Mr. Jerry Smith requested the City Council meet only once a month to complete pending business. Mayor Harper recommended keeping the two meeting schedule and he would waive the second meeting for the next few months. Council agreed and last meeting of September was waived.

Realtor approached Council requesting placement of "Open House" signs. He was advised zoning ordinances prohibited signs in residential areas except at the house in question.

Proposed revised budget recommended in August was discussed, voted on and approved as Resolution #120.

**October 10, 1972**

The regular meeting of the City Council of live oak all members of council were present. Lisa Dupre read the minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes were approved as corrected. The Mayor announced the reason for an executive session prior to the regular meeting. He stated that Wilbur Friesenhahn and Mathew Friesenhahn resigned as city council men because of a violation to a state law. It states a member of the City Council may not be related to any employee of the city. This required in either the city Secretary to resign or the two councilmen to resign this law had been brought to the attention of the city by the attorney general's office. The Mayor announced that the resignations were accepted with deep regret.

A motion was made to rename the new city park as Friesenhahn Park. Motion was seconded into proved unanimously.

After a public hearing by the zoning commission, a request for rezoning of property from R-1 to R2. Was denied based on the recommendation of the zoning commission.

Jerry Smith Provided a monthly police department report stating that 60% of the cases were convictions which are higher than the average for most cities.

Mr. Hinds Mueller gave monthly fire department report stating the fire department had a concrete floor donated to the city of Live Oak by a developer garage doors will be installed and paid for by the volunteer fire department. Fire prevention week and parade will be celebrated on October 14.

Public works department report was given by Mr. Mueller. He and noted the streets and ditches have been keeping the department busy.

Jerry Smith administrator noted that the fire code was 50% complete and floor plans for City Hall had been received. The new minimum housing code and building requirements was ready to be presented to the board of adjustments. But Resolution number 122 was passed requiring building inspectors to examine building permit applications to minimize flood damage.

A committee was formed to get people living in live oak ETJAB petitioned the city for annexation. Volunteers were solicited and IE Mr. George woods and Mrs. Score lane Davis were also appointed along with the Mayor and Mr. Russell.

The Mayor has stated council would meet October 17 to discuss perspective and Puckett's for the two vacant places on City Council. The Mr. Bill Leigh was appointed City Council representative to the volunteer fire department. The work session the last Thursday of October was required to be held to appoint the two new council members as soon as possible. Mayor had part per requested a meeting be held with city personnel approximately six times a year within the least one council member present the next meeting was set for November.

**October 24, 1972**

Work session of the City Council of the city of live oak called to order by Mayor Harper. All council members were in attendance. Minutes of the previous beating were approved as corrected. Mr. Bill Leigh withdrew his position as fire commissioner as the position had been deleted from the council. Mayor Harper made the following correction to a statement made in the October 10 council meeting the law states if two or more of a can seize occur at the same time they must be filled by a special election rather than appointed by the council. The first week of January is the earliest a special election could be held the council recommended the special election be waived and to wait for the regular election in April to fill places one and three on the council. Resolutions were read commending the two council members the resigned based on

their twelve years of continuous and devoted service as councilman to the city of live oak both resolutions or adopted unanimously City Hall plans were discussed. The Mayor and the city administrator had spoken to a Mr. Crouch about a metal building and the cost involved. And Matt of \$70,000.00 was given a definite cost will be sent to the city as a leader De. It was brought to the attention of counsel that city funds were very low and it was doubtful that payroll to be made by the end of October. The council agreed that the city make a bank loan to cover expenses until the tax money is received. A complaint about a neighbor at 7317 leading oaks stated order and the insect infestations were so bad that they had their house fumigate it twice a month Mr. Smith has stated complaints have been filed against the resident but he has not appeared for court warrants of arrests have been it is shooting for him also. Counsel indicated it was very concerned about this problem and will have the city attorney to look into the matter to resolve that. A city freezer of police program was suggested by Mr. Bill Leigh. A recommendation was made to investigate B. Gramm and prepare an ordinance accordingly building permit fees were recommended for increasing the rate to coincide with the city of San Antonio that Mr. Smith will meet with developers and discuss this with them.

Mr. Larry Hidalgo suggested council meeting minutes be published in the weekly herald the city Secretary will contact the paper to discuss this being accomplished. The city council's meetings will be continued to be held at 9:00 PM on the second and last Tuesday of each month.

#### **November 14, 1972**

The regular monthly meeting of the city of live oak was called to order by the Mayor Mr. John Harper and all council members were present. Previous meeting minutes were read and approved. The city had received the cost of insurance to cover the two city Parks. Insurance for Friesenhahn Park would cost the city \$44.00 each year. Insurance for the park which the city will be leasing from Mr. Ricci where will cost \$89.00 a year if the intended pawn shop only be used as decoration. If the pond is used for fishing that the insurance would increase to \$149.00 a year. The council will discuss this at a later date. The Mayor met with Mr. Sam Torrance of Morton Southwester regarding his intention to provide property and construction at cost of a City Hall. Mr. Morton indicated he felt there was unfriendliness towards him from the council and as long as the council felt that way he did not feel inclined to do it. Mr. Morton's stated the City Council has no business getting involved in any of the water issues that, before the city. The statement was disputed by Mr. Saul Zalaznick restated the council should definitely be concerned with water issues. If there is only one water district in the area, the water taxes would definitely be reduced. The Mayor stated he would not express his feelings on the matter since Mr. Morton Phelps the Mayor has swayed opinions of the council and the past. Council members noted that there was never a stand taken against Mr. Morton only decisions made based on the good of the city. It was noted that in many instances these decisions were in Mr. Morton's favor. A check into the possibility of using a military doctor as a health inspector was restricted because the military doctor through the metropolitan health district to be certified. The cost for completing had constructing a new City Hall who was quoted at \$78,924.00. The reports were received from police department, fire department, and public works department. Mr. Jerry Smith administrator stated that Morton southwest will improve the main ditch from leaf the hall to the lake. Flood insurance had been approved by Housing and Urban Development. Mr. Gutierrez asked whether under the new contract for garbage collection the citizens could be forced to pay their bills for garbage pickup by the city. He noted he had lost over \$800.00 in 1972 on uncollected bills. Mr. Harper stated the city would have a means force citizens to pay their bills.

Mr. Smith will check into this, after talking to the city attorney. The rates were questioned on how they would be set and the Mayor stated it would be up to the contractor has to what he would charge the city and the citizens to collect garbage. The contract with the city of San Antonio was made to accept any domestic animals picked up a fee of \$5.00 per annum all that and would be effective for 90 days. After a lengthy discussion about the problem of stray animals the council gave Mayor Harper authority to make that decision on whether or not to contract the city of San Antonio.

### **December 12, 1972**

Regular monthly meeting of the City Council of the city of live oak called to order by the Mayor with all council members present. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read. Insurance for Friesenhahn Park was approved by the council. After some discussion council voted to acquire insurance for the park at Pan Am Speedway to exclude fishing at this time.

Mr. B. O. Friesen on was appointed assistant to the Mayor on the City Hall building project. The definite plans had been made to acquire property for the City Hall at this time. There were two tracts of land which could be purchased by the city. One was a 38 for tractor for \$25,000.00 and the other was a 3.5 acre tract for \$28,000.00. The Mayor had also contacted Mr. Morton is representative who with the possibility of purchasing property from Morton southwest. The representatives informed Mayor Harper that Mr. Morton had reconsidered and still wished to donate a tract of land for the construction of City Hall. The Mayor stated that the only way the city could precede with the construction of a City Hall would be to have something in black and white with regard to the property. Mr. Morton's representative advised the Mayor he would get with Mr. Morton's attorneys to draw up the paper. The Mayor recommended if the property was given to the city the city should accept the offer all favor the mayor's recommendation. Mr. Mueller was asked for a report, not a new dog pound operation. Mr. Mueller stated it was working well and there were no problems.

Mr. Jerry Smith chief of police noted in the monthly police report that there were two major and nine minor accidents within the city has the rate was twice as high as during the past year after bill are stated that the ladies auxiliary had to know donated a pickup truck to the far department at a cost of \$1,157.00. He commended the ladies for their fine work. As director of public works Mr. Mueller reported routine maintenance on the street painting of City Hall inside and out had been accomplished. On January 13 the city veterinarian, Doctor McMillan, will be at City Hall to vaccinate that's against rabies. The cost is \$2.00 per shot and \$1.00 for city tags. Due to inclement weather on December 11 purchase and live oak were sanded by the public works department. That city administrator reported that the workload of City Hall required that an additional new Secretary will be hired beginning in January. A question on the ordinance reference to mobile homes was asked and discussed. Mr. Miller stated the ordinance requires an inspection of all utility connections and surrounding areas of a mobile home at the time of arrival into the park and again on six month intervals. The city would be adding a requirement to also test the gas pressure. The Mr. Simons, a realtor, who requested a variance to city sign ordinances and that a variance be granted to have open house science placed in areas directing people to the open houses and a variance granted to call and homeowners have been for sale signs in their yards. The question of open house sites being displayed was passed as to the powers and Mr. Simmons stated on Lee two to three hours and never overnight. In the past The Mayor noted such variances had been denied. The council decided to take this under advisement. Mr. Simmons would be advised of their decision at a later date.

The Mayor Announced two bids had been received, one from Gutierrez Disposal Incorporated and one from RAS Sanitation. Before opening the bids, the Mayor stated he knew nothing of RAS and he had requested information from one of the city's serviced by RAS for reference they had received a very favorable recommendation from the Mayor of Windcrest. The bids were opened in read aloud. The council before making a decision went into close session to discuss the bids of both companies. After lengthy deliberation the Mayor reported that decision was made in favor of Gutierrez Disposal Incorporated.

The Planning and Zoning commission recommended denial and council overrode the recommendation of the zoning commission by approving rezoning of property involving 4.89 and 3.72 acres of land from R-1 to R-6. It was announced there would be one vacancy on the planning and zoning commission in January. And Mr. Leo Larkin, Ron Higgins and Truman Todd volunteered to serve on the commission would ever a place became available.

Southwestern bell Telephone Company requested a rate increase from the area cities. A letter read from universal city in regards to a resolution that requested the support of the city of live oak on this issue. The Mayor being employed by southwestern bell Telephone Company could not and would not express an opinion on this support request. Mr. Saul Zalaznick recommended the council respond favorably to the universal city request concerning the increase in telephone rates but did not feel a resolution by the city would be necessary at this time. Larry Hidalgo recommended the council make a resolution to the city of universal city that Live Oak is concerned about the telephone rates and will support them in any effort they undertake that was seconded and voted on unanimously to the resolution was signed by Larry Hidalgo as Mayor-Pro tem due to the circumstances involved.

Mayor Harper informed all present that the city of live oak had received a check for \$3,553.00 as their semiannual payment of revenue sharing. Another check in the same amount will be received in January. Thereafter a check will be received quarterly through 1976 for a total of \$35,000.00. That will play this money can be applied to the construction of a new City Hall.

### **January 09, 1973**

The regular monthly meeting of the City Council who called to order by Mayor Harper. All members of the council were present. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Marion Elbel reported receiving a revenue sharing check and the amount of \$3,409.00 baking the total \$6,962.00 for the year 1972. Mayor Harper commended Mr. Mueller for the January 6 vaccination and licensing of pets. 114 pets were registered.

The garbage contract ordinance was reviewed and passed unanimously.

Papers for the City Hall property or being drawn up at this time and the financing of the building was being checked into and would be financed through a bank.

Mr. Mueller they did an inspection of the Ferrell trailer park. The sewer problems still exist in addition to many other discrepancies found during a recent inspection. License renewal will be refused until all violations have been corrected.

The council discussed a variance for Mr. Simmons should not be granted requiring a permit to solicit business from property owners displaying for sale signs in their yard. In reference to the open house signs, the council after lengthy discussion voted not to grant a variance to erect open house signs.

Councilman Russell commented on the recent art show held in Live Oak. He stated he was very much against one booth selling decals that were of immoral and the improper nature. He opposed

such filth being sold in live oak. Mayor Harper stated that the show's sponsor had no knowledge of the decal. Mr. Harper recommended Mr. Russel write a letter to the art show coordinator, to convey his feelings about the booth.

Monthly police department report showed hiring of a new patrolman on January 1. Monthly fire department report was presented by Heinz Mueller and will be addressed as an attachment to these minutes. Monthly report on public works department also presented. Mr. Jerry Smith, administrator, reported the administration department had copies of revised budget for council's administration. He stated on other Secretary had been hired in the administration department. Council voted to appoint victor Barrera as per troll month. Council voted to appoint Mary clover as assistant city Secretary and assistant court clerk.

Mayor Harper stated Cibolo Valley Jaycees wanted to construct a ballpark at our new city park by pan am raceway. It would be a city ballpark but paid for by Cibolo valley. The council agreed to let the development of the ballpark and maintenance of it to be accomplished with the help of the concession stand proceeds. Mr. Mueller asked for instructions on developing Friesen on park. Mr. Miller stated he could get equipment and manpower from Randolph air force base to landscape the park. Council will study the area and make a recommendation that the January 30 council meeting.

Attachment one -- --live oak volunteer fire department report for December 1972

List of LOVFD Calls:

Oxygen call	4890 Evans road
Oxygen call	Runway trailer park
Heavy equipment	300 Blk Valencia
Grass fire	Higgins road
Grass fire	Old Converse road
Heavy equipment	Olympia
Electric stove	7518 Jonquill
Fire call	Valencia
House Fire	Universal City
Police assist Accdt	IH 35 South
Police assist Accdt	1604 & Nacogdoches
Grass Fire	O'Connor and Nacog
Smoking House	5647 Bienville
Grass Fire	Toepperwein
Trash Fire	7575 Austin Hwy.
Grass Fire	Skyline Blvd.
Grass Fire	IH35 South
False Alarm	IH 35 South
Grass Fire	Stahl Rd
False Alarm	Woodcliff

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**January 30, 1973**

Work session the City Council call to order by Mayor John Harper all council members in attendance. Meetings of previous minute approved as corrected.

Mayor stated he met with Cibolo valley and Mr. Ricci Ware and regards to city ballpark. Mr. Ware is having papers drawn up for the leasing of the property by the city of live oak

Mr. Smith presented the latest plans of City Hall to the council. Mr. Smith asked to contact Mr. E. O. Friesenhahn in order to get construction under way.

Council met in brief executive session to discuss revision of 1973 budget. Meeting again resumed and revision to budget approved

Mayor Harper asked Mr. Smith about progress on the police department reserved. Mr. Smith stated, looking information on required schooling of a police reserve and legal action involved in setting up a police reserve. Ordinance would be forthcoming.

Participation in supplemental benefits fund of Texas municipal retirement system read by the Mayor. Motion made to approve ordinance and passed

Mr. Smith reported that Carolyn Zalaznick had been appointed chairman of the planning and zoning commission after previous chairman resigned from the commission. Mrs. The last neck read a recommendation to the council to rezone properties and live oak estates. Council reviewed and approved zoning commission's recommendation to rezone the properties. Planning and zoning commission had three vacancies at the present time and Mayor Harper's stated he would appoint members to fill all vacancies at a later meeting.

Mr. Smith stated he had been working on IH – 35 with TXDOT. Safety lighting is would be along the main interchange. Lighting would start on I H. –35 at shin oak and continue to village oak on pat Booker road.

Request to operate a nursery school in hold was referred to the zoning commission.

Notice of the lecture for April 7 1973 approved by counsel filing for councilman place one place three and place five the to be accepted at City Hall through March 07, 1973. Live oak villages unit seventeen approved with minor corrections by all. Changes to the subdivision ordinance were requested to address a change to the concreting of channels. Curb Cuts would be sawed rather than hammered. Inspections and regulation concerning the construction of sewer and water systems would also be included. A performance bond would also be mandatory for these activities as required in subdivision ordinances. . Ordinance will be ready for February 27 council meeting.

### **February 13, 1973**

Regular meeting of the City Council called to order by Mayor John Harper. All council members present. Minutes of previous meeting approved as read.

Mr. Jerry Smith announced purchase of a night vision scope, and other special equipment would be made possible through criminal justice funds from 1971 – 1972.

Mr. Marcus Ramsay addressed counsel saying he did not appreciate the letter concerning one of the booths at the Christmas alley art show. Further, he objected to threats of not allowing the show the following year if the booth was invited back for next year. The Mayor explain the letter was not written to offend, but only to inform them of the situation in the event they were not aware of the booth's business.(Copy of Mr. Russell's Letter on file at LO City Hall)

Ordinance regarding speed limit on farm road 1604 red and accepted unanimously by the City Council. Work on Friesenhahn Park would begin shortly according to Mr. Mueller.

### **February 27 1973**

Working session of the City Council of live oak called to order by the Mayor. Lengthy correction to minutes concerning J. C.'s Christmas Alley Art Show will be an attachment to these minutes for detail of events. Other issues dealt with by the Council follow

Mayor Harper recommended appointment of three new members to the Planning and Zoning Commission: Mr. Ron Higgins, Mr. Richard Bradford and Mr. Leo Larkin filling previously announce vacancies.

A discussion on Mr. Ramsey's position and corrected comments of last meeting followed by council members. A recommendation by Mr. Russell made that a letter be sent to the J.C. district governor and local Jaycees stating fact council stand and disapproval of their president's Conduct at previous meeting. Copy of original letter from Mr. Russell, copy of corrected minutes of February 13 meeting, and a copy of tonight's minutes should be included in the letter. Motion made and seconded. All voted for the motion

Mayor Harper reported the Randolph base hospital was being converted to a clinic community council has approached the base about the possibility of using Randolph air force base hospital for a community hospital. No firm commitments have been made as the military appears reluctant to open up the base to the public.

Possible renovation of a building in Schertz for use as a hospital was in initial planning but needed a \$75,000.00 grant from AACOG to get started. Mr. Zalaznick informed the citizens of nine Fire Dept bill now before Congress to improve community fire protection.

Ms Carolyn Zalaznick asked about a post office for live oak. Mayor Harper But stated that the post office could be established if a suitable building could be found within live oak.

Attorney for resident on Leading Oaks advised the Council of a still existing problem with Mr. Holcomb not conforming to Live Oak Ordinances. This individual is creating a health and fire hazard. Mr. Smith asked for and received approval to have Mr. Mayo Galindo file a civil case against Mr. Holcomb if he was unable to resolve the problem through the avenue he was pursuing.

### **March 27, 1973**

Regular meeting house City Council of the city of live oak call to order and City Hall with all councilman present. Minutes of previous meeting approved as read. Mayor Harper stated possible seventh out 75,000 grant from eight ACOG for the clinic and shards was not available. The minutes of the February 13 meeting have been corrected and Mayor will write a letter to Jaycees within a week. The Mr. Russell asked if any further development on City Hall. Jerry Smith stated he and two others checked out the property and decided to locate a building an adult sheep design to. This design would save the city quite a bit of money. The Mayor of then requested that Morton southwest get the deed to the property to the city of live oak as soon as possible. Mr. Jerry Smith stated that Mr. Holcomb on meeting oaks had been served warrants and he had appeared in court and was fined \$200.00 in each case. He gave notice of appeal if no action filed by April 19 a civil case will be filed.

The Mayor received correspondents stating the community council would establish an Airport zoning board. This board will have the power to review any development around the Airport, Randolph air force base. In a meeting attended by the Mayor of the San Antonio river authority the Mayor was advised there would be a proposed increase of 300% in the rate all parties concerned sent letters objecting to this increase. However and Carolyn Zalaznick a member on the WCID thirteen water board requested the city not get involved at this time.

A letter on the emergency medical services was read by the Mayor was the last the city manager Jerry Smith for comment Mr. Smith stated that the asked the city will be asked how they feel about emergency services to the city. Mr. Gary salmon present of the volunteer fire department

stated that he would inform the volunteers of this new law to be implemented. The Mayor reminded every one of the legend on April 7 at live oak elementary school. The

### **April 10, 1973**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the city of Live Oak called to order in City Hall with all council members present. Minutes of the previous meeting were proved is read. A question regarding the B. writer to the Jaycees was made by Mr. Russell asking if it had been sent to the district president. A copy was given two councilmen Russel. City Hall plans were reviewed and revised as needed. The Mayor will meet with Mr. Smith for any changes to these plants. The date for the property had not yet been received. City Secretary reported the first revenue sharing check for 1973 had been received in the amount of \$1,794.00 getting a total of \$8,757.00 received to date. Reports were given on the police department fire department public works and the administrative departments. The election for the April 7 was canvassed by the council vote to 150 votes were cast for the following candidates place one Jesse Dee Smith 76 John Polski 71 place three John Huston 28 George wood 59 Leo Arkin 59 that with two Friday its place five Larry Hidalgo 91 Garland Harvey of 23 Richard Bradford 31 and one ride in the

The motion made to accept the order declaring the city officers election motion seconded the all voted for the since there was a time for the place three position the Mayor and SP the preference of the candidates Mr. Larkin preferred a flip of calling Mr. Woods preferred a runoff election there for Mr. Harper proclaimed and gave notice of a runoff to be held for place three on Saturday, May 5 May 05, 1973 the Mayor administered the oath of office to Larry Hidalgo councilman place five and Jesse Smith place one

### **April 24, 1973**

The monthly work session called to order by Mayor John Harper and City Hall of councilman were present except Mr. Larry Hidalgo. Minutes of the previous meeting were proved his red.

Mayor Harper stated he was losing patience with Morton southwest on the slow progress of the development of the new City Hall. Mayor Harper also advised the council he had rescinded the order of for a runoff election on May 5 to the withdrawal of Lyon Larkin from the race. Mr. Larkin is moving from the city of live oak in the near future and he understood that he could not serve as councilman if he did not reside in the city. The oath of office was administered to Mr. George woods has councilman place three by the city Secretary on April 16.

Mr. Salsa last NIC reported on the meeting in universal city pertaining to the sewer rate increase. The proposal made by Sarah was rejected by all. They do feel that Sarah is entitled to a moderate rate increase. A matter (inning to the city control over construction and the BTJA was answered by the city attorney during a recent conversation with the city Secretary he stated the city had no jurisdiction in this area. The Mayor will do further checking into the matter. Mr. Mueller stated that he B. and Mr. Toney Centeno had a meeting scheduled with VAB and FHA to discuss their requirements for the builders.

The Mayor asked for nominations for Mayor-Pro tem. Mr. Hidalgo was nominated and seconded. Jesse Smith made a motion that nomination cease motion was seconded all voted to approve Larry Hidalgo as Mayor-Pro tem for one year.

A resident of Live Oak asked council members what had been done in the past year concerning the following projects:

The annexation of an area in our ETJ. Mr. George woods stated that after many inquiries he was unable to establish legal ownership of property.

Post office for live oak. Mayor Harper check for the post office and San Antonio and was told there were no plans to have a post office and Live Oak because more money is being put into the Serna station and also they are planning to build a new post office on the boat north side of San Antonio location unknown. Mayor Harper stated he had never been able to talk directly to the postmaster. Mrs. Zalaznick asked a registered letter be sent to Postmaster of San Antonio asking to allow citizens to use Live Oak on their address as our correct mailing address.

Pan Am park development: Mr. Bill Leigh has stated he had been in contact with the army engineering group about the landscaping the property. However he had been unable to set up anything definite. They're Harper stated he felt that if the army engineering group cannot help us in the development of this park, the city will plan to set aside funds for the next year budget Ford's development. But early Omar Larkin ask why city and administrators position had been eliminated. Mayors Harper stated that Mr. Jerry Smith had too much of a workload trying to handle both city administrator and chief of police jobs. Therefore they felt they should relieve him of city administrator in order that he devote full time to the police department when asked who would be doing the city administrators job now that the position had been illuminated, the Mayor stated each department head would be responsible for their own department and the Mayor would work closely with them.

Mr. Richard Bradford stated many of the projects which Mr. Higgins as the council about had been discussed a year ago. The council had not fulfilled their job as required and he felt it was time for the council to start doing something.

Mayor Harper had first said he was inclined to object very strongly and talents the speaker. He went on to say that the pastels all had done more for the city than he suspects any one would do. He stated that he could not speak for the council that would let their records speak for them instead. Budget recommendations for the 1974 council budget meeting on May 8 were requested. The council will meet each Tuesday evening in May to work on the budget until it is finalized. Budget hearing will be held May 29, 1973 32 earned chief Smith requested approval the council to prevent purchase that law enforcement equipment at 15% of its cost through AACOG. Cities Koster would be \$500.00. Counsel requested a resolution prepared for approval that next council meeting.

### **May 8, 1973**

The regular meeting of the City Council called to order in City Hall with all members of the council present. Meetings of the previous minute were proved is read. Department reports were made brief due the anticipated length of the meeting. Mr. Mueller suggested the council consider raising the permit fees on construction of buildings after comparing permit fees of San Antonio two live oaks. A rough draft of the increased permit fees was requested by the Mayor to be presented to the City Council. Mr. Miller also stated he had been in contact with a veterinarian in regards to health inspections. Mr. Mueller will have this gentleman contact Mayor Harper to discuss all the details of being a city health inspector. But a sweeper attachment purchased with a tractor was sold. The sweep rule which is now being used was repaired and is in good working condition. Money received before the sale of the sweeper would be budgeted to the public works department. If Mr. Mueller stated he had met with representatives of Morton southwest with regards to vacant lots. They want to hire the city to keep the weeds mode for them. Mr. Mueller ISD feels that Michael Zoll as nick could do this mowing in the evenings and on Saturdays and Sundays. The council had no objection to this Mayor Harper stated that cost a rich for this server

should be enough to cover the salary for employee and all overhead cost of the city. Mr. Mueller was given the authority to make this decision

Mayor Harper stated a meeting will be held at Lyons valley City Hall on May 11 for the emergency medical services plan. He ask outsole and department heads to attend if possible.

Resolution 131 supporting reserve officers training core was read explained an adopted. Resolution 132 commending Ronald Evans for outstanding service as a citizen of live oak was ready to and accepted. Mr. Evans stated it was a complete surprise to them that an era to honor and you really appreciates it. He complemented Mr. Mueller for doing a great job in the city with the fire department. Resolution 133 obligate in fines to pay for the city's portion of equipment and the purchase of law enforcement equipment that resolution was made seconded and approved

The Mayor called on the chairman of the planning and zoning commission to make a report regards the recommendation of the commission on the request for flamenco home to rezone several ten tracks of land in Live Oak. Mrs. A last minute read the commission's report stating the commission report recommends the council to neither request to rezone the above tracts of land meetings of this public hearing held on April 23 are attached to this meeting minutes. After a lengthy discussion by the City Council in numerous questions as to the planning and zoning commission and Mr. McMahan represent of men go home in motion was made and seconded to deny the rezoning of this property from R-1 to R-2. Mayor-Pro are did not concur with this decision and a lack today not to sign the resolution into effect. He did not reverse the council's decision and after ten days the council's decision would be elect the fact it.

The recommendation of the planning and zoning commission with regards to the April 30 public hearing on rezoning of lots in live oak estates from our want to be – two was made. After a lengthy discussion by the City Council including questioning members of the planning and zoning commission Mr. McMahan and some citizens that was held. The emotion to rezone the above property from car one who did the two with the following stipulations. Building must face the general direction of Toepperwein road main entrances and exits must be on Toepperwein road lights in the parking lot must be procession to the way from residential areas the area along wilderness trail must be fenced and the city must have the letter from the engineering just stating the trade was sufficient not to flood the area. The council approved rezoning of the property in accordance with the previous stipulations.

Mayor Harper read an ordinance number 225 appointing Richard Jake Arai is acting police chief who from 811973 through June 15, 1973 and repealing an ordinance appointing Jerry W. Smith chief of police motion was adopted and approved. But they're Harper recommended that a new method to set up employee salaries be using considering the budget. Rather than that budgeting everyone's salary only the total amount for each department the budget a pay scale should be set up for all employees on record. Department hits presented their budget to counsel Mr. Mueller suggested that since it was late and there was a copy of the oppose budget for each department for all members of counsel who counseled take the Solbes study in any questions they may have wait until the following week. Everyone agreed to this.

The city Secretary, Mrs. Elbel, and vice the Mayor the record contract the city had approved some time ago had not been signed to two win over sat this was corrected and signed by all parties. The City Council suggested giving serious thought about hiring a city administrator. Some goals were set by the Mayor agreeing that a city administrator was needed and they should be a new legal structure in the city. Mr. Miller also stated he wished to emplace a decent dog kennel facility.

**May 29, 1973**

The monthly work session of the city of Live Oak called to order in City Hall by Mayor Harper. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved is read.

Mr. Mueller reported that that Marion under consideration for the position of health specter has agreed to serve as city health officer for a fee of \$10.00 an hour. Mr. Mueller a recommendation to the council for increase in the building permit cost the county requested an appropriate ordinance be prepared and submit it to counsel the next meeting

The chairman of the planning and zoning commission advise the Mayor that possibly two members were resigning. And Mayor stated he had not received any letters of recognition resignation missile as nick advised to make recommendations for these two openings its next council meeting

The Mayor opened public hearing on the 1974 budget for the city of live oak. After much discussion on the budget it was approved with minor changes. This was to show their revenue sharing plus interest carryover from previous years whether separate rather than one figure as shown on the proposed budget. Motion was made and approved the above corrections to the budget showing revenue sharing and interest carryover from previous years separate rather than rather than in one figure is shown on the budget proposal

Mayor Harper stated house bill 550 prohibited all cities under 15,000 from arresting speeders on interstate highways. The resolution and the house passed uncontested. Other mayors along with Mr. Harper called the governor and spoke to them about it saying that it would be unconstitutional because it discriminates to two population size. The Mayor also said that level police department would be instructed not to touch interstate highways of only in regulating traffic speed but also in any investigative actions of any kind of governor said he would consider vetoing the bill. Esther Russell reported he had spoken with Mr. Il off of that Judson in dependent school district tax office them out possibly collecting the add flour and taxes for the city of live oak. The school district would be willing to collect our taxes if the city was interested. Mr. Mueller asked permission of the council to hire someone to type the fire code and help ordinance. Since they are quite lengthy it is impossible for presence – to handle this extra typing.

Mr. Harper gave the preliminary price of \$153,000.00 for the constructing of the new City Hall the scope was made by Morton southwest and several other contractors. But not low enough Hebert UC medical services was also discussed and the Mayor stated that the service and the cost of the service to the city would be more than could use to leave handle. A citizen questioned whether the city of live oak had a license for the sale of liquor and beer. Council was unsure as to whether an ordinance existed concerning this issue.

**June 12, 1973**

The regular monthly meeting of the City Council of Live Oak city called to order on June 12 and City Hall. All council members were present. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

But the chairman of the planning and zoning commission reported Tuesday concedes. She commended Phyllis Wilkens and the council voted to approve this appointment and all previous reappointments to the commission.

The City Secretary questioned whether the city had an ordinance for the licensing of liquor sales. She stated the city did not and was requested by this Mayor to look into this and compile an ordinance to this effect for city council decision.

The Mayor requested Mr. Mueller to show the pickup purchased from TX surplus in public works department. Mr. Mueller stated the truck was purchased for \$120.00 and another \$380.00 was spent to bring it into good operating condition. They're Harper explain that although the truck was not in this year's budget, but the availability of the truck – and the cost involved was too good to turn down the that he reminded the council that the street sweeper that was not in use by the city had been sold for \$400.00 for this money was being spent in the public works department Mayor requested for his be approved within the time limit involved and hoped the council would go along with statistician's council agreed to the purchase. In regards to a new birds and sea and the line service Mr. Mueller reported there were other avenues to take rather than using their county of San Antonio he stated that meeting had been held today with their county and the lawn service and several cities coming together would be able to station and maybe lives in live oak and the cost for the Olinda teas would be the low return a decision on the purchase of Danville and service or an emergency ambulance was delayed until June 26 council meeting the city did not have its current time all the necessary information to determine whether or not this immediately required or could be accomplished with the resources that we had. Mr. Mueller reported on a health inspection made at their ranch house trailer park. He will carry through in either way having it cleaned up or close down the health situation there is extremely serious the next item discussed was the bill of \$7,077.52 that lends garage for breach of a patrol car. Mr. Smith that discussed with the Mayor some time ago and felt the job was faulty because the patrol car needed new break job after only 6600 miles at that time Mayor-Pro Harper devised Mr. Smith not to pay the bill and explain a letter has chosen why it was felt that the patrol car could possibly been mishandled causing the bricks to fail in a short period of time taking all appoints new and consideration the council fed a bill that the \$477.52 be paid a need to be lower the question to promote council place barricades the end of a fee hollow and sturdy out to keep citizens from cutting through private property a crosswalk was also requested near the pool area but the council need to pass an ordinance to this effect if an ordinance amending the permit fees for doing any plumbing work was read into the record seconded and approved by the council and ordinance amending prior warnings providing the scales of fees for the inspection of electrical work was also made a motion to accept this ordinance was made by Mr. Hidalgo and seconded by Mr. Woods all voted for at this time. R.J. Carey left the room as discussion of the appointment of police chief to Live Oak. Motion made and accepted to make Mr. Cary the new police chief. Mr. Carey then asked that Mr. GT Shodrock be appointed as sergeant of the city of Live Oak Police.

### **June 26, 1973**

Monthly work session of the City Council of live oak called to order by Mayor-Pro tem Larry Hidalgo. Council members present were Mr. Hidalgo, Mr. Russell, Mr. Bill Leigh and Mr. George woods. Minutes of the previous meeting approved is read

Discussion of emergency ambulance service was accomplished. Live Oak participation was looked at with several alternatives proposed.

1. An ambulance stationed in Live Oak would have the \$2,000.00 per month total cost the would result in a bigger annual contribution then the proposed emergency ambulance service when prorated for each city.

2. An ambulance could be on standby for pat place of business for \$1,000.00 per month.  
3. Would continue as had been accomplished in the past with making all calls and charging the person needing the ambulance service. The in the collection of egg garbage bill from a citizen who did not pay, it would be classified as a city civic batter and would have to be handled by Mr. Gutierrez, the city attorney did they both would be contacted for low and middle legal opinion. Mr. Russo last ether a hell of a local case would be handled chief Kerry stated he will be filed on whenever possible on a violation of city ordinances

Mr. Bill lacy Jessop the city organize municipal court he did this because the ad tending the last court session he thought the judge was not being fair to the city in dismissing and suspending many cats and cases. Or innocence in the last session fourteen people abusing three were fined a total of \$40.00 for this pattern has continued for a long time a lengthy discussion followed and Mr. Leigh made a motion to hire a new job and to dismiss the current judge Mr. Stewart Alexander the chairman of the bear county WCID thirteen board asked to address the council concerning rental space for the district from the city whenever the new City Hall is completed a cost of 3000 are you for. When the new City Hall is completed at a cost of \$3,000.00 per year she stated the board had voted to not go with the city contract of \$3,000.00 per year because they were signing a five year lease with Mr. Van Dorn and \$800.00 per month

The whole letter to the postmaster Cox from Mayor Harper inquiring about establishing a post office who in live oak and a letter from postmaster Cox was read stating it was impossible to six to establish a post office and Live Oak since we had two the post office is serving as with an informal out the area that we had received letters from representative Kazan and Senator If Tower stating that they thought the were checking to see what could be done to get a post office as soon as possible.

The appointment of a new patrol officer was made at the request of Chief Carey. This individual was Mr. Gary Selman.

### **July 10, 1973**

Regular monthly meeting had the City Council of Live Oak called to order and City Hall with all present. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

As Mayor Harper noted that no judge had been hired and requested the chief of police to contact the city attorney for recommendations. He also advised the city Secretary to draft a letter to be signed by the Mayor and informing judge Alexander of the recent decision to council regarding his employment with Live Oak. But with reference to the garbage contract the city Secretary reported that after checking with the city attorney she could have the city file on residents who did not pay for their garbage collection pickup. They had been advised that the city had no legal authority to file on these people are and it was a civil matter and would be up to Mr. Gutierrez to handle the matter.

In a meeting was held with the Mayor and all department heads the architect for Morton Southwest provided information on the final plans of the City Hall. There will be another meeting within two weeks that prepare the final plans for approval hopefully by mid August.

Police chief Terry reported that \$1,650.00 in stolen property was recovered in June.

Public works director gave a monthly report stating the ditch problem at Welcome drive and Sage Oak drive had been corrected at no expense to the city. Work was done by Morton Southwest and Flamingo Homes. Mr. Mueller requested the city joined the Southern Building Code Congress for \$25.00 a year. The purpose would be to keep the city informed on all construction activity throughout the south.

Mr. Mueller gave the monthly fire department report and noted that the department could use more volunteer firefighters. The Mayor requested the council to solicit new members. Mr. Mueller praise volunteers for their continuous dedication and hard work. Ordinance number 233 levying an ad valorem tax for 1973 was read and approved.

A beautification act ordinance concerning signs was discussed with the fee of \$50.00 per sign per year. After talking to the city attorney, it was determined that this fee was too high and suggested the council review the ordinance about the cost of this permit fee. The council recommended leaving the ordinance has read intact with no decrease

The Mayor was asked about the establishing of a post office kit and Live Oak. Mayor Harper stated letters had been received from all parties concerned and the final word was that a post office could not be established in Live Oak and that it would not be possible to a signed a zip code for Live Oak alone.

All of the council directed a letter be written to the postmaster of San Antonio and to the congressional liaison officer of the government relations department in Washington informing them that as of October 01, 1973, the citizens of Live Oak will be advised to use Live Oak, TX 78233 as their mailing address. But if mail is not delivered to the residents, the city will challenge the postal service. The City of Live Oak would question whether advertising on television concerning zip codes is false since the advertising states to use ZIP codes to make sure your mail will get to its destination.

The Mayor called for an executive close session to discuss employment. The council reconvened and that it was announced the City Council decided not to hire a city administrator but to increase city personnel that effective January 01, 1974 as follows. Public works department will have the director two maintenance men, plus one clerk. Police department will have a chief, five police officers plus one clerk. The administration department will have an office manager, bookkeeper and two clerks. Heinz Mueller will have full charge of the fire department, public works department, and Parks and recreation. Richard Carey will have full charge of the police department. Marian Elbel will have full charge of all other city business not mentioned above. Mayor Harper will continue in the capacity of city administrator. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM

### **31 July, 1973**

Monthly work session called to order with all councilmembers and the mayor present. Mayor briefed city council on the City Attorney attending next meeting to review the legal department. Mayor also discussed the developments on the new City Hall complex showing sketches and advising final plans would be ready for review on August 3<sup>rd</sup> at City Hall.

Mr. Mueller made inspection of the Ranch House Rentals with a 75% improvement in conditions noted. Mr. Vivian, the owner, would be notified in letter of his immediate need to apply for a Mobile Home License.

Holcomb situation was discussed by Councilman Lay and Chief Carey. After much discussion, no further action was taken by City Council as Live Oak had accomplished everything it could do.

A letter from AACOG on the purchase of a communications system stated cost to city was \$1,737 with AACOG grant paying \$5152. System would be operational in September. Contract was approved. Contract for cleaning of City Hall was approved for Acme A-1 Cleaning Service in the amount of \$75.00 per month.

Executive session was held to discuss an employment matter.

**14 August, 1973:**

Meeting of City Council called to order by Mayor Harper. The Mayor and 4 council persons were present.

Mayor advised plans and specifications for new City Hall are ready for bidding on 3 September. Mr. Galindo advised the city would not need to call an election to finance funds if the funding was accomplished on a non-negotiable basis. The mayor stated an election to approve the funding would be best as it was a large amount of money. Mayor Harper was advised by Morton Southwest that the land would be donated to the city for new City Hall and a deed would be conveyed at closing of meeting.

There was disagreement on the contract with WCID #13 as Chief Carey felt it was signed and Mrs. Zalaznick said no contract had been received. There was also concern voiced over the contract between Universal City and Live Oak regarding the Communications System management. Mayor Harper directed Chief Carey to set up a meeting with the entity, Communications System and AACOG as to various cities responsibilities.

Mr. Mueller reported the closing bids date for the 1250 gallon pumper was 5 PM on August 28, 1973. Mr. Mueller suggested the garage be converted to a City Council chamber to increase the available office space in the current City Hall. Council approved.

Mr. Galindo was asked for a recommendation for new City Judge. He suggested Johnny Dafoya. Mayor Harper opened discussions for legal aspects stating he desired Mr. Galindo be in more city affairs than previously. Mr. Galindo stated it would not be necessary for his attendance at every Council meeting, but only at those where his presence would be helpful.

Planning and Zoning Chairman, Carol Zalaznick presented the Comprehensive Plan and maps to the City Council for approval. It was accepted and approved unanimously. Ms. Zalaznick requested the city consider installing railings along the ditch at the intersection of Welcome and Shin Oak to prevent children from falling into the ditch while riding their bicycles.

**28 August, 1973**

Regular meeting of the City Council called to order by the Mayor with three council persons present. Mayor Harper addressed the letter from U.S. Senator Lloyd Benson concerning the post office. Senator Benson stated in his letter that Live Oak would not be able to have its own post office. Mayor Harper said the only way they (the Postal Service) would consider it would be for Live Oak to provide a building. In a previous letter, U.S. Senator John Traeger had stated he would personally look into the matter.

Mayor Harper introduced Mr. John Tafolla as the recommended City Judge and announced the present court date would change to the fourth Wednesday of the month at 5:00 PM, effective 1 October, 1973. An ordinance appointing the new City Judge would be drawn up.

Mr. Mueller presented the two bids received on 1,200 gal pumper trucks. Bids were made by American LaFrance and Ward LaFrance. American LaFrance bid was for \$46,882. Ward LaFrance was for \$46,875. After discussion by both Council and Mr. Mueller, it was decided to have Mr. Mueller evaluate the bids and present recommendation to Council at a special meeting on September 4, 1973.

Mayor Harper presented plans for a new City Hall. Each layout of 4 buildings was explained. Plans would hopefully be completed by 3 September, but not later than 1 October.

After discussion on painting of patrol vehicles (2), contracts to purchase office equipment and possible levying a permit fee on package stores, wine and beer retailers by ordinance, the meeting was adjourned.

### **25 September, 1973**

Regular council meeting of the City Council called to order with Mayor Pro-Tem presiding due to absence of Mayor Harper. Bill Lay reported he had discussed with Ricki Ware the building of a Post Office on Toepperwein Rd.

Fire Chief Mueller announced Mayor Harper signed the contract to purchase a new 1250 gal pumper on September 4<sup>th</sup>, 1973 in the amount of \$46,370.

Mr. Mueller announced he met with the Director of Planning of San Antonio concerning the area bordering Toepperwein and Lookout Road in San Antonio's ETJA. San Antonio indicated they would be willing to turn over this property to straighten out the boundary between Live Oak and San Antonio.

Ordinance appointing John F. Tafolla as City Judge was approved. Mr. Ricci Ware informed the council of an upcoming Spring Country Music Show in which he planned to donate 5% of the net proceeds to the City of Live Oak.

Several citizens petitioned the City Council to reduce the 30 MPH speed limit on city streets to 20 MPH. City attorney would look at the legality of doing this. Mr. Bill Cornett asked Mr. Mueller, the Public Works director what would be done about the drainage ditch behind Rainey Meadow. Mr. Mueller briefed all drainage ditches were being worked slowly because of the heavy rains we've had recently.

Police Chief Carey advised Council that new home owners off of Lone Shadow did not have police protection. Council recommended a letter be written by builders informing buyers of this issue.

The issue of Ranch House Rentals needing clean up was briefed by Mr. Mueller. He stated a letter to Dean Vivian stated a 20 October, 1973 deadline after which the City Attorney would take action.

Chairman of the LO Planning and Zoning Commission announced the contract between the Police entity and WCID#13 concerning radio communications was being worked on.

### **9 October, 1973**

All council members were present. Mr. Galindo informed the council of possibility of lowering the city speed limit from 30 m.p.h to 20 m.p.h. Entire council was in favor of having an Ordinance lowering the speed limit.

Mayor Harper met with Sam Parnes of Morton/Southwest. Annexation of all Morton/Southwest property discussed as long as immunity from taxation on all undeveloped property was granted. Council in favor.

Leasing of two radar units for traffic was approved and discussion on possibility of being part of a regional police task force. More information on the details of the task force needed.

Referendum Election was called by Mayor Harper to be held 17 November, 1973 authorizing expenditures not to exceed \$200,000 in construction of new Municipal Buildings and facilities.

### **30 October, 1973**

Mayor Harper presented a list of contractors who were sent letters to bid on new City Hall. Bids were to be returned NLT 21 November, 1973.

Two citizens were interviewed for vacant city council seat of Mr. Jessie Smith. These were Mr. Ronald McConnell and Mr. John Polski. After 15 minute recess for council to make a choice, the Council reconvened and appointed Mr. McConnell as new councilman effective this date.

Resolution was also passed giving Live Oak Police Department authorization to assist neighboring cities only in an emergency.

Ordinance covering speed limits, parking regulations and all traffic controls in the City was presented and approved. Purpose was lowering of speed limit to 20 M.P.H. Motion made and approved granting a 5 M.P.H. grace over the speed limit.

### **13 November, 1973**

All council members present. Executive session was held at start of meeting. Council was briefed by Chief of Police on bid for new police unit. Council discussion and motion authorized the purchase of two new patrol units and maintenance/keeping of two old patrol cars.

Police Chief requested approval to return the two new leased radar hand guns as not as practical as the old unit. Council agreed by motion.

Council approved Mr. Mueller request to Texas Civil Defense Director to place Live Oak on list of Texas Surplus for a road grader, a tractor and a street roller. No time limit on acquisition was provided by State.

### **27 November, 1973**

All council members present. Mr. Bennie Potts appointed to the Planning and Zoning Board.

Parking on the curve of Old Spanish Trail was addressed and would be checked by Chief Carey. Executive Session called by Mayor Harper.

After discussion on rules and regulations for outdoor shows, a permit was issued to Cibolo Valley J.C's for their Christmas Alley celebration.

No Special Meeting called on 4 December, 1973.

### **11 December, 1973**

All council members were present except Mr. McConnell. Unlike previous year, Cibolo Valley JC's Christmas Alley had much better merchandise and appearance.

All bids for the new City Hall were rejected. Mr. Mueller was appointed as Civil Defense Director for newly established Live Oak Civil Defense Operations. Council approved Ricci Ware's Country and Western Show on next Memorial Day with permit issued. City of Live Oak would receive 5% of the gross receipts.

Only one bid proposal for fuel and oil supplies was received from Gulf Oil. Other companies could not make new bids due to the economic climate. Price will be higher than previous years.

### **8 January, 1974**

All council members present except for Mr. Russell and Mr. Woods.

Mr. Bob Reeh of Morton/Southwest presented a plan for townhouses to be constructed in Live Oak Estates Unit 7. A variance for change to 25 foot setback to 20 feet and connecting Antique Oak directly with Toepperwein Road Motion made and approved subject to proper vacating and replatting submission.

Various building plans for new city hall were discussed. Three proposals were addressed with varying costs from \$170,832 + 10% to \$175,000 + \$3,200. Council decide to call a special meeting on 15 January when all council members could be present.

Chief Carey stated he was suspending a patrolman for 5 days and might need someone to fill his work shift as overtime. Mayor Harper briefed council on new Open Meetings law. Mr. Mueller expanded on the Fuel and Oil contract bid saying the other oil companies were not accepting any new contracts.

Issue of contract ambulance service was briefed by Mr. Mueller. Council requested letters from current service provider indicating yea or nay on emergency responses. Annexation of remaining territory in Live Oak ETJA in four phases was addressed by Mayor Harper. Mayor also asked permission from Council to offer property owner to remain tax-free for up to three years or until development commences, whichever is first. This action will occur only if property owner petitions the City to be annexed. Council approved.

No Special Meeting called on 15 January 1974 as previously noted.

### **29 January, 1974**

All council members present. Old business-Mr. Mueller stated he had not received the replatting for Live Oak Estates.

The issue of City Hall plans would be addressed at the next council meeting. Ambulance service telephone contacts said they would have emergency response service, but not written documentation had been received.

Texas Municipal League (TML) Workshop on Workman's Compensation addressed the Association of Insured Texas Cities ability to share in substantial reduced costs. Cities wishing to join were requested to sign letters of intent and appoint a city coordinator. Council approved a letter of intent and appointment of Ms. Elbel as the City Coordinator.

Mr George Woods sent a lengthy letter to the Post Master regarding a post office in Live Oak. Post Master called, but he was not in to receive the call. Further developments will be addressed. After lengthy discussion on complaints of motorcyclist riding bikes on a vacant lot, council asked Mayor Harper to ask property owner to withdraw his approval for motorcyclists on his property.

Ms Carolyn Zalaznick of W.C.I.D. #13 was being sued by San Antonio River Authority (SARA) for collection off unrealistic sewer service rate. There was also an injunction against Morton/Southwest connecting any more sewer lines to the flow to the Salatrillo Treatment Plant. Council was asked and stated they would support WCID #13 in these matters.

Live Oak Elementary was now in split sessions due to overcrowding. The new elementary school was to be completed in January 1975 and Jr. High in summer of 1975 Judson School Board said would attend council meeting to ask Live Oak City Council to not allow any more construction of homes. Mayor Harper stated it was legally not possible to keep a developer from building homes as long as he meets the Zoning Ordinance.

### **12 February, 1974**

All members of council present. In old business, Chief Carey read a letter from Mr. O.J.Van Horn stating he had never given any person or persons permission to ride motorcycles on his vacant tracts of land on the East side of IH 35.

Mr. Bob Reeh again addressed City Council on a change to the Townhouse Ordinance to require only 10 feet between groups of townhouses rather than 20 foot existing. This was due to the San Antonio regulation requiring only 10 feet and the architect using this guideline versus Live Oak. If Ordinance change was not possible, then a request was made for a variance to the ordinance. After asking Chief Mueller a question on fire safety over reducing the right of way, the Council voted to approve a variance for Mr. Reeh's townhouses.

Mr. John Dykes of Live Oak Cycle Club approached City Council about setting up an area in the city where young cyclists could ride, possibly making arrangement with Morton/Southwest. Mayor Harper and the Council discussed several options, but came to no agreement. Mayor Harper then said he would look into a cycle trail around the lake.

Mayor Harper stated a wild rumor was circulating in the local newspaper about several Northeast Metrocom cities consolidating was definitely a misunderstanding. Too many problems would need to be worked out. There were plans for a regional Chamber of Commerce which would include Live Oak among other cities.

### **26 February 1974**

Work session of the City Council not held due to a lack of a quorum. Two were excused, and two not excused-Mr. Hildalgo and Mr. Woods

### **12 March 1974**

All councilmembers present. Mr. Mueller advised the Council of a meeting at 5:30 PM on Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> to review specs and plans for the new municipal building.

Mayor Harper read a list of items needed for the new facility provided by municipal heads. After discussion, motion made and approved for purchase.

Initial discussion of the property around the lake centered on Live Oak taking ownership and getting grants for improvement to the lake area as a city park. Mayor Harper said he would pursue this if there was no objection.

The issue of ambulance service arose again and Mayor Harper stated the Council had determined it was in the City's best interest to continue with our own emergency service and a public ambulance. The city contracted wrecker service had been sold to a new owner. Since the change, response time had been too long and the previous owner paid the city with an "in sufficient funds check." As a result, contract was in default and Chief Carey was advised to contact Mr. Galindo for legal action. Mr. Mueller noted the city was now paying \$.385/gallon of gas. It was a 17% increase over previous year.

Mayor Harper clarified the purchasing policies of the City. No details noted in minutes. Council had no objections. Signed memo would be given to all department heads.

Initial inquiry into bus service from Live Oak to San Antonio was made. This was made as a result of the gasoline crisis. The San Antonio Transit Company was not interested. However, Trailways Bus Line does run down Pat Booker Rd, schedule unknown. Greyhound Bus Line runs down IH 35.

### **26 March 1974**

Monthly work session called to order with all present except Mr. George Woods. Paperwork and study groups addressed prior issues of ambulance service, City Park and annexations. With regard to a new city contract for wrecker service, the City Attorney advised Council the current

contract was void for previously noted reasons. Bids would need to be solicited for a new wrecker contract.

The issue of city speed limits being changed to 20 M.P.H was addressed by citizens (for and against). Sidewalks throughout was brought up as a safety remedy. Mayor Harper said putting in sidewalks throughout the entire city would run into the millions of dollars. The City had already change the development ordinance requiring sidewalks with all new development several years prior.

City Council passed a resolution banning the sale of fireworks in all of Texas. This motion carried and presented to Mr. Brown as chairman of the Community Development Advisory Council.

### **10 April, 1974**

Mayor Harper called the meeting to order.

Mr. Mueller reported that area cleared for ball fields in park.

Final plans for new city hall will be ready in April.

Chief Carey will be working on the wrecker contract. The use of Glenn's Wrecker and Roadrunner was discussed.

Discussion of a swap of land with Morton Southwest. The city would get 60 acres for park and Morton would get 1.8 acres referred to as Friesenhahn park at Northledge and Oak Marsh. Agreed on swap and waiting for paperwork.

Chief Carey asked to purchase narcotic kids.

Chief Mueller announced that he had 32 members in the Live Oak Volunteer Fire Department. All members and the ladies auxiliary have Basic First Aid course. He also announced that three disaster boxes have been purchased.

April elections were canvassed. 601 votes cast and winners were Harper mayor, Shirley T. Russell, William Lay. Marian Elbel administered oaths of office.

Saul Zalaznick asked how the City Attorney was being paid and Mayor Harper advised him that he is at a rate of \$40 an hour. There was a discussion of monthly retainer.

Discussion was held about a letter to Sgt. Shodrock regarding a 90 day leave of absence. Mayor Harper advised that Sgt. Shodrock had resigned and did not know whether he wanted to stay in law enforcement. Mayor Harper stated that he did some outstanding work. Chief Carey stated that Shodrock's absence would not hinder the patrol service and he would be doing Sgt. Shodrock's work during his absence. Bill Lay stated that he felt the City owned it to "Bucky" for all the free time he had given the city. Motion was made to change it to a 30 day leave and the motion died without a second and no other mention during that meeting.

Under Citizens to be heard, Mr. Herchel Marcum stated that he and his wife had been accused of wring a letter and distributing it on lawns on the day of election. He stated that he had nothing to do with the letter.

### **30 April, 1974**

James Reader, Designer of the City Municipal Building presented the plans. Motion was made to accept the plans.

Executive Session was called to discuss "differences of opinion as to the operation and functions of their duties. They reached an understanding and worked out their problems. The council did decide that no one other than councilmembers should be permitted input during any council

session unless called upon. IF a citizen has an item to be brought to the council it must be submitted to the City secretary for the agenda.”

Discussion of a letter to request the swap of the land for the park and the Friesenhahn property.

Members were reappointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Secret ballots made by council to appoint Larry Hidalgo and Mayor Pro tem.

Dave Kendall from Tri City Jr. Athletics and he thanked the City for clearing the ball fields.

Discussion of a Variance to Bill Long on Cherrywood for a fence in the set back. Tabled for further study.

#### **14 May 1974**

Discussion on the Fence Variance from Cherrywood and unanimously was denied.

After much discussion and research, council agreed to offer a retainer for City Attorney for \$300 a month, to include one court session.

City agreed to accept TML’s Workers Compensation Plan.

Chief Mueller announced the Festival to be held on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

1975 budget was presented and discussed “lightly.”

#### **28 May 1974**

Bids were opened for City Hall construction. Negotiations discussed with Jacosko and Kelley Construction companies. Bids from both companies were accepted totaling \$199,330.49.

Mayo Galindo agreed to work for the \$300 a month for City Attorney.

Letter discussed from the Texas Highway Department starting construction will begin for Farm Road 1604 that will run through Live Oak. Speed limit was discussed at 45 mph.

Council discussed a proposed utility increase of 19% by City Public Service Board.

Discussion of the 90 day leave of absence for Sgt. Shodrock was again discussed. Motion was made to require the Sgt. to return to duty and it was defeated with the Mayor breaking the tie.

Executive meeting to discuss salaries for 1975.

#### **11 June 1974**

Mr. Hartz from CPS board will be requested to attend the next meeting to discuss the rate increase.

Wrecker bid was awarded to Road Runner for \$7.50 per tow.

Discussion of request to reduce speed limit on Farm to Market 1604 during its construction.

Letter from Morton Southwest acknowledging a letter from Mayor Harper proposing the swap of the Life Oak Estates park site for the Live Oak Land and surrounding areas was ready by Mayor Pro Tem Hidalgo. The City would receive an answer by June 1.

Chief Carey requested council consider the purchase of a 1955 Jeep from Texas Surplus for \$128 to use in the rough and brushy areas of the City. “If the area around the lake becomes a park, it would be impossible to patrol this area in a patrol car.” Request was discussed and denied.

Chief Carey reported that no more than a quarter of the tickets issued during the month were on IH 35.

Report that the contractor would be ready to pour concrete on the new city hall in 2-3 weeks.

Discussion of having two signatory on city checks.

Council requested the City Council draw up a resolution establishing a line of communication between Department heads and the City Councilmen. Lengthy discussion and motion to City Council act as liaison between the City council and department heads and not try to run the department. Councilmen would rotate on a quarterly basis to another department.

### **1 July 1974**

The wrecker service was taken away from Road Runner because they did not have their insurance up to date. Mr. Lizana from Glenn's garage was asked to show proof as of July 1<sup>st</sup> at the next meeting.

Mr. Carey was asked how many police cars he had running and the answer was 2. One had been involve din an accident and received \$500 in repairs. Mr. McConnel stated that he wanted to discuss it further at the next meeting.

City would contact Randolph Field National Bank about finance the City Hall project.

### **9 July 1974**

Mr. Bernard and Les Bourland were introduced from the Randolph Area Chamber of commerce and spoke about the chamber.

Residents on Harper Valley expressed some concerns about the location of the animal control facility in the new city hall complex.

Concern again from council regarding the number of tickets written on IH 35 as compared to the residential area.

Discussion on the wrecked patrol car. Glenn's Garage is doing the work and Councilman McConnel felt that if the City vehicle was damaged by negligence of an employee, he should be made to pay the deductable. McConnel was asked to research this and present his findings at the next meeting.

Discussion was made of Broadway bank financing the construction of City hall.

Johnny Lizana showed proof of insurance and he was awarded the wrecker contract.

Resolution 145 was introduced and adopted establishing a line of communication between council and departments.

Discussion on number of signatures on a city check. Tabled to next meeting.

Two names considered for planning and zoning vacancy. Bill Dale and Bruce Bernard. Mr. Bernard was appointed.

Revision of the Zoning ordinance was discussed.

Letter request from the City of Selma for help with building inspections form Heinz Mueller.

Larry Hidalgo suggested that there were indication that the dispatching service is leaving something to be desired. Chief Carey to make a report.

### **30 July 1974**

Cheryl Ethridge made a request for a variance to open a dance studio in her home. Motion was tabled after much discussion.

Ty Probasco from AACOG presented and explained a Park Federal Funding program with 50-50 matching. Park Development Chairman was selected. (Councilman Woods)

Discussion of a meeting of all cities to discuss dispatch services.

Discussion of Gas and electric extension to new city hall for price of \$984.

Ordinance #241 to allow the City to borrow \$200,000 from Broadway National bank. All city funds were withdrawn from Randolph Field National Bank and transferred to Broadway.

**13 August 1974**

Discussion of Police Explorer program.

Dance studio variance was discussed from Ms. Ethridge. It was granted with stipulation not more than 6 students and not to create a traffic hazard.

Treasure bills were purchased in the amount of \$175,000 and will mature as City Hall bills become due.

Petition presented by Mrs. Hettler from Lost forest requesting sidewalks or hiring of two adult patrols to control the area around the school in the morning and afternoon. Council agreed to study it.

Heinz Mueller brought up the importance of plats being submitted to proper departments.

Executive session to discuss employees.

**27 August 1974**

Shin Oak and Old Spanish trail was discussed for rezoning from R-1 to B-2. Citizens spoke out against it saying it would bring Traffic, trash, property value decrease, robbery, city not big enough to support convenience store, be a focal point for drugs, not enough tax advantage.

Sam Parnes of Morton Southwest stated that he felt the citizens have too many fears. Harold Linder, manager of U-tote-m stores spoke. All voted to deny the zoning.

Construction of city hall is underway and at a steady pace.

Executive session to discuss personnel.

**10 September 1974**

Discussion of zoning West corner of Village Oak and Pat Booker from R-1 to B-3, and various others. All was rezoned.

Discussion on an Annexation study and Mr. Mueller presented plats and field notes to show that the city could annex 30% of its area rather than 10% a year. Date of public hearing set.

Discussion of the Dispatch issues that have been brought up at previous meetings.

Mr. McConnel questioned why Chief Carey was still allowed to purchase his gas from the City. McConnel felt that we had enough patrol cars that Carey wouldn't have to use his car for a patrol car.

Council raised salaries of all employees \$25 a month.

City council approved an abandoned vehicle be purchased from Glen's Garage for \$20.

**24 September 1974**

Council asked Galindo if it would be appropriate for them to express their feelings as to some of the fines being assessed for violators of the law. Galindo stated that they could.

Discussion to agendize becoming a member of the Randolph Metrocom Chamber of Commerce.

Discussion on the City requesting some federal funds to establish a rescue program.

Ordinance was adopted calling for annexations made up of exhibits A and B. Live Oak Village Unit 2-C and 12-A was approved.

**8 October 1974**

Ms. Elbel stated that they had an annexation hearing set and the notice would cost \$252.

Mr. Mueller reported that a city tractor had rolled into a decorative fence on Shin Oak and caused \$550 in damage.

Chief Mueller reported and invited council to ride in the fire prevention parade.

Construction on City Hall Facilities would be completed in November.

Chief Carey reported that during the past six weeks, we had brought in approximately \$500 on warrant arrests.

A petition on the number of dogs roaming the street was read and presented by Robert Adkins.

Patrolman Ynclan resigned to take a job as a Bexar County Sheriff's deputy, but nobody had volunteered to take over the police explorer program.

Mr. McConnel asked if the police department were using hollow point bullets.

### **29 October 1974**

Stephen Takas Jr., Candidate for Justice of the Peace District #3 introduced himself.

Judge Bob Strickland also spoke and talked about the importance of citizens voting.

Live Oak discussed joining the Chamber of Commerce for 20 cents per capita. For every \$36 paid by the city, the city would be entitled to have a member on the board. After much discussion it was decided not to join.

Resolution R150 established a curfew on Halloween, and all voted for it.

### **5 November 1974**

Public meeting on discussion the Annexations.

Mayo Galindo led the council through the complicated laws of annexation and laid out the alternatives:

1. Do Nothing
2. Annex and be challenged
3. Go into an agreement with the property owners to rezoning their property
4. Go to a home rule requiring majority vote of citizens
5. Give up claims to ETJ

Discussion on another meeting to discuss the pros and cons of being annexed to the citizens.

### **11 November 1974**

Discussion of a water franchise granted to Cliff Morton of Morton Southwest.

City agreed to annex 1-A, 1-B and 2-A.

City agreed to annex 1-D, 2-B, 2-C and 3.

### **12 November 1974**

Council granted a rezoning for a Dairy Queen with a drive up window.

City hall to be completed by December

Doug Anderson requested and was granted the ability to fence off a city easement behind his residence.

### **26 November 1974**

Mrs. Leon Shaddox resented the City with a large United States flag in memory of her father, Joseph Slattery.

Councilmembers asked that one of them be placed on the Dispatch board to represent Live Oak until it is better organized. The council felt that the contract was written to benefit Universal City.

Letter from Blair Reeves, County Judge inviting the city to join in recognition and accept the San Antonio Bicentennial Committee as our official representative of the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration of the nation.

Executive Session was held on personnel problems and salaries.

Janitorial contract was awarded to What-Mac Contractors inc. for cleaning new city hall.

#### **10 December 1974**

Texas Parks and Wildlife were asked to do a study on the new park area.

Discussion on parking slots for the new building. First three slots behind the building will be for police cars, and the fourth for City Secretary. The rest are up for grabs.

Resolution granting support for San Antonio's representation of the Bicentennial celebration.

Chief Carey presented two federal Grants, one for the Bexar County Task Force. The second was for the purchase of radio equipment.

Chief Carey asked council for approval to purchase six bullet proof vests for \$228.

Discussion and granting by council to not charge the police reserve officers \$100 for their bonding.

Council and wives were invited to Christmas party in Fire Department bays.

#### **14 January 1975**

Discussion of the parks and wildlife study for the park.

Discussion of either removing or repairing the marquee at city Hall

McConnel commented that the City still has too many dogs roaming the street. Mr. Mueller stated that he has two of his men several hours a week on the streets looking for dogs.

Mayor Harper reported that everything was set up in the New City Hall building.

It was reported that one of the city's police officers has been involved in an accident and there was a hearing set up for the accident which consisted of the Police Chief, Patrol officer, Mayor and one Councilman.

Open house set for January 18<sup>th</sup>.

Executive session to discuss personnel matters.

George Jameson on Harper Valley was present and complained about animals in the dog pound facility. They asked that the facility be sound proofed.

#### **28 January 1975**

Mayor Harper reported on the patrol car accident review boards that they had conducted.

Much discussion on the city's ability to operate an animal control facility, its zoning, and the city's responsibilities to have the facility sound proofed.

Mr. Mueller expressed some concerns that some citizens weren't paying their garbage bills.

Council voted a variance to allow for a 12' X 32' sign in newly annexed property.

#### **11 February 1975**

A letter was received from Representative Al Brown reference the rights of a city on interstate highways. Mayor Harper stated that he opposed both bills.

Council recognized Tracy Pardee and Tom Foulds for their outstanding contribution to the City as volunteers.

Proposed city policies were presented and discussed.

### **25 February 1975**

Fred Pfeiffer, Manager of the San Antonio River Authority was introduced and provided a presentation on the Floodplain located in the south end of Live Oak. Their main interest was the maintenance of the dam and the flood control operation. He stated that SARA would support our efforts to get the Federal grant.

There was discussion regarding a newly annexed set of apartments and if the city could make them comply with fire safety restrictions of providing two access points.

Mr. Morton from Morton Southwest requested that the City De-Annex the property on Athenian. The city annexed it for commercial property, but once it was annexed, the city denied the zoning so he wished the property de annexed.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hawkins from the Carl's Furniture store sent a letter of appreciation to the police department for their work in controlling a grass fire behind their store.

Mr. Hilman Schuchardt asked for approval of Farsight Drive as a name for his privately owned road.

Mr. Galindo advised that he and MR. Mueller met with Mr. Dean Vivian to discuss the condemnation of his trailer park. Mr. Vivian will try to meet the requests of the city.

### **11 March 1975**

Bud Dailey and his attorney Harry Adams presented requesting a fence variance, and the variance was denied.

Discussion of the park donation from Mr. Morton.

Chief Mueller got permission to buy a 1250 GPM Pioneer II American La France Pumper for \$38,000.

### **25 March 1975**

Agreement letter between Morton Southwest and the City which agreed to Morton giving the City the park land and the City applying for a federal grant.

Mr. Mueller announced that the new fire truck had arrived. And the rescue truck had been repaired. Ms. Doris Dickey, Asst. Principal of Converse and Live Oak's representative of the committee of Friends of Randolph Area Library, was recognized. She stated that the committee is seeking \$1 per capita donation to set up libraries.

Called for public hearing to prepare for the 1975 annexations, to include the park area.

### **8 April, 1975**

Harper opened the public hearing for de-annexation of the 175 feet strip of land between Oak Meadows and Centerbook. A brief explanation of why the de-annexation was requested, along with comments from Mayo Galindo regarding how the City had no chance of winning a lawsuit. Councilman Russell made the motion to de-annex the property, which amounted to 3.451 acres. There was no second so the de-annexation was denied. Mayor Harper stated that he wanted to go on record stating that he thought the council was in error in their decision. Council canvassed the votes from the election. Winners were Karen McIntyre, James Hoffman and Richard Hill.

**22 April, 1975**

Public hearing on 271 acres of property. No questions of discussions. Second hearing set for May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Pro Tem was selected by anonymous election and Jim Hoffman was selected.

A Home Rule Committee was formed. Committee members selected were Craig Sutton, Vic Kendall, Saul Zalaznick, Bill Davis and Richard Hill.

A Summer Youth Program committee was also established. Members selected were: Barbara Davis, Barbara Hanson, Sherry Mahoney, and Marge MacGarvey.

Acting Chief Shodrock provided the monthly report.

Chief Mueller stated that Engine 2, (Little Red) was being taken out of service for repairs and a paint job.

Mayor called an executive session to discuss applications for chief of police. Interviews held in May.

Discussion as to why they called the second council meeting a month a "Work Session."

Objection voiced by Saul Zalaznick. Council agreed that they should just be called meetings.

**May 6, 1975**

Special meeting to finalize an annexation and discuss applications for Chief of police position. Motion carried on the annexation.

Mr. Gruber presented to council a list of items that Ricci Ware had for sale at less than his buying prices. Items purchased were six Saddle Mates, Bell Buoy set of three, Lunar Lander double slides, Eagle Egg Climber, Bunker Hill Climber, large swing with rubber seats, and an aluminum picnic table.

Executive session to discuss police chief applicants.

**May 13, 1975**

Mayor Harper gave background on the city's comprehensive plan that was started and never completed.

Henry Gutierrez Sr. and Jr. were at the meeting and expressed some concern about not being able to collect garbage collection fees off of some residents.

Executive Session to discuss police chief applicants. Upon return, motion was made to appoint Gerard T. Shodrock as Chief of Police. All voted for.

**May 27, 1975**

Discussion of requiring an 8 feet privacy fence between commercial and residential.

Plat approval for Live Oak Estates Unit 7.

Planning and Zoning members filled, but council agreed to act as Board of Adjustment until the home rule charter passes.

Discussion on the Dean Vivian trailer park issue. They had been working with him, but to date the property still isn't in compliance.

Mayor Harper reported that an herbicide was sprayed in the ditch behind Grass hollow and it may have damaged some plants in a few yards in the area.

Councilman Hill reported on the Charter Committee and stated that the citizens will need to elect a 15 member commission to write the city charter.

**June 10, 1975**

Report that the issue of the Herbicide behind Grass Hollow was taken care of.  
Three phase development of the park was presented.  
Saul Zalaznick reported on the Home Rule Charter committee.  
Summer Youth Program committee reported a success with 170 kids attending the first event.  
Letter from Bob Reeh of Morton Southwest was discussed requesting a rezoning for tract of land at Athenian and Oak Meadows.  
Discussion to renew Glenn's Garage as wrecker service.  
Saul Zalaznick stated that he was looking for the city's legal authority to charge ad valorem taxes. Mayor Harper agreed to meet with him after the meeting to discuss this.

**June 24, 1975**

Saul Zalaznick was recognized and addressed council about taxes and services.  
There was discussion regarding the budget of the Summer Youth Programs and every other aspect of the budget that year.  
Councilman Lay recommended several additions to the wrecker contract.  
Mr. Mueller announced that he had two volunteer firemen picking up stray animals on weekends.  
There was talk of liability form this.  
Meeting was adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

**July 8, 1975**

Motion carried to rezone the property at Athenian and Oak Meadows.  
1976 budget items were reviewed again.  
Southern Building Code was adopted.  
Discussion of the 15 member Home Rule Charter Commission. Councilman Hill recommended Wilbur Friesenhahn, Saul Zalaznick and William Davis as his choice to serve.

**July 29, 1975**

Marian Elbel announced that she had six bids for a copy machine. They voted to lease a Xerox.  
Richard Bradford and Norman Orloff were placed on the planning and zoning commission.  
Chief Shodrock reported that burglaries for the month were up 250%.  
Mayor Harper advised that he had two applicants for the City Manager's Position. Motion was made to advertise in Texas Town and Country.  
Chief Shodrock was asked to compile a list of dangerous intersection that may need stop signs.

**August 12, 1975**

Councilman Hill reported that new election laws required bilingual elections. This was because of the Home Rule Charter information.  
Discussion on qualifications for the New City Manager. Mayor Harper stated his minimum qualifications were: 1. No person should be eliminated because of age, race or sex. Minimum qualifications, college degree in administration and two years experience, some college and 4 years experience or No college and six years experience. Experience should be in city administration. Council agreed to all of these.  
Chief Shodrock reported on traffic study and recommended 20 mph speed limits. All council agreed with the 20, but Harper who felt school zones should be 15. Elbel stated that this wasn't on the agenda so council couldn't consider it. Harper felt it was an emergency so they could,

since school was starting within the week. All voted for 20 mph, but Harper stated his intention to veto it and advised council of the steps they had to take to overrule his veto.

Councilman Hoffman reported that parks and wildlife had been in the city taking pictures in the park area. Report to soon follow.

Variance to Ella Reeves for babysitting in her home.

Mrs. Marge Croney asked Council if anyone could explain the strange smell that has been around Live Oak recently. Councilman Hill stated that he had it on good authority that the smell is coming from farm land east of the City who had used chicken manure for fertilizer in the fields.

### **August 26, 1975**

Resolution requesting assistance of its elected state and federal officials in securing a matching grant from the Texas parks and wildlife for the development of a park.

Discussion on dropping speed limits in school zones between school hours to 15 mph. Motion failed for lack of majority.

Forms were distributed to Council members to help them evaluate the city manager applicants.

Mayo Galindo reported that the Vivian case and the case involving the “stables” were tried in municipal court.

There was discussion of the process of the annexation, taking the City limits to Lookout Road. Councilmember Hill had been working with the City of San Antonio.

Mr. Mueller reported on the depth of the lake. He stated that the volunteers had measured it at 10 feet at its deepest point, and 4 feet at its shallowest.

### **September 9, 1975**

Report on the 13 applicants for City Manager, four did not qualify. Copies will be made and distributed.

Mr. Mims from SARA was there to clear up some concerns about the dam site. They have the right to inspect and maintain the site. They didn't want the city to lease it to have livestock graze there, but if a lessee was interested only in hay, SARA were only concerned with it having enough cover to prevent erosion. Council agreed to allow Mr. Lindorpher to contract with the city for hay, next year.

Mayor Harper stated that he had been in contact with Cipriano Guerra, Director of Planning for San Antonio in reference to the tract of land between Live Oak and Lookout Road. He stated that there were three conditions that San Antonio would consider giving up from their ETJ. 1. That Live Oak includes Toepperwein Road, 2. Lookout Road also to be included and 3. In the event San Antonio wanted to run utility lines along the City right of way on Lookout Rd., the City of Live oak would agree to allow this.

Saul Zalaznick reported on speaking to the Live Oak Elementary PTO on the Home Rule Charter.

Vic Kendall stated that there were only 20 people at the meeting of the PTO.

### **September 30, 1975**

Votes were reported for the special election to create a home rule charter commission. 90 votes cast, 76 for and 14 against. Members voted to the commission were:

Thomas H. Foulds Sr.

William P. Davis

Charles E. Johnson, Jr.  
Wilbur E. Friesenhahn  
Charlie B. Siniff  
Walter A. Conway  
Saul Zalaznick  
Jeanette W. Selman  
Doris M. Dickey  
David Allen  
Ella Mae Dale  
Blanca I. Velazquez  
William H. Towery, Jr.  
Margaret R. Croney  
Wayne Blaylock  
Robin Eakin  
Whitney Booth  
John Polski.

Mayo Galindo reported that the case filed against Mr. Vivian had been reset for October.

Mr. Schuchardt addressed council and complained about tall weeds and unclean properties within the city.

Councilman Hill asked Chief Shodrock if they were investigating a rape case, and Chief stated that they had one in September but it would be hard to prove in court.

Saul Zalaznick urged the police chief to issue citation for juveniles on bikes not obeying traffic laws. Chief stated that he would have the officers stop violators and advise them of their requirement to obey the laws on a bicycle.

City Council agreed to proposal from San Antonio to release the property West of IH 35 to Live Oaks ETJ.

Six month extension on agreement to negotiation for the park area.

Mr. Zalaznick reported that he had been elected chairman of the Charter Commission until their first meeting that would be held on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **October 14, 1975**

Carl's Furniture requested a variance on setback of 15'ft (front) Tabled to 28 October 1975. Mowing rate for unmoved property negotiated and set at \$20.00/hr. Initial approval of first grant for City Park by Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Requested professional appraisals of two donated properties by Bureau of Outdoors Recreation.

### **October 28, 1975**

Variance for 15 ft setback for reasons of drainage issues and economic issues approved for Carl's Furniture. Public Works dept requested approval to borrow \$35,000 for new equipment after old equipment purchase for \$6500 did not materialize. Home Rule Charter Commission continuing to work on original charter. Animal registration fees and vaccinations increased from \$4.00 to \$4.50.

### **November 11, 1975**

Mr. Ronald Dunlap was appointed as Chief Administrator of Live Oak as was prior to City Home Rule Charter being in place. Would then become City Manager. Village Utility Co. discussed rate increases. Decision delayed to 25 November mtg.

**November 25, 1975**

Village rate increases approved. Bid specifications asked for by council. Morton Southwest owned High Key Apartments approached city to pick up garbage in apts. City said to use existing contractor. First public hearing on City Charter to be held on 12 December, 1975 at Live Oak School.

**December 9, 1975**

Discussion of terminating EMS contract due to cost and using SAFES. SAFES would operate on per patient run of \$35.00 billed to city. RAS selected for city garbage pickup, although second lowest bidder, based on excellent recommendations from surrounding cities. Disputed by Coastal Bend on a non bid item.

**January 13, 1976**

Council briefed on 170 acres of land north of Live Oak within the ETJA of San Antonio. San Antonio would provide answer in a month. Annexation proposed to Live Oak. (West side of IH35???) Three goals (projects) for Live Oak set by Mayor Harper: (1) Annexation of 170 acres released by San Antonio. (2) Possibility of going into Sewer/Water Service business. (3) Changing the City's Ambulance Service. College intern program established effective 1 January, 1976.

**January 24, 1976**

Special meeting of City Council concerning complaints against LO Police Dept by 5 citizens. Written reports to be given to citizen committee of 2 for review and recommendation to City Council on 10 February, 1975

**January 27, 1976**

Fiscal year changed to Oct 1 through Sep 30 following year from Nov 1 through Oct 31 for fiscal reasons. 3 citizens to be heard noted. First such notation. John Christian, Sandra Towery and Jose Ranier.

**Feb 10, 1976**

City changed EMS service from EMS-San Antonio (\$8,267-1975) to SAFES at patient cost of \$35 per run. Cost to city is unpaid citizen runs. Citizen committee investigating police complaints, Mr. Dunlap, Mr. Jim Hoffman, Mr. George Ethridge and Mr. Robert Tullgren, recommended 7 areas for improvement within the police Dept. Final written report not possible as Benning case under consideration by Texas Attorney General. Live Oak Baptist Church site platted and approved at this meeting.

**February 24, 1976**

Revised current budget set to end 30 September to coincide with calendar quarters. Council members present were Jim Hoffman, Bill Lay, S.T. Russell, Richard Hill and Karen McIntyre

along with Mayor Harper. SARA refused any further contracts with private water companies wanting cities to make contract payments instead.

**March 9, 19 76**

Ambulance purchase by Live Oak put in abeyance pending the funding shift from San Antonio to Bexar County Hospital District. Variance granted for side driveway into backyard through side yard along side fence. Benning Case was responded to by Mayor Harper to State and Federal Officials, NAACP and Weekly Herald Editor. DOJ approved three city annexations since 1972 confirming current voting boundaries.

**March 30, 1976**

City addressed and accepted handling truancy cases within it's jurisdiction for Judson ISD through LO Municipal court. City elections would be held on 3 April, 1976 at LO Elementary School.

**April 13, 1976**

3 April Election Results: Frank Wilson Mayor, Fred Carsel – Place 2, and Ronald Huennekens-Place 4. Motions read commending departing councilmen and mayor. Park land donation by Morton Southwest was being disputed concerning the parkland grant.

**April 27, 76**

New rescue unit was repaired/refurbished by volunteers and donations of \$1200. Council addressed issue of appointing a Board of Adjustments (first appointments).

**May 11, 1976**

Home Rule Charter vote initially planned for August 1976 based on accomplishing revisions recommended by TML. City commended Public Works for actions taken during and after the May 7<sup>th</sup> Storm.

**May 25, 1976**

Special meeting called for 3 June. Charter changes accomplished and sent to TML with translations and paperwork to be sent to Justice Dept.

**June 3, 1976(Special Meeting)**

Appointment of Councilman George Pich to fill unexpired term of Richard Hill. Contenders were Mr. Pich, Ralph Cullip, Walt Conway, Terry Osborne and John Polski. 1976-77 Draft budget presented and discussed.

**June 29, 1976**

Sal Zalaznick reported on the Home Rule Charter Commission and a copy of the completed charter was presented. Mayor Willson called for a special election to be held on August 14, 1976.

Mr. Galindo talked about repairs to a fire truck.

Chief Shadrock gave a report about operating two patrol cars at night due to the increased number of calls.

Discussion of a letter that had been sent to Mr. Tomasini of the County Roads department concerning children walking along Kitty Hawk to school.

Flood plain ordinance was discussed.

Jim Hoffman announced that the Civic Association has donated a live Oak tree to City Hall, ceremony will be on July 3, 1976.

### **July 13, 1976**

Mr. Dunlap reported that 2560 copies of the Charter had been mailed out. The cost per copy was eleven cents.

Mayor Willson announced that no police car bids had been requested. The cost will range from \$4700 to \$5300.

Ordinance passed regulating the speed on IH 35 access roads.

Kathy Hoffman, president of the Live Oak Village Civic Association introduced Mss Live Oak Rhonda Williams.

Live Oak was presented with an Official endorsement as a Bicentennial Community from the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission of Texas.

Rezoning of the Ferrell Property, request was withdrawn.

### **July 20, 1976 Special Meeting**

City passed a resolution to borrow \$30,000 from Broadway National Bank.

Executive session to discuss employee salaries

Mrs. Glen Lizana spoke under Citizens to be heard regarding sewer, water and gas availability of their home and business. City Manager Dunlap advised her that the city doesn't furnish this service to any of its residents at the time. Mr. and Mrs. Lizana stated that they did not ask to be annexed and felt that it was not to their advantage to be a part of Live Oak.

### **July 27, 1976**

City Manager Dunlap reported that the City had received verbal approval for a park grant and asked that someone be put in charge of the park project.

Mayor Pro Tem Hoffman asked for citizen's participation to help with the park.

Commitment was received from Bexar County to provide a bike path on Kitty Hawk and stated that the state is working on a bike bath along old Converse Road. Discussion was also on the possibility of Lone Shadow to extend to Kitty Hawk.

Approval was granted for the purchase of two used DPS patrol cars with 60,000 to 70,000 on them for \$1200 each.

Chief Shadrock reported on complaints from citizens about Skateboarders riding in the right of way. Mr. Galindo reported that state law in the Texas Penal Code would prohibit them. Officers were asked to stop and ID kids found in violation, speak to them, and get their parent's phone numbers and contact them as well. Mr. Dunlap advised that this would create some adverse reaction from parents.

### **August 10, 1976**

Discussion of a proposed animal control ordinance which was directed by Councilwoman Karen McIntyre.

Discussion of the park grant and the acceptance of a land donation and the purchase of an additional 13.258 acres of land that is to be purchased by Live Oak. Discussion was held on the selection of architectural and engineering firms for the park.

Mr. Dunlap read a letter to the editor to the Express news by Saul Zalaznick supporting some criticism the city has been receiving regarding the Charter Commission. Before the letter was finished, Mr. Hammerstom, a citizen, objected to the letter being read due to it being too political. Mayor Willson ruled that the letter should be read.

Discussion was held about a stolen car that had been impounded by the city for processing. The owner, Mr. Lawrence, didn't want to pay for the tow and council agreed.

Under citizens to be heard, Mr. Robert Rudewick spoke regarding the skateboarders incident. He felt that Council was directing police officer action and officers felt that they couldn't function if their jobs were being threatened.

Former Mayor Harper spoke stating the council members should ride with officers on a regular basis to familiarize themselves with their jobs.

### **August 31, 1976**

The engineering firm of Parks & Recreation Planning Association inc. spoke regarding the design of the park.

Flood ordinance was adopted and the animal control ordinance was as well.

Mr. Dunlap announced that several employees were leaving. Sgt. John Bonham to UC Police, David McEathron to the Highway Patrol, Victor Contreras the Western Auto store, Mr. Al Yount to Lackland AFB Fire Department and Chuck Pinto to the City of Houston.

Discussion of the Wrecker Contract and it was again awarded to Glen's Garage  
Canvassing of the Charter election.

### **September 14, 1976**

Parks and Recreation Planning and Associates were employed for the park planning and a survey was sent to residents about the park.

Mr. Mueller discussed the Swine Flu and the Metropolitan health district.

There was discussion of a health official, "especially since there was food establishment located in Live Oak."

A Civil Defense Personnel position was discussed.

### **September 28, 1976**

Andy Posnecki was introduced as the City's representation for the Federal Grant for Local Public Works Capital Development and Investment.

Status of Fire trucks Engine 3 and 4 and the cost of repairs paid for by the Ladies Auxiliary.

Harold Knowles was introduced as the Chairman of the Area Chamber of Commerce.

Copy of a letter read that was addressed to the City of San Antonio from a group of residents in Robards who wished to stay in San Antonio's jurisdiction.

### **October 12, 1976**

Rezoning of .27 acres on southeast corner of Shin Oak and Old Spanish Tr.

Proposed health and sanitation ordinance reviewed.

Mueller advised that the City probably could not offer the swine flue vaccination.

Chief Shodrock reported on Traffic surveys of Shin Oak, FM 1604, Old Converse Road and Pat Booker.

Powers of the Planning and Zoning Commission was discussed.

Updates to the comprehensive plan was discussed.

Citizens to be heard, Saul Zalaznick commented on the absenteeism of two councilmen.

### **October 26, 1976**

Mr. Dunlap reported that patrolman Phillip Dreyer had been relieved of duty and currently we have six police officers, two of which are under a CETA grant.

Chief Shodrock stated that his officers were largely responsible for clearing up a vandalism incident at Kitty Hawk Middle School. A councilman asked if the officers patrolled the School paths to Kitty Hawk and he was told that they only had jurisdiction to a certain point.

Concerns were expressed about volunteer firefighters responding to emergencies in a safe manner.

### **November 9, 1976**

Mr. Dunlap asked Councilman Hoffman to begin discussion of City Planning. Plans with the School district, capacity of water, possibility of taking over WCID #13, noise and air pollutions, septic tank restriction, drainage ditch requirements, transportation systems were items he felt should be discussed.

Plans were shown of the preliminary configuration of FM 1604 and Pat Booker showing a clover leaf exchange in its crossing with IH 35.

Saul Zalaznick took "deep umbrage" with some comments made by Mr. Dunlap regarding WCID #13.

Discussion of officers monitoring the traffic in the school zone when parents were picking up their kids in the rain.

Mr. Dunlap reported that Lookout Road would be surfaced in December.

### **November 30, 1976**

Park consultants reported on the Topography map for the park area.

City was granted a grant of \$5000 to be used for land use plan, housing plan and environment assessment.

Ben Zamora was hired as a police officer.

Chief Shodrock was directed to post a notice in the paper asking people to park their cars in the driveways of high congestion areas.

Discussion of a requirement to have an archeological study done of the park property

Discussion of consolidating the police and fire function of the City.

### **December 14, 1976**

Health ordinance second reading.

Mr. Dunlap reported on the park master plan and the City would be receiving \$46,000 of the park grant funds.

Mr. Shodrock reported on the status of CETA grants for which he has requested an administrative clerk, a dog catcher, a mechanic, a labor, and two policemen for \$51,000.

\$30,000 loan had been paid back to Broadway bank.

Mr. Dunlap reported on the EDA grants that we had applied for and stated, "So we must feel, if we ever get a dollar out of that, we are very fortunate indeed."

Authority granted to UTSA to conduct an archaeological survey for the amount of \$265.

A TML training tape was played on liability.

Discussion of the Friesenhahn Park and its dedication of 1.8 acres of land to the City.

Under Citizens to be heard, EG Miller complained about streets. This led to discussion of residents parking their cars in the driveways at night in high congestion areas.

### **January 11, 1977**

Rezoning of 13001-13069 IH 35 North from R1 to Commercial B-3. Gadsby was the applicant and Mr. and Mrs. Schuhardt and Melvin Mayer spoke out in opposition. Property was rezoned.

Chief Shodrock reported on the parking survey made on the highly travelled streets in the City. City will continue giving out notices asked residents to park in their driveways.

Discussion of the 701 Grant regarding planning.

Council discussed a policy on employee's vacation and workers compensation. Tabled.

Special report on Burglaries. Mr. Dunlap called for the news media to report on the efficiency of the Live Oak Police department in solving burglaries. Chief Shodrock reported that during the last month, 7 arrests were made, five of which were adults and approximately \$3,000 in recovered stolen property. This was a combined effort by Live Oak, DPS and San Antonio Burglary section.

Mayor Willson announced the building on Shin Oak and Old Spanish Trail was a dentist office.

Mr. Dunlap reported that the City received \$1,595,883 in grant funds for drainage ditch improvements.

Councilman Carsel resigned because of another position he took with a different city.

Mr. Dunlap announced that Mayor Willson had been invited to President Carter's Inauguration.

### **January 22, 1977 Special Meeting**

First reading of ordinance of Live Oak for taking over WCID #13.

### **January 25, 1977**

Further discussion of the dissolution of WCID #13

Sick leave was discussed changing from 3 hours a pay period to 4 but the amount carried over from one year to the next was reduced from 120 hours to 90.

Revisions were made to the council operations ordinance regarding citizens to be heard.

### **February 8, 1977**

Third reading of the Health Ordinance

Second reading on re-zoning Gadsby's property on the South bound side of IH 35 all voted for.

Mr. Dunlap reported on a police car that had been in an accident and would not be repaired. It had been in a pursuit with another vehicle whose driver had violated the law in the City of Live Oak.

### **February 22, 1977**

Final plans and specification for City Park showed to council.

Chief Shodrock reported on the activities of the police officers and also a Selective Traffic Enforcement program. (STEP)

Mr. Mueller reported that 25 animals had been picked up during the month. He could not explain the increase in animals at large.

Mr. Dunlap reported on a letter being sent to the State Department of Parks and Wildlife requesting to stock our city lake.

### **March 8, 1977**

Mr. Dunlap reported on the request of the Mayor concerning progress on the EDA drainage Improvement program.

Mr. Dunlap stated that the City Auditor, Mr. Percival would attend a city council session to answer questions.

Mr. Dunlap read a letter thanking officer McEathron for helping New Braunfels arrest four people on charges of attempted murder.

Council discussed a Tax Exemption for Over 65 year old property owners.

### **March 15, 1977 Special Meeting**

Mr. Dunlap read a letter awarding Houston Bridge and Engineering Co. with the contract for \$1,034,243 for the EDA grant.

### **March 29, 1977**

There was a discussion in regards the "Old Age Tax Exemption Ordinance." According to the ordinance, people over the age of 65 would be granted a \$3000 tax exemption from City Taxes.

Mr. Percival stated that the City is now heading in the right direction, running the city as a business and the City's total assets, not including streets and utility lines, on October 1, 1977 were \$607,019.

First reading of a flood plain ordinance.

Adopted new citizens to be heard rules.

For the first time, there were more fire calls in the City than in the County.

Under the citizens to be heard, Mr. Zalaznick asked the City Manager to look for legislation that would make it "unattractive to own a massage parlor in Live Oak." He also reported on the Junior Brigade of the Fire Department and that it was gaining membership.

Mr. Dunlap reported on a Legislative conference he went honoring Governor Briscoe in New Braunfels.

### **April 12, 1977**

Elections canvassed. Council members are: Mayor Frank Willson, Council members Frank Templeton, Saul Zalaznick, Bill Lay, Olga Bolduc.

First reading of the Massage Parlor ordinance.

Discussion of a Bank being built on Pat Booker outside of Live Oak's City Limits.

Mr. Dunlap announced that the Judson 4 Drive Inn Theater had planned its opening for May first.

Chief Shodrock announced that they have placed Texas Crime watch signs at the entrances of Live Oak.

### **April 26, 1977**

Massage Parlor's Second reading

Chief Shodrock reported that 48% of the citations issued were on the Highways, and 52% were on Residential streets.

Discussion of a hand carried letter from San Antonio with proposed ordinance releasing 829 acres in the Robards area to the City of Live Oak. The issue would be considered on the San Antonio council agenda that week.

Citizen Jesse James reported on a flooding problem at his residence.

Discussion of the creation of a board of Adjustment

### **May 10, 1977**

Mr. Dunlap reported that we had received an ordinance from San Antonio releasing 829 acres in the Robards area to Live Oak's ETJ. Council rejected it due to some water contract issues.

Mr. Dunlap reported that Universal City had hired a survey crew to establish San Antonio's five mile ETJ line. He showed that there was some confusion on the Live Oak City boundaries in the area of Oak Meadows. It was agreed that Mr. Dunlap would work with Universal City to solve this issue.

Ron Ball approached council about its opinion on a small bus line from the outlying cities to the shopping malls. Council stated they would study the proposal.

An ordinance was passed to make our subdivision ordinance applicable to our ETJ.

Officer David McEathron left Live Oak Police to attend the DPS academy. (McEathron later became the assistant Director of the DPS in charge of the Concealed Handgun Licensing Bureau.)

Councilman Huennekens asked Mr. Dunlap to designate an assistant City Manager as directed by the City Charter.

### **May 31, 1977**

The first Board of Adjustment was established. The names for the first board were: Ron McConnell, Bill Long Jr., Ron Neubecker, Joan Malesky, Robert Tullgren, Mel Hendricks and Dee Mickelson.

Discussion was held regarding a new comprehensive plan that was provided for by a 701 Planning Grant. Walt Conway, the chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission also commented. The consultant helping us was Mr. Downing.

Mr. Dunlap appointed Marian Elbel as acting City Manager.

Mention was made by Chief Shodrock regarding traffic concerns around the Judson Four, as well as similar lighting problems that existed from the "One Hour Golf." This must have been the name of the driving range that was on the property where the hospital is now located.

### **June 14, 1977**

J.Y. Golden's triangle fronting IH 35 was zoned B-3.

Concern was shared regarding Mr. Dunlap's throat surgery and not being able to talk at a Texas Water Quality Board hearing.

### **June 28, 1977**

Glen's Garage was awarded the wrecker contract.

Chief Mueller reported that seven volunteers had finished EMT training.

There was the discussion regarding an ordinance banning X rated movies in the City of Live Oak. City attorney stated “the state statutes on pornography would preempt any city ordinance and therefore, would advise the City against adopting such an ordinance.”

**July 12, 1977**

State Highway planners provided information regarding IH 35 improvements from Walzum Road to the Selma Cross over that included State Highway 218 and FM 1604.

Approval for the budget with total disbursement being \$551,438.

Nolan Suarez with AACOG gave an introductory presentation on the new 911 emergency communication number. He stated it would take two years to implement the process.

Direction to Mr. Dunlap to purchase two used DPS cars.

Discussion of annexing 158.2 acres in Live Oak’s ETJ somewhere in the Lookout Road area.

**July 26, 1977**

Rezoning in the area of Toepperwein and Narrow Pass.

Mr. Dunlap announced the Chief Shodrock would be leaving the City and taking a job as a special investigator for the state. He stated that he had hired Chuck Pinto as the chief and Councilman Zalaznick charged Chief Shodrock to be an ambassador of good will for the City of Live Oak.

**August 9, 1977**

General Blake provided information on the 911 system. Resolution was passed for Live Oak’s intent to participate.

Discussion on the annexation of the 158.2 acres. After discussion, motion was approved to start annexation.

Resolution commending Chief Shodrock for his service and introduction of Chuck Pinto.

Report on a tractor/patrol car accident that took place in the impound yard.

Mr. Dunlap announced that aside from being the Civil Defense Director, Mr. Griffith was the Assistant to the City Manager, Personnel Director, Safety Director, City’s representative to the Planning and zoning commission and federal and state grant administrator.

**August 18, 1977 Special Meeting**

First reading of ordinance to accept the 829 acre tract of land in Robards.

**August 30, 1977**

Ordinance prohibiting people from driving on any public owned property. This came about from complaints from motorcycles in drainage easements.

Chief Pinto presented the communications system budget.

**September 13, 1977**

Officer Selman gave a briefing on trouble spot of Village Oak and Pat Booker intersection, and discussed some changes that were recommended to the state to improve congestion at the intersection.

Conditional approval requested for Persimmon Hill Residential Unit 1.

Walt Conway and Andrew Meyer were recognized for outstanding service to the city during a recent emergency.

Discussion of the dangers of weapons being fired from the Robards area and requested an article be ran in the newspaper.

**September 27, 1977**

Presentation and ordinance accepting 3.346 acres from City of Universal City and confirming the boundaries between the cities.

**October 11, 1977**

Report from Chief Pinto regarding traffic/Parking study and Alternative actions. Mayor Wilson agreed with the study that the conditions didn't warrant restrictions, but rather to "Crack Down" on area speeders.

Reports were received on the Park and Drainage project.

**October 25, 1977**

Mayor Wilson commented on a power outage that had occurred lately and had lasted three hours. No incidents were reported during the time.

Discussion on annexation of territory at Lookout Road. A schedule was decided upon providing for the annexation.

Chief Pinto reported on the increased DWI arrests attributable to the STEP program.

Discussion of annexing the area of Toepperwein and Judson that included the One Hour Golf and Judson Drive In Theater. Councilman Zalaznick stated that he didn't mind annexing the commercial property, but wished to exclude the Mircom because it would be a bigger detriment than an asset.

Discussion on computerizing the book keeping of the police department.

**November 8, 1977**

Dennis Baumann spoke under citizens to be heard asking if anything was being done to curb the city's growing crime rate. The discussion came around to the patrol cars being too loud because of their conditions.

Discussion of annexing 158.550 acres of land in Live oak's ETJ.

**November 28, 1977**

Discussion of the Computer Service Bids and it was agreed to extend the process for more bids.

Mayo Galindo addressed concerns that City Council members are attending other board meetings and participating. Mayo advised that they could speak as citizens.

Chief Pinto addressed concerns that officers were seen outside the city in patrol cars and of their appearance that they were socializing. He also addressed the shift coverage. Four, ten hour days, providing him with Double coverage every night but one.

**December 6, 1977 Special meeting**

Discussion of the annexation of 158.550 acres of land as well as a street repair for WCID #13.

**December 13, 1977**

Mayor Willson stated that he would like to dissolve the old park committee and appoint a new committee. Many of the old members no longer live in Live Oak. Mr. Dunlap advised Jim Hoffman and Walt Conway no longer wish to serve on the committee due to other commitments.

He had the names of three volunteers who wished to serve: Phillip King, Terri Ross and Buddy Kinslow.

Consideration for the annexation of Toepperwein, IH 35 and Judson property. Chris Alton gave the update and stated that property was 48.9 acres upon which four businesses were located. The Judson 4 Theater, One Hour Golf, Gulf service station and a soon to open skate board park.

#### **December 20, 1977**

Mr. Ronald Huennekens resigned from position 4 on City Council.

#### **December 22, 1977 Special Meeting**

Council waived their fees for both December 20<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

Ordinance acting on City Public Service Proposed changes in Extension Policy.

Ordinance to annex 158.550 Acres.

Mayor Willson declared it an emergency to fill Place 4 on the council seat. Saul Zalaznick nominated Vern Hanan and Mr. Willson stated that Jim Hoffman, a former Council Member requested being considered for the position. Mr. Hanan was voted in unanimously.

Chief Pinto briefed council on a federal matching grant for the purchase of radar equipment. Motion carried.

#### **January 10, 1978**

Vern Hanan appointed to place #4.

Chief Pinto briefed council on a Traffic Summons issue that has caused a backlog of warrants for two months.

There was discussion of a computer contract for the City.

Executive session regarding the purchase of property in the Robards area.

Social Security Ordinance amended to include part time employees.

Ordinance dissolving Booker Public Utility District.

Mr. Conway, Chairman of the P&Z presented a list of name of people interested in serving on the P&Z, but it was tabled until they could get a recommendation. Hanan was appointed as council liaison.

#### **January 17, 1978**

Resolution commending Ronald Huennekens for 21 months of service on the city council.

Chief Pinto gave the 1977-76 report. He commented the increased traffic and DWI cases were due to STEP.

Chief Mueller and Councilman Zalaznick spoke about the extraordinary service the City was getting from their Volunteer Fire Department.

Citizen to be heard Phillip King reported on the newly organized park committee and gave the name of the members. Noel Mason-Vice, Terry Fitzpatrick Ross, Buddy Kinslow and Ron McConnell.

Glen Lizana inquired about the price to fix a backhoe that the City was contemplating buying from the WCID 13.

#### **February 14, 1978**

Mr. Percival reported on each item in the audit. Stated that the City was in good financial standing and that the City Manager Ron Dunlap should be commended.

Mr. Dunlap spoke about the renovation of the council chambers.

City Engineer Andrew Poznecki reported that the drainage project was 75% completed. There was discussion on going out for bids for some construction on the park.

Chief Pinto read a letter from Eldorado Chemical stating that they were grateful that they had been annexed into the City of Live Oak.

Crossover IH 35 by TXDOT at Welcome had been approved by the Federal Highway Administration.

Another executive session for the purchase of real property.

Councilman Zalaznick thanked all city employees who helped out on recent freeze.

Councilwoman Bolduc stated that she takes pride in the condition and cleanliness of the City, but there was one area that she felt had become a junk yard. There was much discussion regarding it. The property she was discussing was Glen Lizana's property and Mr. Dunlap was asked to meet with him and find a solution.

Mayor Willson stated that the City may need to adopt a clean up, paint up fix up week.

### **February 28, 1978**

Fire Chief Mueller led the discussion on a backup for the communication system for the fire department.

Discussion of the City acting as its own general contractor in the work done in the City Park. \$30,000 would be saved.

Citizen Suzanne Wallace presented council with a petition signed by 52 people asking to halt the sale of Friesenhahn Park that was on the April 1<sup>st</sup> Ballot. They all voted and the item remained on the ballot.

Chief Pinto reported that the police department had hired Bob Tullgren as a warrant officer.

Discussion to dispose of some equipment of the volunteer fire department. Dunking booth, wheels of fortune games, box cars. Agreed to accept bids and funds would go to the fire department.

Citizen Gary Stogsdill asked that citizens to be heard moved from the agenda, and when a citizen had a question during the meeting, they should just raise their hand and be recognized by the council. Mayor Willson stated that he has never failed to recognize someone who asked. Mr. Stogsdill stated that he felt he was under a "Gag Order."

### **March 14, 1978**

There was discussion for clarification on the Warrant officer position and the CETA Program in which the person was hired. Chief Pinto stated that the position had a salary and would also be paid by warrant.

Mr. Dunlap provided a briefing on the park construction costs.

Chief Pinto presented council with bid for police cars. Bill Heil Chrysler Plymouth bid was \$5,654.60 per vehicle.

Gary Stogsdill, Planning and Zoning commission asked that council recognize Phyllis Wilkins for her service to the P&Z.

Jack Prentice was appointed to Parks Committee.

Mr. King spoke as a citizen and gave his support to the sale of Friesenhahn park and the proceeds be used to construct a large park.

Introduction of a Home Improvement Contractor's License was discussed.

Mr. Dunlap explained the purchase of a used grader for \$6500

Mr. Dunlap explained that they were having public hearings for annexation of the triangle in between Toeppewein, Judson and IH 35 Access road. 49.5 acres.

### **March 28, 1978**

Mr. Dubbs, Chairman of the Universal City Cable Television Committee gave briefings on the purpose of the committee. They invited Live Oak to appoint a representative and advised that there were two companies interested in bringing cable TV to the area. Bill Towery was appointed to the committee.

Ordinance to set date for public hearing for annexation of 49.5 acres tract.

Mr. Dunlap reported on correspondence regarding a French Drain on private property problem on Grass Hollow.

Heinz Mueller was reappointed as Fire Chief by the Volunteer Fire Department.

Discussion on condition of Robards Area. Mayor Willson stated that the Robards area was looking like a garbage pit and that it was a haven for stolen vehicles, dope peddlers, arson and many other crimes. Most recently there had been a double murder there. He had sent a letter to commissioner's court but had not been acknowledged. A second letter was sent with no answer. Mayo Galindo provided an explanation of alternatives.

### **April 11, 1978**

Mayor Willson added an emergency item to the agenda regarding the Robards Area. Mr. Tomasini, the Public Works Director for Bexar County was present at the meeting. He stated that only two streets through the subdivision had ever been accepted by the county. The rest of the streets were still owned by Robards estate. He stated that the county is concerned about the problems, but didn't have many solutions.

City Engineer Poznecki reported that the EDA drainage project could be done as early as July.

Mr. Dunlap reported that the park consultant had met with him and other staff to make changes to plans.

Canvassed the votes of the April 1<sup>st</sup> election. 1114 votes were cast. Frank Willson won reelection as mayor. James Templeton place 2 won in close race with Gary Stogsdill. Ralph Cullip won over Vern Hanan for place. Voters approved Friesenhahn Park be sold and proceeds be used for park purposes.

Oaths of offices were read to the newly elected and incumbents.

Variance request was heard for fence height variance. Deferred to Board of Adjustment.

Mr. Mueller informed council that the bridge construction on Shin Oak Drive was near completion and would open by late April.

Mr. Dunlap reported on a city boundary issue between Selma and Universal City with Live Oak. Council gave him direction to work with the other cities.

Vern Hanan was appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

### **April 25, 1978**

Charles Klingensmith spoke under citizens to be heard about drainage issues on Welcome Drive and Leslye Baumann complained about two junk vehicles on Welcome.

Ordinance for the annexation of the 49.5 acres.

Civil Defense plan was presented by Chief Mueller

John Welton, candidate for County Commissioner precinct 4 addressed council.

Friesenhahn Park Dedication Ceremony Scheduled.

Chief Pinto reported on the quarterly activities of the police department. Of the \$8,553 worth of property stolen, \$7,819 was recovered, but narcotic offenses were high. There were 29 DWI cases filed.

Mr. Mueller provided report on animal control and they showed a 20% increase.

Resolution allowing the City Manager to contract Park Construction.

Councilman Zalaznick was elected as Mayor Pro Tem.

Mr. Dunlap reported on an industrial project at Lookout Road and Toepperwein. The development hinged upon San Antonio's ability to provide sewer.

Councilwoman Bolduc asked Mr. Lizana if he had done anything to correct the problem with his junk cars. Mr. Lizana responded that he didn't think he had a problem; however, he had removed some card. He felt that his business was grandfathered.

### **May 9, 1978**

Bill Towery gave a report on the Cable TV Committee. Ordinance was accepted.

Live Oak received the Outstanding Award for its participation in the United Way.

Discussion of working with the US Postal Service to get our own Zip Code.

There was talk of water coming into the City Hall on a major rain event.

### **May 16, 1978 Special Meeting**

Ms. Susan Wallace questioned the public notice for the meeting under citizens to be heard.

### **May 30, 1978**

Public Hearing to rezone 59 acres known as the Industrial park from R-1 to B-3.

Mutual Aide was agreed upon with Randolph AFB.

Mr. Richard Bradford questions Councilman Cullip under citizens to be heard about a decision that had been reached on WCID 13.

Public meeting on Highway Improvement. Councilman Zalaznick gave a report on IH 35 Improvements. Plans were reworked for Shin Oak and Welcome Drive.

### **June 13, 1978**

Bill Towery reported on the progress of Cable TV committee.

A 911 Communications system was discussed with the City of San Antonio and it will cost \$368 a year.

Ron McConnel, Mel Hendrix and Keith Winton were appointed to Board of Adjustment.

The Industrial Park was discussed and an agreement between San Antonio and Live Oak was emphasized as a necessity.

The 1979 Draft Budget was presented. Major projects during the year was purchase of public works equipment, Salaries for full time firemen, reevaluate comprehensive plan and bring sewer to NW side of IH 35. There was also mention of a library.

Mr. Mueller reported that the City had reported the heaviest rainfall in eleven Years. He stated that the drainage city stem worked as it was designed. Damage in the Meadows apartment due to the rain.

### **June 27, 1978**

More information on a legal dispute between WCID 13.

Budget work session. Questions rose about the increase in sales tax due to the newly annexed territory of the Judson 4 Theater.

Mr. Dunlap stated that an 8% cost of living increase had been figured into salaries.

Under Citizens to be heard, Mr. Richard Bradford with the WCID 13 asked council if anyone had ever made a statement that the City had accused the board of directors of mismanagement. Council stated that they had not. Mr. Dunlap read a statement to council that he had made about the "District could be much better managed."

Another Citizen to be heard, Jim Chew, asked council why they didn't dissolve the district y referendum as opposed to ordinance. Councilmen Cullip and Zalaznick disagreed on this issue.

Ron McConnel spoke under citizens to be heard that he was upset that during the budget process, it appeared that the park had a higher priority than fire department.

A schedule of fines was adopted.

### **July 7, 1978 Special Meeting**

Budget Work Session. Level of City Council Compensation was discussed.

Discussion of adding a second floor on to the Fire Department.

Discussion of building a new Police Department.

### **July 11, 1978**

Public Hearing on the Budget.

First reading of ordinance prohibiting abandoned vehicles.

First reading of ordinance prohibiting junked vehicles.

Briefing by Mr. Schneider, Councilman from Schertz regarding SAFES ambulance providing service to the City of Live Oak.

### **July 25, 1978**

Ordinance approving cable Television Contract. UA Columbia represented with the franchise.

Legal step taken to dissolve WCID 13.

Final Budget reviewed and approved.

Discussion by the Bexar County Tax assessor asking for us to sell license plate stickers in City Hall.

Citizens to be heard:

Attorney James Kosub spoke representing a group of "concerned citizens in Live Oak." He was concerned about the method the City was using to take over WCID 13.

Jim Chew stated that he was opposed to the WCID closing.

Mayor Willson asked for Mayo Galindo to address some of the questions. Mayo stated that he didn't feel that his answers would convince anyone and that he was directed to answer whenever council asked him to.

Vern Hanan from the Planning and Zoning Committee announced a public hearing for a zoning issue for a new Handy Dan Store.

Jerry McCracken stated that he has asked his neighbors and they all feel like their civil rights have been taken away from them, not being able to vote to shut down WCID 13.

Mrs. Nichols stated that she was in full agreement with Council's action.

Ordinance to annex territory. 183 Acres.

Councilman Zalaznick defended himself from an article in the Herald regarding the WCID issue regarding whether or not he was representing council when he spoke to the reporter, or if he were speaking as a private citizen. The discussion led to the City Manager Mr. Dunlap had made comments in the Herald Newspaper that Mr. Zalaznick's comments were contrary to Live Oak "Policy." Mr. Zalaznick asked for council members to tell him what "policy" he had violated. None of them responded and Mr. Dunlap stated that his reference to "policy" was that council had voted to dissolve the WCID #13 4 to 1, so the policy was set by council to dissolve the district. Zalaznick stated that he didn't feel that way and made a motion to "dismiss" Mr. Dunlap from employment with the City for making false accusations against a council member. The motion died for a lack of a second.

Mr. Mueller presented an ordinance prohibiting fireworks in the City.

Glen Lizana asked for council help in receiving a copy of the Herald newspaper.

Gary Stogsdill stated that citizens weren't getting to provide input on issues before the council.

Mayor Willson stated that Citizens just need to raise their hands and they would be recognized.

In addition, Stogsdill felt that the Weekly Herald was due for an "Attack" because they are only printing one side of the issues. He asked that they be urged to print both sides.

### **August 22, 1978 Special meeting**

Ad Valorem Tax Rate was set at \$1.31

Councilmember appointed Mr. James Hoffman to fill the vacated Place No. 5.

Bids for a police car were approved from Heil Chrysler-Plymouth for \$5,998.

### **August 29, 1978**

Public Hearing for rezoning Amin George property from R-1 to B-3. Zalaznick made the motion referring to it as the Golden Triangle. (This is likely the property behind the current Civic Center.)

Ordinance to Annex 182 Acres.

Zalaznick brought up the issue of taking over the WCID #13 utility. Mr. Dunlap stated that since there was so much controversy, he asked for Mayo Galindo to clarify the City's legal position.

Two employees, Mike Davis and Chris Alton, asked for Tuition Assistance to attend school.

Announced that WCID #13 was moving their offices from IH 35 to the Well site on Sunset Trail and Cherrywood.

Police Department announced that they were handing out new resident packets.

### **September 12, 1978**

Annexation Public Hearing of 183 acres. Mircom area.

Colonel Morgan, resident of Mircom stated that they were not opposed to the annexation, but wanted assurances that they will receive same benefit of other residents in Live Oak.

Mr. Dunlap announced that the City had been served with a citation entitled "Bexar County WCID #13 versus the City of Live Oak."

Vern Hanan, Chairman of P&Z reported that the Commission had held a rezoning hearing on the Judson Drive Inn property to B-3.

Council approved purchasing a 1976 Plymouth in "Real Good" condition from The TXDPS for \$1540.

**September 26, 1978**

Ordinance for annexing 184 Acres.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield won the city's health insurance bid.

Discussion on the Tuition Assistance was conducted and it was agreed to only approve it if the curriculum was job related.

Judson Four Theater area zoned B-3

Hanan and McCracken were reappointed to the P&Z Commission.

Mr. Dunlap reported on progress of the City Park. Reported that they are out for bids on the parking lot and the lake had recently been stocked with fish.

**October 10, 1978**

Ordinance establishing the date in which the City would take over the assets and liabilities of the WCID #13. January 5, 1979 was the date established.

Berry (?) Martin appointed to P&Z Commission

Mr. Dunlap reported that he Postal Service disapproved our bid to get our own zip code.

Robert Pearson spoke under citizens to be heard and asked why park progress was so slow.

Ordinance regulating signs and billboards.

**October 31, 1978**

Moment of silence requested for the passing of Chuck Siniff

Mr. Percival set out the purpose of the audit to insure the EDA that the City had functioned according to their standards.

Rezoning Public Hearing for Judson Four drive in to B-3, a 47 acre tract of property to include the Theater and One Hour Golf area.

Resolution approving the City's Safety Manual.

Second draft of Sign ordinance.

Police department reported that DWI arrests continue to be up.

MR. Mueller reported that Animal control activities were up 110% from last year.

Franchise Ordinance with the City of San Antonio for Persimmon Hills.

Ordinance establishing junk and salvage dealer's permits.

Amendment to the Solicitor's Ordinance

Robards Briefing. Chief Pinto briefed council regarding nuisances in the Robards area. He stated that the discharge of firearms had increased and more incidents had been reported of bullets striking homes in Live Oak.

**November 14, 1978**

Discussion of the Sign Ordinance. Harold Knowles, Director of the Greater Randolph Chamber asked that the ordinance not be so stringent.

Ordinance establishing junk and salvage dealer permit requirements. Mr. Gary Selman representing Chief Pinto asked for questions. Glen Lizana asked a question regarding his fencing requirements and the ordinance was tabled.

Citizens Petition Submitted regarding the WCID #13 dissolution issue. Mr. Galindo stated that the requirements that the petition referred to did not apply to the City since the District existed before the City. Zalaznick stated that regardless of whether or not the petition was valid, it did show that the people were concerned about the issue and felt that the City should call for a referendum.

Zalaznick was only councilmember to vote to accept the petition.

Mr. Dunlap reported that the Handy Dan Contract had been awarded on the 7<sup>th</sup> of November and constructions would begin shortly. He also reported that a proposed Albertson's would be under construction after the first of the year, and Persimmon Hill was breaking ground. Mr. Dunlap also reported that he had received a summary judgment form a gentleman who was interested in developing the Robards area. This judgment removes the many restrictions which were applied on the properties in Old Robards.

Jim Chew addressed council under citizens to be heard regarding their lack of consideration in failing to call for a referendum to the take over of the water district.

Approval for establishment of impound yard on city property.

Mr. Lizana complained that a Police Officer had violated the wrecker contract. Officer Selman reported that a Live Oak Officer, on the way down town to take a subject to jail when he witnessed a DWI and pulled him over. He had called for a San Antonio officer, and San Antonio sent a wrecker. When the San Antonio officer got at the location, his supervisor would not allow him to make the arrest because he had not witnessed the violator driving. The Live Oak officer arrested the person, put him in the car with his other prisoner and took them both to jail. The San Antonio wrecker took the vehicle to Live Oak's impound yard. Council directed the Chief of Police to meet with the officers and inform them of the contract.

There was discussion of acquiring Civil Defense vehicles on loan from the Department of Defense.

### **November 28, 1978**

Building and Sign Permit Ordinances finalized.

Junk and Salvage dealer permit ordinance

Citizens to be heard:

Thomas William stated that he lived near Friesenhahn Park and was speaking with many of his neighbors. He said that they were upset because they had voted for this area to remain a park, however nothing had been done. He complained about weeds and rodents. Council agreed that \$1000 be pulled from the budget for park maintenance.

Action on an interim committee for a Utility Board of Trustees. Council placed Blair McCloud, Carlos Melick, Al Day and Oliver Maier on the interim board.

Mayor Willson proclaimed that Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> through Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> was Judson Rocket Week.

Mr. Zalaznick asked about how many absences that Mr. Bill Lay had. Ms. Elbel stated that he had missed three consecutive meetings. Mr. Zalaznick asked if he forfeited his position by City Charter requirements.

### **December 14, 1978**

David Dennis with the Cibolo Creek Municipal reported that there would be a meeting at the Institute of Texas Cultures regarding 208 Area Wide Planning.

Garbage Bids were opened and Moore Services incorporated was named.

Progress was given on Friesenhahn and Municipal Park. Park Sign had been delivered for Friesenhahn Park and the pavilion and restroom facilities in Main Park were near completion.

Carl Karr thanks the city on behalf of the Chamber for allowing them to help draft the sign ordinance.

Mayor Willson stated that he had been trying to get in contact with Councilmember Lay regarding his many absences, but he was out of town.

**January 4, 1979 Special Meeting.**

City of Live Oak's Public Utilities Department was established by ordinance after the City acquired WCID #13.

**January 9, 1979**

Rezoning Public Hearing on 6.185 acres of land on Pat Booker. Handy Dan property.

Zalaznick announced that the 911 System would be working on January 29<sup>th</sup>, 1979.

Chief of Police added that the police department made 1086 more calls in 1978 than they did in 1977.

**January 30, 1979**

Mayor Willson introduced County Commissioner Tom Vickers.

Mr. Percival reported on the City's annual audit. Ms. Zalaznick asked if it were better for the City to invest in CD's as opposed to regular savings accounts. Mr. Percival agreed.

Ms. Schuhardt talked under citizens to be heard regarding a horse stable next to her trailer park. She asked about the legality of a horse stables in an R-1 zone.

Ordinance prohibiting the discharging of weapons and dumping of refuse within 5000 feet of the City.

Ratification of City Manager's Action to increase fire and comprehensive insurance for City Hall buildings.

**February 13, 1979**

There was discussion on the question as to whether or not City employees would get reimbursed for services provided to the Utility Department.

Letter was received from the Texas Historical Commission stating that he had nominated the City of Live Oak Park Site for inclusion into the National Registry of Historic Places. The reason for the designation is an old Indian Camp Site was located in the park.

**February 27, 1979**

Discussion of a portion of the Manager's salary being covered by the newly created Utility Department.

There was discussion of enhanced traffic control at Village Oak and Toepperwein to prepare for the soon to open Albertson's store. The discussion was to remove the sign that was in the middle of the island on Village Oak at Pat Booker.

Mr. Dunlap advised that someone had been distributing fliers offering a water analysis to the Citizens. In the information given there were references that Live Oak's Water had worms in it. Mr. Dunlap asked for the newspaper to pay attention because we have the purest water in the Country.

Mr. Dunlap reported that the City was having a problem controlling animals and it had become progressively worse. Mr. Pinto presented a plan to hire a dog catcher. And provide incentive pay according to the number of animals trapped.

Discussion of purchasing a roller/compacter to build the parking lots in the park.

**March 13, 1979**

Mr. King, Chairman of the Parks Commission gave the update on the park. Plans reported on include: traffic control, unsightly objects in the park, planting of grass, maintaining he concession stand, roads and parking, Ball diamonds, play areas and picnic areas. Dunlap reported that \$154,000 was budgeted.

Mr. Dunlap reported that they had received complaints about the R rated movies at the theater, which could be seen from some of the homes in Live Oak. Dunlap gave a report and stated that he had been in contact with the owner, but he had stated that if he couldn't show R rated movies, he may as well close his doors. The gentlemen had promised to not show any X rated movies. Texas Highway Department recommended that the curb in the median of Village Oak at Pat Booker be removed as well.

**March 27, 1979**

Mr. Dunlap reported that he had been working with Selma to clear up a boundary issue. There were only minor changes to what had been anticipated.

Mr. Dunlap presented an amendment to ordinance number 320 that provided for removal of council members from office for attendance issues.

Mr. Pinto reported that Mayo Galindo would need more time drafting the ordinance prohibiting trucks parking on the street because it would be the first in the Bexar County area.

Mayor Willson commented on a letter that had been circulated around the City that stated that the city had raised taxes five times the national average in 1978. He stated that to his knowledge, the City hadn't raised taxes since 1976. Ms. Leigh Morrow, candidate for position on city council stated that she had put out the flier and that she stated that her taxes in 1978 had gone up five times more than the past four years. Mr. Zalaznick stated that in 1978, the tax base went from 20% to 35% of the appraised value. In most instances, the amount was less than a dollar. Mr. Dunlap reported that the city's effective tax rate of .458 was the lowest in the whole metropolitan area.

Mr. Mueller reported that the newly installed Friesenhahn Park Sign had been demolished beyond repair by vandals.

**April 10, 1979**

Mayor Wilson stated that the truck parking on street ordinance that Mayo Galindo had been working on was too stringent and asked that it be tabled. All agreed.

Ordinance providing for removal of members from the Planning and Zoning commission and Board of Adjustment for unexcused absences.

Canvassing of the city election. Saul Zalaznick won place 1, Jerry McCracken winner of place 3 and Barry J. Martin won place 5. Mayor Willson administered the oaths of office.

Discussion of the purchase of a "newer" police chief car. Authorized \$2000 to be spent from surplus in warrant fund.

Amendment to zoning ordinance to allow for 3 stories apartments for High Key Apartments.

Resolution appointing members of the P&Z. Anne Jorrie, Tom Kinsey and Jack Allen were nominated to fill the vacancies.

Chief Pinto reported that a survey had been made for the cost of police protection per resident and it is \$6.03 per year.

**April 24, 1979**

Certificates of appreciation were distributed to council members who were voted out of their positions.

Councilman Zalaznick again won Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Willson asked that the members of the fire department be surveyed to determine what their needs were.

Mr. Dunlap reported that the street maintenance fund had \$25,000.

There was talk of a request to move a building down Village Oak from Toepperwein to somewhere around the car wash. All were told that they could deny the request. Tabled until later date.

Mr. King, Civil defense Director reported on an exercise that they had a week ago. Chief Pinto gave a briefing on the totally unannounced exercise.

Mr. Kind, Financial Director gave quarterly financial report.

Executive Session regarding Robards lots, and their being acquired by Miller-Hills Joint venture.

**May 8, 1979**

Discussion of rezoning Public hearing for Moron Southwest property behind the High Key Apartments. Zoned B-1.

Rezoning Public Hearing of property at 12995 IH 35N to B-1.

Bill Long, Dee Mickleson, Joan Malesky and Joseph Correale were appointed to the board of Adjustment.

Councilman McCracken asked if the City could put up "Children at play" signs in the neighborhood as well as promote more bicycle safety.

Mutual Aid agreement was signed with Universal City, Converse, Selma, Kirby and Windcrest.

Discussion of annexing property at the end of Lone Shadow, at Kitty Hawk. Requested to work with Converse because they had asked to annex the property as well.

**May 29, 1979**

Mayo Galindo reported that the Class Action suit against the property owners in Old Robards was moving along.

A request was made by San Antonio to take a portion of our City at Lookout Road. Council advised Mr. Dunlap to reiterate to them that it would benefit both cities to keep the property in Live Oak to settle some watershed disputes.

Ordinance adopted regulating the moving of houses through Live Oak.

Chief Pinto introduced the Live Oak Police reserves and reported on their training.

Mayor VanVoorhis with Converse sent a letter stating that he was checking into the property that they had asked to annex at Lone Shadow between Kitty Hawk.

Ordinance granting an exception to sign ordinance for Albertson's store. Dealt with a free standing sign.

Discussion on traffic problem with school kids on Kitty Hawk road, with kids coming from Cimarron.

**June 12, 1979**

Public hearing on Albertson's sign.

Glen's Garage won Wrecker Contract.

City employee Mark Yeager was awarded with certificate for completing 160 hours building code inspection training.

Citizens to be heard:

Cark Carr complained on the Village Utility on a water leak.

Vern Hanan asked about putting the moving of a structure ordinance in the zoning regulations.

Discussion of an entry sign for Brentwood Oaks

The purchase of a stand by Generator was discussed for \$15,000.

The following people spoke at the Revenue Sharing Public Hearing: Tom Kinsey, Ron McConnell,

Walt Conway, Vern Hanan and Ron Evans

### **June 26, 1979**

Consideration of granting a sign exception to Interspire International Inc. at Brentwood Oaks.

Mr. Mueller introduced Robert Walker, Live Oak Resident. He was soliciting council for support for the nomination to the Camino Real Board of directors.

Mayor Willson presented a certificate to Robert M. Meade from the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians.

First Draft of 1980 Budget.

### **July 5, 1979 Special Meeting**

Mr. Dunlap reported that Universal city had filed to reach good water in the Olympia area after going down 500 feet.

Mr. Dunlap reported that the corner of Village Oak and Pat Booker had been purchased for a small shopping center.

### **July 10, 1979**

Chief Pinto reported on the Backup fire department dispatch.

Public hearing on Brentwood Oaks entrance sign and city easement.

Ordinance regarding the construction of fire lanes because of the construction of two large businesses in the city.

Discussion to set per diem rate and mileage for out of City Functions. \$40 a day.

Public hearing on 1980 Budget.

Ordinance setting tax rate at \$1.31 per \$100 Valuation.

Mayor Pro Tem Zalaznick asked if the City had a rabies plan in the event of an outbreak.

### **July 17, 1979 Special Meeting**

Citizens to be heard: Justin Carlton stated he was against the Cable TV group cutting the streets.

There was much discussion on the method in which the City streets are cut.

### **July 31, 1979**

Mr. Dunlap reported on a problem of the City supplying sewer services to the area around the industrial park. (Lookout Road) The city explained how the problem could be solved with an exchange of territory with San Antonio but they refused for the second time stating that they had given the city of Live Oak the Robards territory with no exchange and felt that Live Oak should turn over the industrial area to them without any exchange. Item was tabled for later meeting.

Handy Dan received a sign exception.

Brentwood Oaks sign exception granted.

Chief Mueller presented a five year plan for the City Fire Department.

Citizens to be heard:

Mike Floray complained about a stray dog in his area. Mr. Dunlap stated that some dogs are very illusive and very difficult to capture.

Reported that 200 animals had been vaccinated on their event on July 21<sup>st</sup>.

Chief Pinto reported of traffic safety Surveys in the City. The dangerous area identified was Greycliff and Welcome. It was voted to place a traffic control signal at the intersection. (Stop Sign)

### **August, 14 1979**

The Contract with San Antonio for Sewer was discussed for the Industrial park. Mr. Dunlap stated that city had two options. Give the area to San Antonio or contract for sewer with San Antonio. Item tabled.

Ordinance governing the disruption of City Streets.

Special briefing on City Dog Problem was presented. The dog that the citizen brought up last week had cost the City \$222 in manpower. Decision was to not shoot the dog.

Citizen to be heard: Carl Carr stated that he had pictures of two billboards in the city that were in dire need of repair.

### **August 28, 1979**

Public hearing on the use of General Revenue Sharing of residual funds of \$3,878. Mr. Dunlap proposed putting to use for fire department salaries.

Chief Pinto informed Council that he had been approached by S&P Communications with a proposal for service contract to service radios. This authority was granted for City Manager to enter the agreement.

### **September 11, 1979**

Mr. Dunlap presented a request to the City Council to allow the Board of Adjustment to hear sign request variances. It was granted.

Mr. Zalaznick asked that Sandpiper and IH 35 also have a stop sign added to the ordinance.

Mr. Dunlap presented Truth and Taxation information to the City. He stated that the city could raise taxes from \$1.31 to \$1.75 this year.

Carolyn Zalaznick under Citizens to be heard asked about a sign on Pat Booker in front of Albertsons that stated "Entering Universal City, speed limit 20." She didn't feel the sign was in the right place and asked that it be checked.

Announced that Handy Dan will have their grand opening on September 13<sup>th</sup>.

Chief Mueller stated that they raised \$2,116.17 for Muscular Dystrophy.

There was discussion of some Rye grass that had been planted in easements to help stop erosion, and Mr. Mueller urged people who have property that borders these easements to mow them.

Mr. Dunlap announced that the car pool lot at IH 35 and Loop 1604 had been constructed.

**September 18, 1979 Special Meeting**

Mayor Willson stated that the meeting was called because of concerns of possible herbicidal spray damage within the city. Mr. Dibrell from the Texas Department of Agriculture reported that they had not found any evidence that there was mass use of 2-4D or 2, 3, 5T in the area.

**September 25, 1979**

Public hearing for rezoning of property in Brentwood Oaks from R-1 to R-2.

Mr. Dunlap reported that a sample of the affected plant had been sent to the EPA laboratory and as soon as the results returned, they would be reported to council. Ms. Betty Huffman stated that she didn't like the rumors about her that had been started by Mr. Dunlap. She said that she had no intention of suing the city. She just wanted to know what was making her plants die.

Elizabeth Keith and Anne Jorrie were appointed to the Planning and zoning commission.

John Corrale spoke under citizens to be heard and asked for a stop sign at Sandpiper and Leading Oaks. There was discussion and all agreed.

Council broke for Executive Session for Personnel Matters.

Mayor Willson announced that Ron Dunlap had turned in his resignation for personal reasons effective immediately. They agreed to pay him through October. Chuck Pinto, Chief of Police was named Acting City Manager at the same salary of the previous City Manager.

Mr. McCracken moved that the new city manager, when hired, have six months to relocate to live within the city.

**October 9, 1979**

Sign Variance granted to Deanie Owens Realty sign at 12462 IH 35N.

MR. Pinto advised that a letter had been received from the Highway department asking for a no parking sign in front of Glen's Garage on Pat Booker.

There was discussion of performance bonds and Trust agreements that had been discussed by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mr. Mueller provided a briefing on the City Park construction. All utilities had been installed; concession stand, restrooms, pavilion and some of the sidewalks were completed as well.

Bob Lindorfer reported that he was sorry that citizens had appeared to council with the chemical problem. He stated that he had sprayed his fields with 2-4D and had asked the Dept. of Agriculture to take samples of his soil and he didn't feel that he was responsible for the dead plants. He stated that Chemicals were in everything and we live in an age of "destruction." He was sorry that council was burdened with the issue.

## Chapter Five Herman's Hall and Early Businesses



### Herman's Hall and the High Wire Act

In the area of Pat Booker where the Village Inn is currently located, a local business man and his wife opened one of the first businesses in the Live Oak area. To lure people to the location, Herman would do a high wire routine between two poles that were approximately 15 feet off the ground. I have not been able to find out Herman's last

name, but he later built a skating rink in a large red building that stood on the property, and then later, made it a dance hall and bar. The bar, named the Round-up Club, was probably built in the 50's and a locally favorite band out of New Braunfels, Adolph Hopner's band played there frequently. If anyone has any information on Herman's Hall, please call Scott Wayman at 653-9140 ext. 261.





### Historic Businesses

As the Historical Committee has been conducting our research for our 50 Year Celebration, information regarding many of the areas first businesses has been surfacing. In some cases we have been lucky enough to find pictures of the business and their surroundings. I have pictures of a single pump Gulf gas station that appears to be at the



corner of Toepperwein and IH 35 as well as a picture of the Civic Center when it was Handy Dan's Lumber Yard. Other pictures show a separate roadway that parallels Pat Booker and appears to have been extended to the new Albertson's grocery store. I have found a few pictures from 1948 that show Herman's Hall, which was a dancehall that later turned into a skating rink. We are still looking for pictures of the Judson Four Drive-in and Fisher's Ice House which were also early businesses in the City of Live Oak's history.

In addition, we have been fortunate to receive many photographs from Edgar Bowles, of the Pan American Speedway, which was built in 1965. In an earlier article, I reported that the property where the speedway was located was traded to a prominent San Antonio

businessman who was present at the ground breaking of the track. This wealthy San Antonio car dealer hired radio personality Ricky Ware as his announcer, and the first person who can call 653-9140 extension 261 and tell me the name of the businessman will win the third historic coin to be given away at the kick-off celebration in April of 2009. Please leave a message with the date and time that you call so I can confirm the first caller.

Scott Wayman

Live Oak City Council Agenda for April 12, 1977 announced that the Judson 4 Drive-in Theater was to open May first, 1977.

Newsletter Article  
Judson Four Drive-In



ROBIN and Maurice Braha hoist the grand opening sign into place outside Judson-4

4-screen drive-in to open

The first four-screen outdoor theater in Texas will be opened here Friday by Braha Theaters. It will be the first new outdoor theater to be built in the San Antonio area in a decade, according to owner Maurice Braha. The complex is located at the junction of Judson Road and IH 35. "I've tried to make inroads in both the type of entertainment available as well as the food service area," said Braha. The complex will use its larger-than-standard food service areas to serve a wider range of food than is usually available at outdoor theaters. Braha pioneered the "multi-screen" concept in downtown San Antonio by converting the Aztec theater into three different auditoriums. "This was to revitalize the movie business downtown," Braha continued. "I wanted to make sure that the downtown section will always be an important entertainment center." Braha also renovated the Laurel Theater, re-titling it "The New Laurel." Judson-4 will feature recent box-office hits such as "Annie Hall," "Carrie," and "White Buffalo," as well as first-run showings of the science fiction film, "Empire of the Ants," and Ron Howard's newest picture, "Grand Theft Auto."

Richard Rodgers at 75

By HUGH A. MULLIGAN  
NEW YORK (AP) — Oh, what a beautiful morning, a grand night for singing and hal-lelujah, I'm a bum if I forget to send a dozen full blown roses.

Richard Rodgers will be 75 on Tuesday, and who knows where or when anyone in a blue moon will ever again write so many easy to remember melodies?

The sound of music cascading from this wonderful guy has bewitched, bothered and bewildered three generations of theatergoers, from "Poor Little Rich Girl" in 1920, when he was just getting out of high school, to the latest revival of "The King and I" now setting Broadway box office records.

Small hotel  
There's a small hotel where in the cool of the evening I could write a book about my favorite things in Rodgers' magic music, but how was I to know dozens already have been written, telling how the sweetest sounds began echoing from a certain doctor's apartment in Manhattan when Richard, then only 16, going on 17, was publishing his first songs? "The gentleman is a dope or at best a Johnny one-note who doesn't realize by now that the above lines contain the titles of more than 20 songs by Richard Rodgers, leaving another 800 for birthday salutes from the rest of the world."

The composer was sitting in his Madison Avenue office the other day, surrounded by posters for "Oklahoma!," "Carousel," "South Pacific," "Pal Joey" and 35 other Broadway openings, when a Person Friday came in to announce Yul Brynner had received another standing ovation in "The King and I" revival last night, and the past week's "over the window take" of \$25,000 had set a record but this week would be even better.

Deserve it  
"How wonderful. They all deserve it," said Richard Rodgers with the becoming modesty that has made him one of the few nice guys ever to finish first in this town. "Only he really didn't say it. The lips moved, the jaw strained and the words squawked up in pitiful echoing rumbles from the electronic device that serves as Richard Rodgers' larynx since his cancer operation several years ago. But there's still a song in Richard Rodgers' heart and a smile on his pixie face that rejects pity and knows only optimism, especially when the conversation, no matter how labored, turns to the state of the theater."

They were saying Broadway was dead when I wrote my first score with Larry Hart more than 50 years ago, and they've been saying it ever since. Broadway is more alive than ever," he rejoiced painfully. "And I don't just mean the revival of 'The King and I' Look at 'Annie' and 'A Chorus Line' and 'Sly Fox.' Modern music has its appeal, but the more traditional sound has a better chance: people still like to hum what they hear."

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In 1977, San Antonio businessman Maurice Braha opened the Judson Four Drive-In Theater at the corner of Toepperwein Road and IH 35 North. Many movies shared their debut with the theater, some of them being classics like Grease and Urban Cowboy. Some of the movies that were shown at the theater were somewhat "racy" for the time and a former worker at the theater told me that people lined up all the way down the access road of IH 35 to see Angie Dickinson's shower scene in Big Bad Mama. Although not confirmed, one person even told me that for one racy movie's debut, the theater even had girls in bikinis, roller skating around the gravel lot. If you have any

information on the Judson Four Drive-In, or any other historical information on the City of Live Oak, the Live Oak Historical Committee would love to hear from you. Scott Wayman 653-9140 ext. 261.

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## Ground is broken for big drive-in

The largest drive-in theater in San Antonio will be built at 11333 North and Judson Road, Maurice Braha, president of Braha Theaters, said Friday.

The drive-in theater is scheduled to open by May 1.

"One reason we selected the Judson area," Braha said, "is because we can serve so many municipalities from here."

"Our four-screen drive-in theater will be easily accessible from all the suburbs that surround San Antonio," he added.

Braha said the theater would be the first to be built in the San Antonio area in 10 years.

He said the theater complex will be called the Judson-4. Outdoor theaters and will be the most modern in the San Antonio vicinity, Braha said.

He said at a fully-automated projection booth will serve the four separate screens.

were State Sens. Frank Lombardino and Glenn Kothmann and State Rep. James Newlin.

### Judson-4

### Art sale deadline

### Groundbreaking

Monday is the registration deadline for the seventh Senior Citizens Arts and Crafts Sale.

The sale will be held Feb. 10-12 at the Farmer's Market. It is open to senior citizens from Bexar and surrounding counties. There is no charge for registration.

Registrations may be made by telephoning Yolanda Vasquez at 435-0524.

Officials attending the groundbreaking ceremonies Friday included Judd Early, Converse mayor pro tem; Frank Wilson, Live Oak mayor; George Tucker, Universal City mayor pro tem, and Milton Hoeneke, Kirby mayor.

Also at the ceremonies

## Groundbreaking

Harry Jones, left, and Maurice Braha break ground during ceremonies Friday on a new four-theater complex

This theatre was built around the mid 1970's early 80's and featured four screens. There may have been one more screen built making it Judson 5 Drive-In. The demise was when the widening of the Highway 35 was initiated, taking some of the land and resulting in the removing of one screen. Closed in mid 1980's.

Contributed by Melissa

### YOUR COMMENTS

The Judson 4 was owned and operated by the late Maurice Braha. The snack bar was very nice, and had a good assortment of delicious food. The projection room was state of the art, and was even air conditioned! The screens were smaller than most modern drive ins, but the picture quality was good. The lots were not paved, and a lot of dust was

kicked up when it was dry. The Judson was the last drive in built in San Antonio, and had the shortest life

I visited with Steve Braha (593-0777) with Fulcrum Property Group. His father, Maurice Braha and business associate Quincy Lee built the theater and he was not aware of any pictures that he had of the theater. He did put me in contact with Steve Lee (804-4393), Quincy Lee's son and hopefully, he will be able to get me some pictures or some documents from the theater.

Information on Judson Drive-in and that property  
Judson 4 Drive-in Located at IH 35 and Judson Road  
Believe was opened in 1977 and closed early 80's  
No idea when it actually closed.  
The Judson 4 was owned by the late Maurice Braha.  
Looks like closed sometime between 1982 and 1984  
History of location after Drive-in Closed

Year	Owner	Name of Hospital
1984	HCA	Village Oaks Regional
1990	HTI	Village Oaks Regional
1992	Humana	Humana Village Oaks
1993	Galen	Humana Village Oaks
1993	Columbia/HCA	Village Oaks
1995	Methodist Healthcare /HCA Partnership	Northeast Methodist

Maurice Braha was the co-owner of the Judson Four Drive In theater with San Antonio real estate giant Quincy Lee.

Maurice Braha, age 82, a resident San Antonio since 1962, died Tuesday, March 23, 2004. Mr. Braha was a member of Temple Beth-El.

Born in Cairo, Egypt, he worked as a translator for the British government during World War II and his forthcoming immigration to the United States was sponsored by a British officer with whom he had worked closely.

After arriving in the United States, he lived in Manhattan and married Amelia Chmiel in 1952. Maurice was a successful merchant in Manhattan for the next ten years.

1962, he and his family moved to San Antonio when he purchased a group of Spanish language movie houses including the Alameda, Guadalupe and Nacional Theaters. Throughout the 1960's and 1970's he continued to acquire and develop movie theaters and also branched into real estate.

Maurice was the epitome of the American dream. He was an immigrant who came to this country in search of a better life for his family, and found success through hard work and determination.

Survivors: wife, Amelia; sons, Jacques Braha and his wife, Pamela Berry Braha, and Steve Braha and wife, Collette; grandchildren, Zachary, Natalie, Elizabeth, and Caleb; sister, Ette Fanous.



**Maurice Braha**

**Born in Cairo, Egypt on Aug. 21, 1921  
Died Mar. 23, 2004 and resided in San Antonio, TX.**

***One Hour Golf***

Driving Range at Judson and IH 35 where the Judson 4 drive in was later.

Quincy Lee passed away on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 1997 at the age of 81. He was a giant of the local real estate industry and is mentioned in several documents throughout Live Oak's History.

His funeral was held at Sunset Ridge Church of Christ, and was attended by San Antonio dignitaries such as Red McCombs, Tom Frost and Howard Peak.

Aside from running his own real estate company, Lee was on the board of Frost Bank for 30 years. At his funeral, Tom Frost, called Lee a "wonderful man; very plain, very direct, very intelligent, very thoughtful and very supportive."

Lee is mentioned in the historical archives of the City of Live Oak by Edgar Bowles, owner of the Pan Am Speedway, Fred Hensley, and also assisted in the construction of the Judson Four Theater with Maurice Braha.



Pinkney Orts, Quincy Lee, and Charles Butt (left to right) at the ground breaking for the H-E-B warehouse on IH-35 in San Antonio circa 1965.

The Quincy Lee Memorial Endowed Scholarship was established by [The Real Estate Council of San Antonio](#) with support from friends in the real estate community, to honor one of its leaders, Quincy Lee. Quincy Lee was a pioneer in the construction of quality, low-cost housing in San Antonio who later became a leader in commercial and industrial development. He passed away in 1997. Raised in Perrin, Quincy Lee came to San Antonio in 1937 after receiving an accounting degree from the University of Texas at Austin. He initially went to work at Frost National Bank. After World War II, Lee joined with C.L. Browning, a contractor, to build single-family residences. His good friend, banker Charles E. Cheever Jr., noted that Lee was a great philanthropist, but was adamant about his donations not being publicized. Lee was the first San Antonio builder to use prefabricated structural trusses and wall sections.

Member - National Housing Hall of Fame, Washington, D.C.

- Past President - Greater San Antonio Builders Association
- Builder of the Year - San Antonio
- First recipient of the ANYTOWN Pioneer Award
- National Humanitarian Society Award



Carter's Corner on Randolph Blvd.

### Carter's Corner

Information Mac & Debbie McFarland

Debbie McFarland was a City Council Member in the City of Live Oak

Lloyd and Ethel Carter grandparent

Sid and Mildred Carter parents

Came to the San Antonio area in 1947

Lloyd and Sid were the sole proprietors of Carter's corner. They had a total of 13 businesses before my grandfather died. Ten West (on Highway 90) and Carter and Sons. They came here in 1947 from Ohio.

### Carter's Corner

In those days, Randolph Blvd. was the only road to Austin and they used to call it Austin highway before the other Austin highway. Her grandfather build that building and he and Debbie's grandmother lived on tip of it. Their primary business was trucking. On the right side of the business there were bunk houses and the truckers would



Carter's Corner on Randolph Blvd. 1950

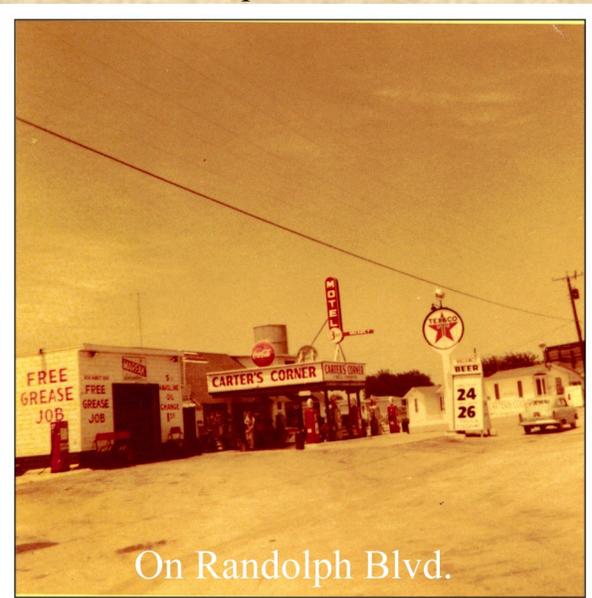
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stay in the bunk houses. When they started on Highway 90, they had a restaurant that called Gas and Eat. Her parents lived on Austin Highway until they bought their first house on Goforth drive, near Austin Highway.

Carter's Corner was located on Randolph Blvd, the Carter's corner was right at Goforth drive on the West side of the roadway. It is right at the street where Lowes has their cut through now. In the background on some of the pictures is Alamo Cement and they used to blow those towers out and you would hear huge explosions and you would get stuff all over your cars.

Her dad lived down the street on Bledsoe and later he sold their house and moved to Windcrest. Sid and Lloyd opened up on Highway 90 then they went to IH35 and Drury lane, which is now 3009. They sold that corner to Hillman Oil Company and when it was resold to the 7-11 Corporation, it was worth \$7.5 Million. They put a Country Corner there and it was the same style business that her grandfather had, with living quarters on top. At the Randolph Blvd. location, her grandmother would make homemade sandwiches and sell them for a quarter a piece. Debbie's mother would help out around the business, even going as far as to grease pig trucks to help the business. Then she went to work at USAA and worked for 27 years, retiring as a system's analyst. She said that they had a walk in cooler and had to go to New Braunfels to get ice for it. The big deal around the area with the German populations is the Feys and the Friesenhahns would stop by after work and drink beer. They would bring their kids and the kids would play out back of the store. In those days, they would go dance at Luxello Hall and it was very close knit bunch of families. Carter's Corner opened in 1949 and closed in 1959 and later the place on Highway 90 burned down.

She didn't remember any particular businesses on Randolph Blvd. where there were massage parlors, but did share rumors about the big house on top of the hill across IH 35. Her grand Burkholder was a painter and he painted that house red and the rumor was it was a gambling hall. He told her that when he was at the house painting it, her grandfather Burkholder found a bible with a bottle of liquor inside of it, and that was the worst thing that he had ever seen. The house is still there, and the property behind it was owned by Quincy Lee. In those days they had what they called punch boards for gambling and there were number runners all over San Antonio. Up on the hill though, it was rumored that they played cards. She did



share that by their business on Highway 90, there were a bunch of massage parlors.

At the time when they lived in the Randolph Blvd area, the biggest subdivision in the area was Robards. She said that it was the only subdivision around until Windcrest was build. Debbie said that when her father built his house on Windrock by the golf course in Windcrest, the builders would give the new homeowners the lights to get people out to look at the house.

When she was a child, she said that when they were driving back into the area from the north, to determine where San Antonio was, they would look at three beacons. One was the KTSA tower, one was Robert B Greene Hospital and one was Randolph AFB. There weren't any lights around to see at night.

At the intersection where Randolph Blvd. intersects with Weidner road, her grandfather helped build the Weidner Road Baptist church. Debbie was baptized in the church and her grandfather bought the bell for the church for \$40. Her grandmother went there for a long time.

In the stores, they used to get their food from Traeger and LaBlats. The last business her grandfather had was on FM 78 and was opened in 1973.

The things she remembered most about the World's Fair was the Liquor By The



Drink laws that were passed right at that time. Before the World's Fair, when they would go to Littleton's tire company on Broadway and when they went out for a drink, you had to have a Locker. The Red Carpet and the Holiday club that her dad belonged to, you were required to be a member. But when they passed liquor by the drink for Hemisfair it everyone could drink. Debbie was about 12 or 11 and they

would skip out of school and go down to Hemisfair.

Randolph AFB was called Randolph Field because that was what it was, it was a field. Pat Booker was a two lane dirt road that ran off of Randolph Blvd. Randolph was paved with cement blocks with expanders. Down Pat Booker Road there was a place called Charlie Brown's and it was the best sub shop. She also talked about a place called Sheffield's and they would go dancing. But she remembered the most going dancing at Luxello Hall out by Bracken. A lot of people went to Bracken church, and everyone

belonged to close knit families. W.O Fey build our last business on IH 35 and she remember dancing with Jerome Friesenhahn's son. They could bring a bottle and they would serve you set ups or you could bring beer with you.

The best memories she had were going in a truck with her grandmother carter to New Braunfels to get ice from the icehouse. Then they would stop and get eggs because they would crate and sell them. When they got to the farm where they bought the eggs, she got to get out and open the gates. Then the last stop was for the milk. That is how they supplied everything in the station. When the ice got back to the station, the ice had hay on it and Buck Molder, who



Carter's Corner on Randolph Blvd.

worked for her dad for years, had to go outside and chip the ice so it would fit in the cooler.



Carter's Corner on Randolph Blvd. 1950

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There were few businesses on Pat Booker, three gas stations, Charlie Brown's and a huge Junk Yard that was called Junky Joe's. There was a Piggly Wiggly on Pat Booker where Wal Mart was and then became Mr. Gatti's and a bowling alley. Then Sippel's Hardware

has always been just like it is now and was the only type of store like that around. Ruben's Place in Selma by the cemetery was always a bar and women never went there. It was not a nice place to go and when the owner would drink he would become a fighter.

Mac, Debbie's husband, at one time got a ticket in Live Oak. She didn't remember who the officer was, but he had to pay the ticket at the City Hall that was in the house on Village Oak. Mac was going to see Debbie and he had a Massachusetts driver's license and no military ID, but did have a uniform in back. They both went to the house/City Hall and took care of it.

## *Chapter Six*



### EARLY HISTORY OF THE PAN AMERICAN SPEEDWAY LIVE OAK, TEXAS

In the late 1950's and early 1960's a local businessman named Jimmy Johnson built a speedway on Austin Highway to race midget cars. Among his other business interests, Jimmy Johnson also owned the Playland Park on Broadway. Edgar Bowles, having recently finished his service in the military leased the track from Mr. Johnson and ran the races at the property. After a couple years, Johnson leased the acreage where the racetrack was to Handy Andy for \$13,000 per year for 99 years. Bowles, still interested in the racing industry and knowing that Johnson had no more use of the lights and grandstands, purchased them in hopes of moving the facility.

Edgar started looking for property to build a racetrack where he would have adequate parking for the crowd that the track drew. He found the acreage off of Toepperwein, but was disappointed when the owner was not interested in selling. He paid him several visits and on Dec. 31, 1964 the owner called him and asked him to bring \$10,000 in earnest money and he would sell it to him. Edgar finally bought the property for \$52,500. At the time, Toepperwein was a gravel road and Edgar didn't want for the dust from the road to be settling on the fans so the city of San Antonio capped the roadway and he asphalted it.

There were other hurdles that Edgar had to overcome as well. Quincy Lee who was a resident across Toepperwein from the property filed a lawsuit in district court to halt the construction of the track, after most of its construction was completed. Quincy gathered information from other racetracks on the decibel level of noise and wanted to end the construction for reasons of public nuisance. Dayton Wally, who was a very prestigious lawyer in the San Antonio area at the time,

was Edgar's legal representation. The lawsuit at the time, was a landmark case for noise disturbance, and the judge allowed for the construction to continue.

With the construction nearly complete, Edgar wanted to be annexed by the city of Live Oak, which was newly formed. He went to the mayor at the time Eldon "Dutch" Friesenhahn and asked that they consider annexing the property to the west of IH 35 to Lookout Road. Edgar states at that time Live Oak residents were primarily Dutch families who owned the area within the city and they were only wanting to keep it in the family and turn the property over to their heirs. He said that Dutch told him that they were having a council meeting on the very next night, and that he would call him back. He said that the next day they had a council meeting at the little stone house off of Village Oak and it was decided to annex the area.

The construction of the racetrack was very comprehensive for the time. The company who received the contract to do the concrete work was the same company who constructed the Northeast football stadium. The concrete side of the stadium had 5000 seats and the old metal seats that Edgar brought from Austin Highway held 1800 spectators. He was forced to get insurance coverage for \$7.2 million for the racetrack. The first race was held in April of 1965. The track as Edgar built it was just an oval in design and the figure "8" was not added until many years later.

Edgar had hopes that they would benefit from the tourism of the World's Fair in 1968, but it turned out just the opposite. Too most of the tourists who were in town for the fair did not want to travel outside of the fair area, so he fell upon some hard times during that year and was forced to start looking for a buyer for the property.

Edgar was approached by local businessman Red McCombs who had some property east of the track that he would be willing to swap. In 1968 Edgar swapped the track for 33 1/3 acres which fronts Toepperwein, just west of the track. Red McCombs hired Ricky Ware to promote the track, and he ran it until approximately 1979 when it was shut down.

Edgar said that there are many stories that go along with running a racetrack in the era of the 1960's. He stated that most of the racers raced on the A.R.C.A. Circuit that traveled from Houston, to Corpus Christi, then up through San Antonio. He said that the racers had a terrible temper and would fly off the handle for no apparent reason. He said that he did sell beer to the fans, but the people working the races were not allowed to drink. That didn't, however, keep the drivers from drinking while they raced, and intoxicated racecar drivers was very common. Edgar devised a set of rules that stated that if anyone has a complaint about the conduct of another person, they could register a complaint and pay him \$25. He would then meet with all the parties involved on the following Tuesday and settle the incident. Most obeyed the rules because \$25 was a lot of money in those days. Edgar said that each night, he employed five San Antonio Police officers and they were advised that drunkenness and fighting would not be allowed. There was also no cussing permitted. He told the officers that he didn't want anyone in the stands that he wouldn't be willing to sit his wife next to. He paid those San Antonio officers \$15 a night for their security.

There were never any fatality accidents at the track while Edgar ran the races, but there were several drivers hauled off in ambulances. Edgar said that A.J. Foyt raced midgets at the Pan Am Racetrack when he was so young that his dad had to sign him in. In addition to Foyt, John Marcum was another notable racer that raced at the track and Bentenhausen was the tracks “advanced man” for publicity. Bentenhausen never won a 500 race, but won several other high stakes races as well as received a bonus of \$10,000 from Borden Oil for breaking the 150 m.p.h. track speed record. Bentenhausen used one of Edgar’s stock Buick to race at Corpus Christi for many years.

*The above information are facts of the building and beginning of the Pan American Speedway, provided by Mr. Edgar Bowles. The facts were related to Scott Wayman on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2002.*

*Edgar B. Bowles  
826-0403*



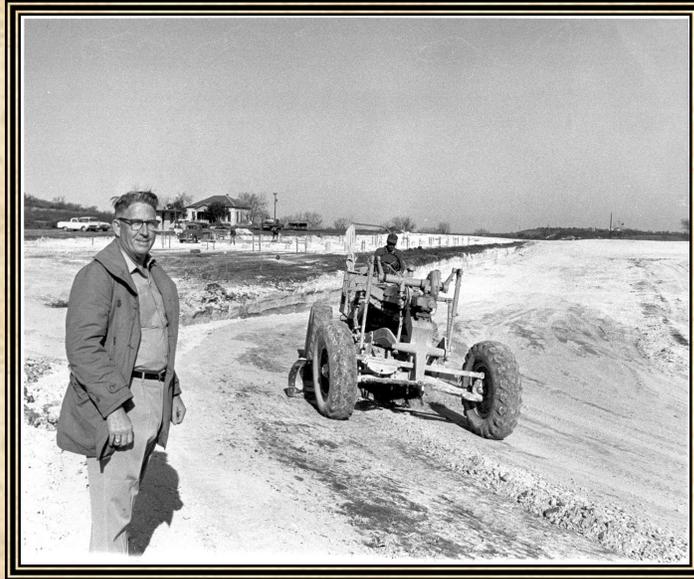


*B.J. Red McCombs looks on while Henry B. Gonzalez Breaking ground for the New Pan Am Speedway, Toepperwein road*



*Ribbon Cutting, New Pan Am Speedway  
1965 (April)  
Harley & Phyllis Morton  
Travis and Sally Jenkins  
Edgar and Lucille Bowles  
(from left to right)*





*Edgar Bowles checking Construction*



*New Pan Am Speedway - Jimmy Finger*



*Photos courtesy of Rachel Clark*

*Chapter Seven*  
*The Live Oak Donkey Lady*



**SNIFF, SNIFF**—Doc Anderson, 65-year-old Bexar County resident who says she has removed more than 200 skunks from beneath houses with her bare hands, holds an armload of non-deodorized stinkers she picked up within the past weeks.—Staff Photo.

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Article from the 1965 San Antonio Express written by Sam Kindrick

# Woman Hunter, 65, Sniffs Out Lonesome Polecats

By SAM KINDRICK

There was little else under the house but 65-year-old Mrs. Oscar (Doc) Anderson, a dunbo newspaper reporter and a big twin-stripe skunk with gleaming red eyes.

It was a wonderful night for hand-to-hand skunk hunting. Dark and windy.

Clinton Wood, owner of the house at 301 Scolding Dr., was above celebrating his birthday. Mac, his son, was outside blocking the skunk's every avenue of escape. Mrs. Wood was in the yard, anxiously awaiting word from the area's foremost woman skunk hunter who had so generously volunteered to remove the big roofer from beneath the home.

NOW ANY NEWSPAPER reporter who wouldn't sally forth to watch a 65-year-old woman crawl beneath a house in the black of night and manually wrest out a spitting, spraying double-striper with her bare hands ought to transfer into the public relations business. It was only proper that this event of derring-do receive maximum newspaper coverage.

It wasn't intended, however, that spectators engage in Operation Skunk. It just happened that way.

Doc Anderson, as she prefers to be called, arrived in fine spirits. Armed with a can of sardines and a flour sack, she got right to work.

"I've removed more than 200 skunks from under houses," she announced. "I'll assure you there's nothing to it."

WE WERE FIRST instructed to scatter in the dark yard and make sure the skunk hadn't already left his lair through one of the many exit holes. Everyone except Clinton. He was celebrating his birthday and he wanted to cap the evening by blasting the polecat with his shotgun.

The search paid off. It was only a tiny rustle, deep within a clump of ligustrum. A hippity-hoppity little shadow, just a wisp across my shoe toes, followed by the pungent aroma as the woods kitty skittered back to his hole.

"You idiot," Doc chided. "Why didn't you grab him?"

She was much put out as she squirmed through a trap door in the bedroom closet.

"Come on, duncie," she said. "You let him get away. So you can hold the light."

IT WAS BOTH musty and musky in the airless area beneath that floor. With barely two feet of space from ground to boards, pipes and exposed electrical wiring, we crawled on our bellies like reptiles in quest of the skunk.

"Quiet," Mrs. Anderson demanded. "You're making more noise than a hog eating corn."

We forged ahead, poking our faces through curtains of cobwebs, unable to turn.

"What if the skunk comes up behind us?"

"Shut up," Doc commanded.

"How will you get him?"

"I'll grab him with my hands."

"Won't he spray you?"

"Of course not," she said. "Skunks never spray me. Only my husband."

CLINTON CALLED down through the trap door: "Want my shotgun?"

"Quiet," Doc told him. "You'll scare the skunk."

Then we saw him. He was back in a crevice under the floor of an added room. He was pacing nervously, wiggling his whiskers, and matching us stare for stare. He turned.

"Stop banging you head on the pipes," Doc spluttered. "You're scaring the poor thing to death."

Now let it be known that Doc Anderson, owner of Doc's Little Dude Ranch east of San Antonio, owns 39 old rose Persian jackasses, four dogs, 10 skunks (five tame and five wild), quarterhorses and a bob-tailed tom cat. But skunk-hunting is her first love, and she has authored a publication titled "My Acquaintance With Skunks."

The one under Wood's house was too far back under the low floor for her to snatch, and she was sorely vexed.

THE CONTRACTORS ought to build these danged floors a little higher off the ground," she grumbled.

"Want the shotgun now?" Clinton yelled.

"He's coming out," Mac cried.

"That's the cat," Mrs. Wood said. "Don't shoot my cat."

My pants were torn, cobwebs covered my head, my shoes were covered with dust and my necktie looked like a bar towel. Doc, clad in shorts and unscratched, hopped nimbly through the trap door hole into Mrs. Wood's arms.

"You poor thing," Mrs. Wood said. "I'm so sorry you didn't get the skunk."

"I'll get him," Doc said with finality.

At midnight, Mac and Mrs. Wood had gone to bed. Doc, brandishing the flour sack, had positioned herself by one of the sardine-baited skunk holes.

Clinton had stationed himself near another hole, his shotgun in one hand and a cool beverage in the other.

"We'll get him, all right," he said. "One way or another."

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SECTION B

Childhood Interest Becomes

## DONKEY-RAISING BUSINESS

By ANNA BETH MORRIS  
Staff Writer

Not many people manage to build their childhood interests into a profitable way of life, but that's what "Doc" (Mrs. O. O.) Anderson of San Antonio has managed to do.

Doc was born on a ranch and spent a happy childhood helping her father and his cowboys with all the ranch work.

Now she's engaged in an occupation that enables her to follow the ranch life she loves, and at the same time, offer to city youngsters the chance to enjoy that same sort of life.

She does this by operating, on a tract off the Austin Hwy. north of San Antonio, "Doc's Little Dude Ranch"—an establishment well known to many San Antonio youngsters and their parents who have often gone to the ranch for horseback riding and pleasant hay rides.

It is also well known to hundreds of thousands of San Antonio parade spectators, who have been introduced to the ranch by means of Doc's regular entries in Fleeta and other processions—her hay ride wagons loaded with happy youngsters.

Doc was born on a ranch near Fort Worth in the heart of the cow country. When she was four years old she learned to ride, and from then on she had little time for dolls, the traditional interest of little girls.

Instead, she recalls, she "tagged along with Dad and his cowhands at all the ranch work, fence building, bronc breaking, moving cattle and following the chuck wagon at branding time.

"I ate more meals around the chuck box than at the table," she says.

Her mother saw to it, however, that she learned more than ranch work, and in between school sessions with private teachers, Doc was taught to sew, embroider, crochet and keep house.

Then she married her childhood sweetheart, and although the changing times saw the Andersons moving to town, Doc managed to hang on to her favorite part of ranch life—a horse and saddle.

Doc added a few extra horses to her "string," and established the first "Doc's Little Dude Ranch,"—known for the first

year as "Horse Shoe Trail"—on the Fredericksburg Road.

She blazed a trail back through the Woodlawn Hills area, where she led her guests on many scenic trail rides.

In seven years of riding the trail with her guests, Doc recalls that she killed more than 180 diamond-back rattlesnakes. If the snake's skin was of choice size and marking, she carried the reptile home in her bare hands to have the skin tanned and worked into her own personal vest pattern.

Her rattlesnake trimmed vests and her silver spurs have become two of Doc's trade marks.

From the first, she did her own veterinary work, and soon acquired the nickname by which she is now known.

The second year that "Doc's Little Dude Ranch" was in operation, she added a wagon with the intention of offering hay rides to her guests. She mentioned to an acquaintance one day that she was looking for a team, so he loaned her a team of mules, which she used until she found a suitable team to buy.

Hay rides became an increasingly popular activity at Doc's place—and at the same time more and more of the youngsters were wanting to come out and help with the task of feeding and caring for the stock, and other duties about the "ranch."

Doc decided that to offer the children as much life as possible, she would like to move a little farther out of town and establish a ranch for children.

This dream almost became a reality last year when the Andersons bought a tract of land out near the Austin Hwy., where they intended to build cedar bunk houses and create a real ranch atmosphere.

But then trouble—in the form of a horse kicking at a fly—struck, and Doc wound up in the hospital with severe chest injuries.

After weeks in the hospital, Doc has fully recovered, however, and is back at her ranch, feeding and training her horses, driving a hay-ride wagon, raising baby donkeys—including an albino—and offering a taste of ranch life to city children. In addition, she rents complete Western equipment.



**RAISING DONKEYS** is an interesting activity at "Doc's Little Dude Ranch." "Doc" Anderson, proprietor of the ranch, is shown above with one of the donkeys at her ranch. The ranch also offers horseback riding and hay rides. Mrs. Anderson's hay-ride wagons are familiar features of San Antonio's parades.

Chuck McCullough's Article in Express News

Other entries refer to the Windcrest/Live Oak Donkey Lady.

A woman named Doc Anderson was known as both the Donkey Lady of Live Oak and Windcrest and the Skunk Lady of Windcrest.

In a period spanning the 1960s-1980s, Anderson and a man described as either her husband or brother lived in what then was a mostly undeveloped area between Windcrest and Live Oak.

Described as an eccentric animal lover, Doc Anderson became known as the Donkey Lady because she kept a number of rare donkeys and the Skunk Lady for her ability to handle the smelly creatures without getting sprayed. Sherillyn Flick, who grew up in Windcrest and today lives in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, has her own version of the tale.

"I have always been crazy about horses, and my dad used to let me ride at a place Doc Anderson operated off Weidner Road, north of Windcrest. That would have been around 1970," Flick said in a telephone interview from her Flower Mound home.

"Doc and her husband, who were in their late 60s or early 70s at that time, lived in a two-room house they rented, and the place had donkeys tied up in front and skunks under the house and in the attic. It was quite a sight," Flick said.

Anderson became something of a local legend, and children dared each other to ride by the gate to their rent house, according to several longtime Windcrest residents.

But times eventually began to get hard for the Donkey Lady, and Flick and her family and other kind-hearted individuals hauled water and supplies to the couple.

"They got food stamps, but it seemed Doc Anderson and her husband spent all their resources on their animals — the donkeys and the rest," Flick said.

The couple was forced to move from their rented property and then set up a squatter's shack on the eastern side of Weidner Road in a wild area called the Robards.

That's when the legend of Donkey Lady Northeast began to intensify, Flick said.

"They built a house out of scrap lumber, tin, cardboard, whatever they could find, and it was quite sad. There was no running water or electricity, and they lived there for years," she said.

People driving along Weidner Road between Windcrest and Live Oak would see a strangely dressed, one-armed woman suddenly pop out of the woods leading donkeys to water, according to Flick.

Flick said the Donkey Lady not only was a sad figure but a tormented one.

"Often young high school students would tease and harass Doc Anderson. They would sneak up at night and cut the ropes on all the donkeys and horses, and Doc would have to hunt them down in the woods. I saw her crying one time after that happened.

"We hauled water to them in the 1970s, but I lost track of Doc Anderson around 1977 when I went off to college," Flick said.

She said she can understand how Anderson became a larger-than-life legend as the Donkey Lady.

"She had real long hair, wore bright red lipstick and had a pale complexion. She wore sort of bag-lady clothes and acted strange. I believe over time the story of our Donkey Lady and the traditional Donkey Lady legend have become intertwined and merged," Flick said.

Scott Wayman agrees. He is assistant city manager in Live Oak and has been researching the history of the area for an upcoming anniversary celebration.

"I think for a lot of people our Donkey Lady and the other legend have evolved and become one. The Live Oak Donkey Lady was a one-armed skunk trainer who wore a bonnet and would pop out of the woods leading her donkeys at night along Weidner Road. That is the stuff of legends, and everyone around here knows the legend of the Donkey Lady," Wayman said.

The Donkey Lady was especially scary for the children of Windcrest, said Dede Winn, wife of Windcrest Fire Chief Tom Winn.

"My children were terrified of her because they and their friends heard Donkey Lady would shoot you. Apparently it was a big thing to prove that you rode your bike past her (rent) house," Dede Winn said.

The last time Windcrest and Live Oak officials heard anything about Doc Anderson was around 1982, but other people familiar with the woman said they believe she died in the 1990s.

While the Live Oak-Windcrest Donkey Lady is gone, her legend lives on and has morphed, some believe, to join with the Helotes and South Side stories.

The legend of the Helotes Donkey Lady said she haunts the woods outside that city. At least one online story tells of two foolish young men who decided to test the Donkey Lady legend and barely escaped after hearing scary braying sounds coming from either an animal or a woman. And, the site says, they found donkey hoof prints on their car.

Donkey Lady??!!

The story of the "Donkey Lady" in the history of Live Oak, for many years, has been considered a myth. Thanks to the work of the Historical Committee we have concrete information that she actually did exist and has a very colorful story to tell.

Her name was "Doc" Anderson and in the final years of her life, she was also known as the "Skunk Lady" because she found employment in extracting skunks from people's houses without her or the house being sprayed with the foul odor. All this with only one arm and wearing a sun bonnet.

If anyone has any information on "Doc" Anderson, or know of anyone in the area who may be her family, we ask that you contact Scott Wayman at the City of Live Oak at 653-9140 ext. 261.

Scott Wayman

Information received from Tom Winn, fire chief of Windcrest. The lady's name is Doc Anderson. She used to own "doc's little dude ranch." There was a red barn on the corner of IH 35 and pat booker and you could have a party there and she ran a dude ranch out of it. (RED BARN). She was evicted from Live Oak and moved into a house on Weidner road that was owned by Ebert. On the corner of Weidner at the creek. Now there is Cheyene valley. She had pink donkeys and they were very rare. They were starving to death and had eaten the bark off the trees. They evicted Doc Anderson from there too. She moved into Robards (on

the Windcrest side of the highway) and she and her brother built a “lean to” and she lived there. She was known as the skunk lady and if you had skunks under your house, she could get them out. She had family in San Antonio and in the end she only had one arm. She used to have to haul water and she would be in an old red pick up truck hauling water to where they lived. When we used to have a brush fire, Doc Anderson would just appear out of the brush. Kinda spooky. She had several pet skunks.

Historical Testimony from Sherillyn Flick

Prepared by Scott Wayman from Telephone conversation on October 5, 2006

Sherillyn grew up in Windcrest and her father’s name was Ronnie Wrono. Ronnie worked for Joske’s department store and later for Dillards in the electronics. The following are her recollections of the Doc Anderson. (the Donkey Lady)

Sherillyn said that when she was young, she loved horses and her father took her to Doc’s Dude Ranch to ride horses with Doc. Sheri didn’t know if Doc was her real name or if it was because of her relationship with the animals that she went by Doc. At the time, Doc was married to a man named Oscar and they lived very meagerly in a small frame house in the area of Weidner road where it makes the curve towards Windcrest. This would have been in the early 1970’s and by that time Doc was already approximately 60 years old. In describing Doc, Sheri said that she was a short and petite woman, about 5 feet tall and barely weighed 100 pounds. She sometimes wore a sunbonnet and her clothes were old and ragged. Later in her years she lost an arm, and Sheri seemed to believe that it may have been to cancer. She said she had long auburn hair and her face was very pale. She said she would sometime wear dark red lipstick that may have added to her odd appearance.

Since Doc lived by simple means, Sherillyn’s father would trade her small appliances and pay her to take Sherillyn on trail rides through the old Robards area. Doc had Paint and Appaloosa horses and they were all named Indian names. Doc’s horse’s name was Cochise, but she also had horses by the name of Comanche and Apache. Doc had several other animals, and this included Donkeys. Sherillyn doesn’t remember anything special about the donkeys other than they were many different colors, and not just pink like had initially been reported. They also had dogs, chickens, and actual wild skunks living in the house with them. She said that Doc had an uncanny ability to live among these wild creatures and they instinctively knew that she wouldn’t hurt them and she was never sprayed or attacked by any of them. She said that the skunks would have litters of baby skunks in or around the house and Doc would take them in

and provide them shelter. People also paid Doc to remove unwanted skunks from their homes, and because of this unique talent, some people called her "The Skunk Lady." Sheri said that Oscar and Doc were on food stamps, but they would spend these food stamps on food for the animals instead of food for her or Oscar. Her beloved animals always came first.

In approximately 1974, Doc and Oscar lost their place on Weidner Road and moved across Weidner Road into the undeveloped Robards area. There, among the mesquite brush and cactus, they built a house out of scrap wood, tin, cardboard and just whatever else they could find. The shack was very primitive, had no real flooring, electricity, plumbing or water. They slept on an old mattress. When Sheri would visit Doc at this location, Doc would show her pictures from the 1930's and 1940's and scrap books of when she was young and described her as a beautiful girl, equating her to Dale Evans. Sherilyn determined Doc's early life from these pictures to be somewhat "glamorous."

When I questioned Sheri about the "Donkey Lady" myth and how it morphed into a folkloric character, Sheri said that it was all because of the location and condition in which Doc lived. She said that, by this time in her life, Oscar had died and Doc lived a recluse life in the woods of Robards. She said that Doc had no water where her house was so she either had to have water brought to them, or she would lead the animals out of the woods and to the water. She said there would be occasions when Doc would just pop out of the woods, onto Weidner road with a string of donkeys behind her and she stated that it was quite unusual to see. Not to mention that the kids in Doc's later years seemed to torment her quite a bit, visiting her at night, untying her animals and even stealing some of them. She said it was just bizarre the manner in which she lived.

In terms of helping me get more information on Doc Anderson, Sheri stated that she thought that Oscar might have been a Veteran and seemed to believe that he may have died in the VA hospital. He was somewhat older than Doc. Sheri stated that she left for college in 1977 and lost contact with Doc. She didn't know of any family that Doc had in San Antonio because she wouldn't believe that if there were family in the area, they would have let her live the way she did. She seemed to think that in the end, the State had to come out and remove Doc from the land and take her into their care. She said that she had no idea where the pictures or scrapbooks may have ended up, but wishes she knew what happened to Doc Anderson.

Historical Testimony from Constable Bob Lew

I had initially called Constable Lew to determine if he knew of any files that may have been left over from Ms. Anderson's evictions. Constable Lew stated that he initially met Ms. Anderson when she ran Doc's Dude Ranch in the 4800 Block of Fredricksburg road in the 1950's. I asked if she owned the property on Fredricksburg or if she just leased it, and he stated that she likely just leased it. He specifically mentioned that they were Pink Donkeys that she had at the time. He said there she would have children's parties as well, but didn't have hay rides till she came to the Live Oak area. He said that he had to evict her from there and she moved to the area of Randolph Blvd. and Miller Road area. At the time, she lived with Oscar, who was her brother, and neither one of them were ever married, but most people thought that they were husband and wife. Constable Lew stated that at the time, pictures were taken of Ms. Anderson but he stated that the court records at the time didn't require them to retain those records. I asked him if there was a possibility that they, the state, had to pick her up and take her to the state hospital when she got older and her health got bad, but he stated that he didn't know of any such committal by his office. He stated that Doc was not her real name, and was pretty sure that her real name was Dorothy Anderson. He didn't think that Oscar was a veteran and didn't know anything about how either Oscar or Doc died. He did say that he saw an article in the paper when she died about her life, but didn't know when it would have been, nor if it were in the Express News or the Light at the time. I asked him if there were any other information that he could give me that may help me determine what happened to Doc Anderson. He stated that at the time they were going through the process of eviction and "levying" the donkeys, the Plaintiff's attorney representing the county was Robert Ray, and he is still practicing law in San Antonio, and he may have further information on Doc.

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**From:** Judith Dunetz [mailto:Judithd@ohiohills.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2006 4:59 PM

**To:** McCollough, Chuck

**Subject:** Re: "Doc" Anderson

Dear Chuck,

It was with mixed emotions that I read your article about "The Donkey Lady." Some sadness, a great deal of nostalgia and a bit of amusement at what "Doc" herself would think of the article and the things that people have said about her over the years.

I met "Doc" and her husband Oscar in 1975 through a mutual friend. This was when they lived off O'Connor Road, in what was called Robards. Yes, they lived in

a little shack, but the love that filled that shack was enough to fill a 200 room palace.

I would go out to their place several times a week, take big bags of dog food, bales of Costal Bermuda hay and cat food, and some food for Doc and Oscar. They had many donkeys, jacks and jennies and adorable baby donkeys. Plus quite a few horses, most of whom were named after Indian Tribes, Apache, Comanche, and poor Mohawk. Poor Mohawk because some cruel person shot Mohawk between the eyes one night. Doc and Oscar were so hurt, my friend and I helped dig a grave and bury Mohawk, which was no easy task as he was a Morgan horse. Doc and Oscar loved their horses and donkeys, they always said they helped us earn money and we will take care of them.

The animals were used in many westerns, The Cisco Kid television series for one. And Oscar was a stunt man, he used to be hidden under the seats of buckboards and wagons, stage coaches etc, and drive and audiences thought it was really the "hero" of the movie or series driving. During his stuntman days Oscar broke his hip, and walked with a limp and stiffness. Someone gave them a palomino Tennessee Walking Horse and one late afternoon my husband and my 5 children all went out to the Anderson's and we all took turns riding the Palomino. We could see Oscar wanted so badly to ride, had not been on a horse in years with his bad hip. My husband and I helped him get in the saddle and that Tennessee Walking horse knew he had a great rider on his back and Oscar put him through his paces. It gives me cold chills as I write this to remember.

They had invited us all out to their place that afternoon, and they had sodas for all of us and cookies and chips, and how proud they were to "entertain" us and give us something. They were poor but proud as well they should be.

They weren't always poor, as mentioned Doc lost her left arm to cancer, and then years later, was kicked in the kidneys by one of her horses. She was in the hospital, won't mention which one, but she was told she was going to die. She and Oscar talked it over and he decided he could live on his Social Security checks just fine, they gave \$200,000 to the hospital, and this was what Doc told me. She lived and they struggled on Oscar's Social Security checks.

The love this man and woman had for one another was so beautiful. And I loved them dearly, they told me I was like a daughter to them.

My husband was transferred in 1987 out of this area and to North Texas, so I lost touch with my dear friends the Andersons for a few years. We came back to San Antonio area in 1980, and as soon as I could I went out to see them. They had been evicted from their "home" as another read stated, and had moved over in Robards close to Weidner Rd. They were living in their truck at that time, their animals came first.

In 1981 I joined the Bexar County Sheriff's Dept. And was training as a patrol office and riding with another officer. A call came in to us that there was problems at Robards, the caller had told the dispatcher that Oscar had a rifle and was going to kill Doc. We immediately made the location as did several other patrol units. With weapons drawn, we cautiously went through the brush and trees until we could Doc out about 15ft. in front of their pick-up truck with some of her animals and Oscar was sitting in the truck car with a rifle in view. Someone called out to him I believe, and he apparently didn't hear, nor did Doc. I was worried that he might move and someone would shoot so I holstered my weapon and told my partner I'm going in and I did amidst protests. I got close enough to the truck that Oscar could hear me and call out to him and said it was Judith. Doc came walking over to me and Oscar got out of the truck and there were hugs all around. She had been feeding the animals and Oscar was just sitting in the truck waiting for her, they kept the rifle handy because of rattlers!

I went to see them as often as I could, but was working days and by night time they were asleep. I went out one afternoon and there was no one there, no animals, no Doc and no Oscar. I asked around and found out that Oscar had died and Doc was in a nursing home, but no one knew which one. I did all I could to find her, but to no avail, then eventually heard that she had died.

I was so lucky to have known these two very special people. They enriched my life so very much, taught me a lot about horses. I am proud to have been able to call them friends. Speaking of friends, Dale Evans Rogers and Roy Rogers were also their friends, can't get better than that can it?

I think Doc would be a little hurt about some of the things that have been said about her, and a little amused too. Oscar probably would have been a little angry that anyone would talk that way about his precious wife, but Doc would laugh and say it is all right, and he would smile. I loved them very much and miss them. But know they are up in that big Horse Ranch in Heaven happy and healthy again. God Bless them from their friend,

Judith Kelley

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**From:** Joan Seifert

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 25, 2006 10:40 AM

**To:** McCollough, Chuck

**Subject:** donkey lady aka Doc Anderson

Dear Chuck,

As a young girl I remember Doc Anderson at "Doc's Little Dude Ranch" a western riding stable on Fredericksburg Road, across the street from TipTop Cafe, (there since the 1930's) This was in the late 40's and early 50's The area then was

mostly undeveloped, and Doc would take children out on trail rides on her gentle horses. We rode out to what is now Inspiration Hills subdivision. She also gave hayrides; when I graduated from Horace Mann Jr. High School I had a hayride from Doc's. We rode from her stable to the Babcock Road turn at Dickinson Drive-- we had a wiener roast there under a big tree (long gone now).

Doc and her husband Oscar were a favorite with us neighbor kids. I grew up on North Drive. There was no development during WW 2 of course. It was "open range" for Doc and her horse-loving customers to enjoy.

Doc was a warm and nice lady -- weathered, straight and to the point with her horses and about how to ride, but she had her customers' interest at heart; wanted to see us have a good time. Gosh, the rides must have cost about a couple of dollars -- imagine that!

One time at Fiesta I rode with Doc on a small covered wagon she owned. That was when Fiesta had a Western Parade (also long gone now).

So much is long gone! But Doc's Little Dude Ranch is one of my best memories. When she moved out to her other locations I lost track of her, but will never forget the fun memories.

PS --We never knew her as the "donkey lady"! That is truly a new urban legend, at least new to me, 72 years old.

Joan Seifert

*October 26, 2006*

### [Chuck McCollough: Donkey Lady update](#)

Reaction to the Donkey Lady story that ran in the Express-News and on MySA.com has been strong indicating a lot of folks enjoyed the fun story on a dreary Wednesday.

Apparently many local people have heard the Donkey Lady legend whether the South Side version or versions from other parts of town.

I enjoyed reading local folks telling their own Donkey Lady stories on a feed back forum and I learned a lot more than I knew before.

One question that came up over and over was what happened to the Donkey Lady of Live Oak and Windcrest? Her real name was Doc Anderson.

Reader Noel H. sent a version of what happened to Doc Anderson aka Donkey Lady Northeast.

Noel wrote -- She (Doc Anderson) was such a neat lady that I only knew briefly. I was 14 when we met in the fields by the house I grew up in. Her shack was closer to O'Conner than it was to Wiederstein. Her and her husband had been squatting on that land for years and just at the time I met them, the man whom thought he owned the land had torn down there shack and ruffed them up. I was going to Central Catholic downtown for High School at that time, so I contacted KSAT with the help of my Mother. I think it was KSAT because it was right across the street from school, or it could have been KMOL. At any rate, they did a story and the newspaper picked it up as well. This old couple was living in their old dodge pick up thanks to the landowner. I remember a lawyer volunteered to help and he found that the eviction was illegal and was going to help them fight for their rights pro bono. However, she had a severe stroke and died a day or two later and the husband went out to California, so it was dropped. I'm not making this up. The time frame was mid February 1982 to early March of that year. She (Doc Anderson) had the most fascinating stories. She said her and her husband were extras who worked on "Rawhide" or one of those type 50's serial Westerns. She said that was because they could ride and she would often drive the wagon. She was missing her arm from the R. elbow down. She stated it was because of a tumor that she lost it. I used to help her feed her Donkeys when I could. It's hard to believe how afraid of her we all were. Come to find out she was just a sweet old lady. I believe she was buried here in SA.

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## **The Real 'Donkey Lady'**

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I grew up in San Antonio and heard the stories. I have my own. I met the lady that people referred to as the "Donkey Lady". She was a recluse and she may have been a nut but she told me she was the "Donkey Lady" so make up you own mind if she really was (although she was very lucid when I spoke to her).

I was riding my horse and came across a beautiful appaloosa colt tied up. A woman came out of the bushes when I was petting the colt and said she had seen me riding around and was watching me pet the colt.

She was very old (this must of been around 1980ish) and took me to her "house" made up of garbage bags and plywood. She told me her house burned down and her husband died and she had no where to go. She had donkeys, horses, skunks, and several other animals.

We sat and talked and she brought out an old photo album of herself and her husband. They had ridden horses for years and ran a dude ranch or something such many years before. We spent several hours together and she was very kind.

I went back and brought her some muffins as she liked sweets and talked again. I went back once more and she was gone. I never knew what happened to her. I'd like to get the story on the woman her called herself the "Donkey Lady". She seemed to have lived a great life but with a sad end.

Perhaps this is the story of the true Donkey Lady. This account was sent by "D". If you would like to write "D", please send an email to [texasair@htcomp.net](mailto:texasair@htcomp.net). Thanks, D, for a warmer embodiment of this mysterious person. –Tim

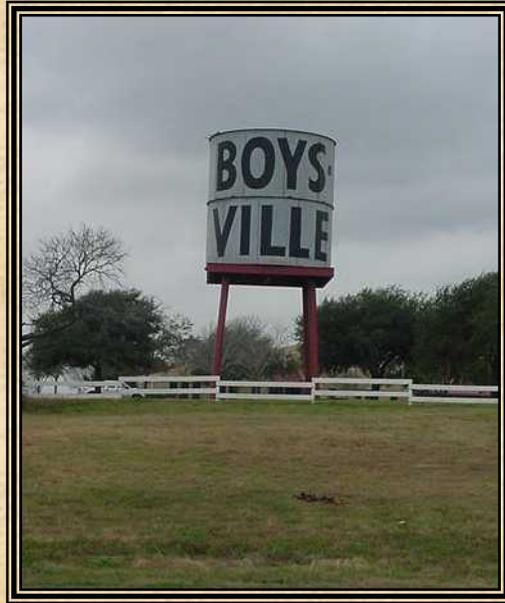
## **More on the Real Donkey Lady**

I read "D's" story about the "Donkey Lady." I grew up in Windcrest (NE San Antonio) and knew her, too. Her name was Doc Anderson. Her husband's name was Oscar. In her younger hayday, Doc looked like a Hollywood star--another Dale Evans. They used to rent a farmhouse with a little property behind Windcrest, but they got evicted when they got behind in the rent. My Dad used to take us to her place to rent horses for a ride. After she was evicted in the 1970's, she and Oscar set up camp to the east in "Robards", an unincorporated area. They made a shack out of scaps of wood and tin. They had to haul water. I personally hauled big containers of water for her in the back of my truck several times. They lived in a primitive manner, often going hungry so they could feed their beloved animals.

Oscar died a few years later, and she was all alone. I think the County finally sent someone out to get her. I don't think she lived too long after that.

It's nice to know there were other people that showed her kindness, like "D". People tormented her and Oscar and stole their animals or killed them. She and Oscar were old, stubborn, and vulnerable. Their last years were very hard, but that's the way she wanted things. She didn't want to end up in a rest home.

## *Chapter Eight*



### **History of Boysville**

In the beginning there was a house in downtown San Antonio and a founder named Don Holiman. Struck by the plight of homeless boys during World War II, Holiman reached into his own pocket, in 1943, to begin a ministry of care by providing these "throwaway" youngsters with hot meals, clean clothes, safe shelter and spiritual guidance. Soon out of money, Holiman turned to the business community for help. The Kiwanis Club of San Antonio and the San Antonio Optimist Club responded, and as the program continued to grow, Boysville appealed to the general public for support. Today, having touched the lives of thousands of youth over 57 years, the general public has continued their generous support of our mission to help boys and girls become successful adults.

In 1952, Boysville relocated to property on Austin Hwy, now IH-35 North and Loop 1604. The new campus was home to at-risk boys for the next 30 years. They lived in dormitories and ate together in a central dining hall. Boysville's farm and ranch program began at this time.



In 1983, Boysville sold the property and built a modern campus at its present location on Loop 1604 about halfway between IH-35 and IH-10. The new facilities provided for a more "family-like" setting in which to care for children. Since the program was expanded to include girls in 1986, Boysville has been even better able to strengthen families by serving large sibling groups.

Although Boysville has seen tremendous change in its 57 years of caring for children, one constant remains: our mission to help children become responsible adults. For your part in our success yesterday and tomorrow, we are indeed grateful.



### **Paula Allen: Boysville facilities evolved as needs of at-risk youths expanded**

#### **San Antonio Express-News**

*I was out four-wheeling on property on the southwest side of Interstate 35 and Loop 1604 and found a large concrete slab from a demolished building, as well as several smaller concrete slabs around a paved area. I hear the old Boysville was in this area, but were there also cottages? When and why did these places close down?*

#### **Carl Buckert**

Just as children outgrow their clothes; this 61-year-old residential-care facility for at-risk youth has gone through a few locations, moving to meet changing needs. The former campus you refer to was its second home. "Each move was precipitated by a growth in the number of children served," says Boysville Inc. Development and Finance Director Edward S. Baxter.

The beginnings of Boysville were downtown, when Minister Don Holiman founded the Big Buddy Boys Home. Having encountered a number of homeless boys, says the organization's history, Holiman was moved to "reach into his own pocket (to provide) these 'throwaway' youngsters with hot meals, clean clothes, safe shelter and spiritual guidance." Holiman's pockets were not that deep; he appealed to local Kiwanis and Optimists clubs and gained their support for an ongoing ministry.

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San Antonio, Texas, August, 1954

**FARM PROPERTY IS BOUGHT BY HOME**

Parcel of 180-acre farm located on the Austin Highway north from the Heights Park will be the largest new home of Boysville, purchased by First Park, parent of the boys' school of property. The property was selected after several months of searching. The farm is located on the Austin Highway 10 miles from the downtown of San Antonio.

Parcel of 180-acre farm, which was owned by J. C. Hunter, \$40,000. The farm has a 100-foot bridge on the southeast side of the road. Highway opposite the 2nd Street Road. Annual income is estimated to be \$10,000.

After several months of active solicitation, the purchase of the property was completed by First Park, parent of the boys' school of property. The property was selected after several months of searching. The farm is located on the Austin Highway 10 miles from the downtown of San Antonio.

Other improvements include a new swimming pool, and a new building for the boys' school. The property is being purchased by First Park, parent of the boys' school of property.

A special planning committee will be formed to take care of the purchase of the property. The committee will be composed of representatives of the Board of Directors, the Board of Trustees, and the Board of Managers.

**Our Dining Room Wears New Look; Furniture Added**

Boysville dining room is now a new look. The walls have a fresh coat of white. The floor has been waxed and the room is filled with new furniture.

The newly placed table and the added floor are the work of the boys. The table is made of pine and the chairs are made of wood.

The new tables, after the removal of old ones, have been replaced with new ones. The new tables are made of pine and the chairs are made of wood.

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**J. R. Hunter Is Host On 2-Week Camp Trip**

All the Boysville boys and staff for Camp Hunter near Winona, August 13 for a two-week stay at that summer camp on the Brazos River.

Host for the group during this period was J. R. Hunter. Camp owner Paul Phillips made the facilities available for the two-week stay.

The trip was a very successful one. The boys enjoyed the trip very much and the staff was very helpful.

**Many Friends**

Friends of Boysville have been invited to a group of boys for Sunday dinner at their home throughout the summer. They have taken the boys on outings at various times, and all have found it a very happy and profitable time to the youngsters.

**25 Boysville Scouts Guests At Camp**

Twenty-five members of the Boy Scouts of America attended the Boy Scout summer camp at Indian Creek from July 20 to August 6.

The group was the guest of the late Robert Hunter Club for the first time. The boys were very happy and had a very good time.

**Three Boys Guests At Methodist Camp**

Three members of Boysville's family were guests at the Methodist camp at Travis Park Methodist Church Sunday School for a three-day trip to the Methodist camp at Travis Park.

The boys had a very good time and were very happy.

**EVERY MONTH - HELP BOYSVILLE HELP HOMELESS BOYS**

Then as now, the children served by what soon became Boysville were not necessarily orphans, nor were they incorrigible juveniles. A spring 1954 Boysville newsletter (on file in the San Antonio Public Library) sketches the history of a typical resident: A single mother, either widowed or deserted, falls seriously ill or dies. A co-worker agrees to take the boy in until relatives can be found. The search is unsuccessful; often alone and frightened, the boy takes to the streets. Meanwhile, he has fallen behind in school and may have developed behavior problems. He doesn't belong in the criminal justice system, but needs more intensive help than most foster parents could give.

While some newspaper accounts mention Holiman housing his earliest charges in a downtown warehouse, the

facility's first permanent home was 521 Avenue A. A 1945 photograph on the organization's Web site ([www.boysvilletexas.org](http://www.boysvilletexas.org)) shows a white two-story house, probably built in the late 19th century, with an addition in the rear, a wide porch, lots of windows and a tree-lined yard with room for the baseball game shown.

By the early 1950s, a growing number of residents made for "terribly crowded conditions," according to the 1954 newsletter. The downtown location accommodated about 18 boys, says Baxter, with no room to grow.



Thanks to the Optimists and Kiwanis clubs, as well as other donors, Boysville was able to raise the \$300,000 needed for the property you saw. Boysville moved into the new campus during the summer 1953.

At that time, the institution was described as "out in the country on Austin Highway, opposite the Randolph Field entrance." Relocated on nearly 200 acres, Boysville became a farm-and-ranch community, teaching its young residents to raise livestock. "The boy gentles the animal, and the animal gentles the boy," a spokesman told the San Antonio Express-News on the occasion of the organization's 1979 auction.





Instead of a single house, the new campus included several buildings, says Baxter. The slabs you saw could be all that remains of its dormitories, dining hall, library, gymnasium, administrative offices and maintenance buildings.

About 78 boys were served on the campus, Boysville's home for three decades. During the 1980s, as the city grew northward, the organization was approached by prospective buyers for its increasingly valuable property. This second home was sold in 1983 for \$7.5 million to a Montgomery, Ala., developer.

Boysville used about \$6 million to buy land and build a new facility on about 80 acres at its present location in Converse, on Loop 1604 at Rocket Lane. The current campus has nine residential cottages, a gymnasium, schoolhouse, library, chapel, barn and outdoor recreation areas. The remainder of the sale money went into an endowment fund. "We were offered a deal we couldn't refuse," a spokeswoman told the Express-News, July 26, 1983. "We were sitting on 200 acres, and we didn't need that much property. It was a chance to upgrade the facilities and programs that we just couldn't pass up." Three years after the move, Boysville started admitting girls in an effort to keep siblings together. For name recognition and tradition's sake, the co-ed institution is still called Boysville, though the current location serves 108 boys and girls, ages 5 to 18. Half the size of the previous acreage, the campus affords space for an additional 16 children in an emergency shelter as well as a transitional living program for eight young adults. Through a college scholarship program, Boysville also supports 15 students enrolled at Texas colleges and universities.

Boysville's second home has changed hands several times since the organization sold it, says Baxter. The old campus remains undeveloped.

Transcript of Ed Baxter from Boysville taken by Sue King. June 2005

*What was the first location of Boysville?* 521 A Street. Avenue A, they called it in San Antonio. They started out in 1943 very slowly, few kids at a time. At the max they had 24 boys down there, but average about 18 or so. I have been with Boysville since 1992. Boysville was moved to Live Oak in 1953, not sure if the city was a city at that time, but they moved into the area that became the city of Live Oak in summer of 1953. Having been downtown they moved to a rural campus. They stayed in Live Oak till 1983. They moved to the current location in 1983.

*Why did they decide to move Boysville?* The land value got so high it was just difficult to stay there. There was no intention of Boysville to actually move with the exception that they wanted to grow and change the programs they had. Several developers approached them and the price kept going up. Back in the early 80's land prices were at all time high. Still haven't reached that price. We had a max program of 78 boys and they were in dormitory style facilities. Meaning there would be several kids in a building. When we sold the property in 1981, and bought the land where we are, we expanded the program to 108 kids, and moved them into cottages, which were more like a family. We would have 12 kids to a private room as opposed to 30 in a dorm. Kids can feel more like a family. That was the reason for the sale.

*What initiated the move to Live Oak?* We hoped to get a more rural setting. Downtown SA was all in one building. It was in the center of the city, and we wanted to move to a rural area for agricultural program to raise animals and have a more outdoor type setting.

*Were they taught more responsibility when they moved to Live Oak?* Well, it was a different type of responsibilities. Downtown they were taught responsibility for their yard, but in Live Oak, there was an agriculture type program and kids were in charge of animals and a 4H program. A more land, property management type responsibility.



*How true was the rumor that there was a tunnel underground to move cows? What was there was a storm cellar, but there are a lot of rumors about moving cattle. We did have a farm on the other side of 1604 that had cattle, and Boysville also had property out in the Living Water's country club is now, Gardenridge, but they never farmed that land. They farmed land closer to Retama Polo fields are now. Not a big operation, just enough for kids to be involved in 4H.*

*Where was initial site of Boysville in Live Oak? Only one location, right behind the location where the water town is, where the current tower is located by the RBFCU corporate headquarters. Just southeast of there on top of the hill.*

*Did you see the write up in the paper at the first of the year and he found some buildings? As a matter of fact, that guy called and asked me some questions. The lady in the paper who did the historic research in the paper had a right up.*



*How many residents did Boysville have in first year? We probably had 25 to 30 and it quickly grew to a 78 capacity over two years. We stayed at capacity until we moved here.*



*Jimmy Dean*

*Do you remember the individuals who operated Boysville?* I don't know at first.

*Did Ken and Lil Staily have a hand in that?* I don't know when they came to Boysville, but they did have a lot to do with it. Sergeant was the central kitchen cook where kids and staff ate together. Serge was involved not just in food, but all kinds of activity. I have met adult men who knew Serge when they were young and had praise for his impact on their lives.

*Did they take it on or where they asked?* They came to Boysville like many people as volunteers and dedicated their whole time. And then became employees. They continue to be benefactors still to this day.

*How large did the surrounding community play in the success of Boysville?* It has always been that the surrounding community has to support the program, welcoming us, encouraging our kids, financial support. The reason why our location exists so close to Live Oak is because Live Oak was in the original Judson School dist. When we moved, we wanted to stay in the Judson School Dist, and because of the support we had in the community. The teachers, the people welcoming into their school system. Judson supports our system and it is vital to our program.



*Was it just a boy's facility?* We didn't take girls in until 1986, after we moved to the current location. The Live Oak site was a dorm arrangement, and when we moved here, we had individual homes, we built Ellison cottage for girls and it housed 12 girls. The original plan was to take girls in if they had a brother in the program already. That didn't last very long and we took whatever girls who needed to be placed. If they needed our services we take them. Now half of our placements are girls.



*Looking back at the Live Oak site what is the biggest change?*

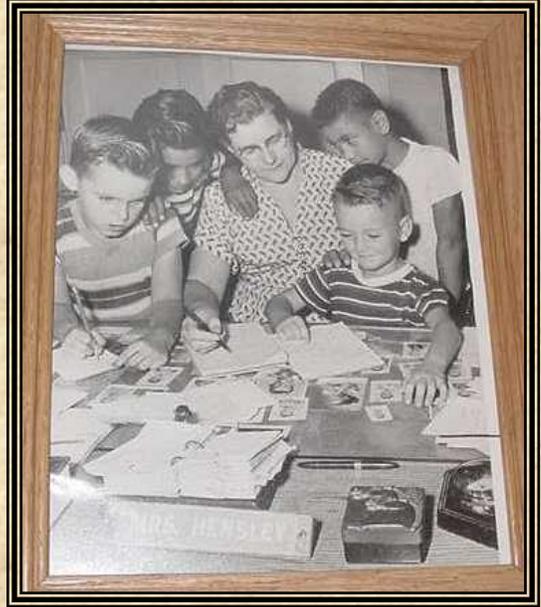
There have been an awful lot of changes. The change from the percentage of kids returned to biological families has increased. During the LO years, it was the norm that when a boy would come to our program, they would stay till high school was over. 60-70% would come and stay. Currently, over 80% return to their biological families before HS graduation.



*What are your biggest success stories?* Success is measured in kids who become capable in developing their own families. There are boys who have grown up here to make a lot of money, and some who have become successful in terms of their careers. Our success measurement is if that former resident becomes a successful of a family, and raises children, it is a measure of success. No matter if he is an auto mechanic or a truck driver, or a small business owner. Success is always measured in terms of creating a family that is viable for people who don't have families. We have had men who have become

professional football players, in the military, but if they bring their children and say this was my home, then they have broken the cycle of abuse, and that is our goal.

*Looking at the inception in SA and to Live Oak, What persons are significant?* Hundreds and hundreds of people. I'll name a few, but leave out more, Original founder was Don Hall. He was a court reporter in SA in family courts and was also a Baptist minister part time. He saw the need for homeless boys and girls and saw boys coming through court system without a family or a place to go, and saw boys living in parks. He started taking boys into the original facility that they got from the founder of the Pearl Brewery in 1943. The downtown Kiwanas and optimist club provided many, many leaders over the years. The best thing for you to do is refer you to the presidents over the years and the board of directors over the years. We have just had a multitude of leaders from SA to bring into our program. Most direct knowledge of individuals is limited to 1985. The central figure of Boysville was a man named Marshall Crook? Who operated fabric stores in San Antonio. He was a big part of the design to



move to this area. A lady named Geneva German? Came to us from an auxiliary around the Alamo Heights area and was instrumental in the design of this facility. The ex director during the time they moved to this facility was a man named Norm Charelton. He had been at this campus since 1974 and over saw construction of current facility. We have had a lot of people. One key figure in founding of the foundation was Maury Holden who was a SA business leader. Current leaders who run the gammet. One

maiden leader on financial backing is Alex Hout? Who used to own Alamo Title. Wally Jacobs current secretary and Boysville trustee for many years. The Housemans founded the program on our chapel and dedicated that. Two of the key people in early years 1950's who moved to 4H were Eunice and Red Connel of Connell life science building and agricultural center. They stared that Agriculture programs. Cottage named after Joe and Harry Freeman who were SA leaders. Also named after Mr. Holloman and Edmond

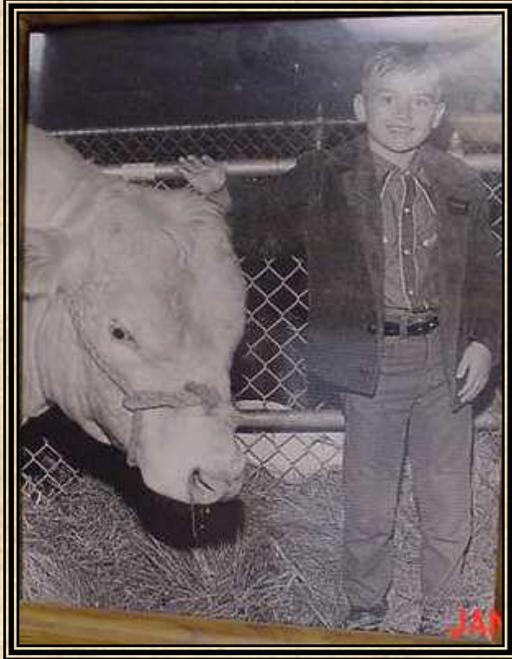
Dweese. One man in my lifetime that I knew who was called Mr. Boysville, who came before I came along. Jack Ridgeway. I met him in 1985 and knew him till his death. He was a local practice attorney who was more instrumental into what Boysville has become today from the early 60's and 70's than any one individual. In his single practice, he focused on family law and estates and those kinds of things. He has done more than any 10 men in terms of financial support. He was on the campus at every event and ever meeting. I remember the night before he died I sat on his bed at the Nix hospital about some estates that would come to benefit Boysville. I told him to put it away and rest and he said that he really needed to get it done because it was his life and passion. Still today we are receiving gifts from estates Jack had set up. He was the most dedicated volunteer than any one I have know. We have strong leadership on our board now.



Current capacity of Boysville has changed a little. Add it all up you have 119. We also reach a lot of kids in family programs in parent education.



*Hopalong Cassidy*





#### Newsletter Article

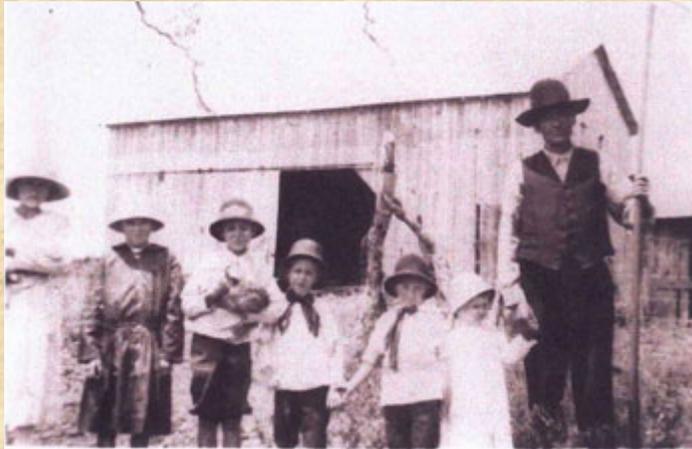
Many of the City's long-time residents will remember when Boysville was at the corner of IH 35 and Loop 1604. Boysville, nicknamed the "Home with a Heart for Homeless Boys" started downtown but was moved to Live Oak in 1953 to provide agriculture programs for the kids who lived there. In the '80's land prices were sky high and Boysville sold the property in 1983 and relocated their campus to the current location on Loop 1604 in Converse. While in Live Oak, Boysville had two large dormitories, a theater with a stage, several barns, and hosted such famous celebrities as Hopalong Cassidy and Jimmy Dean. If you have any interest in the history of Boysville, or are interested in serving on Live Oak's Historical Commission, please call Scott Wayman at 653-9140 ext. 261.

## *Chapter Nine*

### Old and New Schoolhouses

The land where the Northeast Lakeview College campus is currently being built was originally owned by Nickolaus and Anna Marie Kruse, German immigrants who settled into the 251 acre tract of land in 1890. To commemorate the community's heritage and dedication to education, ACCD is in the process of receiving ownership of a two-room schoolhouse that was built in the late 1800's. The Lower Valley Schoolhouse is currently located on the Cibolo Creek, five miles southwest of Marion in western Guadalupe County. The schoolhouse will be relocated to a prominent portion of the campus and with grant funding requested, will provide a living history museum for area school kids, as well as a meeting place for community groups.

If you have any information concerning the history of Live Oak and the surrounding areas, please contact Scott Wayman at 653-9140 ext. 261.



The Nickolaus Kruse family pictured in front of the barn that stood on the 251 acres of land that is now the construction site for the new Northeast Lakeview College campus. *(Pictured L to R) Dorothy, Marie, Leonard, Alois, Gerard, Barbara, and Nickolaus Kruse in 1919, shortly after the death of Alois' mother, Anna Maria Kruse.*



*Alois Kruse (far right) visits Northeast Lakeview College along with his son, Clarence Kruse (center) and grandson, Clayton Kruse. Alois Kruse is the oldest living family member of the Kruse Farm.*

Kruse, fourth of seven children born to Nickolaus and Anna Maria Kruse, visited Northeast Lakeview College recently. Along with his son, Clarence Kruse, and grandson, Clayton Kruse, Alois shared family history and discussed the development of the Kruse Farm, the 251 acres of land that is now the construction site for the new Northeast Lakeview College campus. Born in 1913, Alois Kruse is the oldest living family member from the Kruse Farm.

In 1884, Alois' grandparents, Englehart and Marianna Kruse, immigrated to America from Germany and lived in Guadalupe County, a German settlement, until 1890. It was then when Englehart Kruse purchased the 251 acres in northeast Bexar County where the Northeast Lakeview College campus is being built.

Alois was raised by his father, Nickolaus, for most of his life after he lost his mother and infant sibling to the Spanish Flu. Alois attended Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School in Selma, TX. He lived and worked on his family's farm until 1947. To this day, Alois Kruse remains a resident of the northeast area.

While the 251 acres has changed owners over the years, the property remained within the Kruse family for 60 years. Alois Kruse and his family are pleased that an institution of higher education is being built on his family's property.



(Pictured from L to R) Dick Crow, Universal City Industrial Development Corporation (UCIDC) president; John Williams, Universal City Mayor; Dr. Eric Reno, Northeast Lakeview College President; Joe Farias, Texas Representative – District 118; Joe Painter, City of Live Oak Mayor; Patricia Kauts, Live Oak Economic Development Corporation Board Member

(July 22, 2008) The Lower Valley School District #33, a historic rural schoolhouse housed on the Northeast Lakeview College campus, recently received almost \$15,000 towards its restoration project. The money comes from a generous gift from three organizations: the Universal City Industrial Development Corporation, the Live Oak Economic Development Corporation, and a grant funded by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

The Universal City Industrial Development Corporation donated \$5,795.62 to the project. “Universal City and its economic board recognize that education is paramount to the future viability of the region and are pleased to donate to this worthwhile endeavor,” says Kim Turner, Development Services Director – the City of Universal City. “We are not just preserving a building, but a memory, a period in our history that helped define who we are as a community. The Lower Valley schoolhouse donation is indicative of the symbiotic relationship between Universal City and the Northeast Lakeview College.”

Additionally, the Live Oak Economic Development Corporation donated \$5,993.45 to support the Lower Valley School. “The restoration project is so significant in what the ACCD is doing with its campus. The restoration project is going to become a living museum for kids. It’ll be a community gathering place,” says Joe Painter, Mayor -City of Live Oak. The ACCD is proving once again that they are not a stand-alone school.”

NLC also received a \$3,000 matching-funds grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) whose mission is to provide leadership, education and advocacy to save America's diverse historic places and revitalize our communities. The \$3,000 funded a grant writer consultant to develop and submit grant proposals to private foundations. A consultant has already been hired and is currently working with NLC to submit a targeted number of proposals to support the restoration of the Lower Valley School.

Between these three organizations, Northeast Lakeview College received \$14,789.07 and to date, the College has raised \$30,000 in gifts, grants and in-kind services to support the schoolhouse restoration project. “We are delighted to have so much community support for this project,” says Dr. Eric Reno, Northeast Lakeview College president. “It is through this generosity that we will be able to preserve the past to enrich the future and educate generations on the heritage of our community.”

The schoolhouse was given to Northeast Lakeview College in 2007 and was relocated onto the College campus in February of this year. NLC continues to raise funds to restore the schoolhouse to a living history museum where children will relive history as they spend a day, on a field trip, experiencing early, rural education. Children will wear period clothing, bring their lunches in pails, and play traditional schoolyard games during recess.

### **Lower Valley School District Historic Schoolhouse Transported to NLC Campus**

(February 21, 2008) The Lower Valley School District #33 (1877-1966) was transported from its current location in Cibolo, TX to



its new home on the new Northeast Lakeview College campus at Loop 1604 & Kitty Hawk Rd. on **Thursday, February 21st.**

The Lower Valley School District #33 (1877-1966), a two-room rural schoolhouse, served the Schertz-Cibolo community for 89 years. The heirs of Maxine and Lutrell Watts (both teachers at the schoolhouse) generously donated the schoolhouse to Northeast Lakeview College in August 2007. Once restored as a museum, the schoolhouse will welcome the public to visit a part of Texas history. One classroom will be restored as an active classroom where children will relive history as they spend a day, on a field trip, experiencing early, rural education. Children will wear period clothing, bring their lunches in pails, and play traditional schoolyard games during recess.

In preparation for the move, all of the contents, including its furniture and fixtures of the Lower Valley Schoolhouse have been carefully inventoried and boxed. Through the generous donation of Gerloff Company, Inc., the historical contents have been moved to storage where they will remain while the schoolhouse is relocated to Northeast Lakeview College and renovated as a living history museum.

Volunteers have been working for several weeks to complete the inventorying process. Books, some published in the 1800's, maps, teaching aids, scripts for plays, and clear glass inkwells were among the items uncovered and will be returned to the schoolhouse for use in the living history museum. "Having the opportunity to inventory the artifacts was an interesting journey through time," says Dr. Leanna Hale, Northeast Lakeview College assistant professor of education. "As an educator, I was able to revisit past teaching techniques and

materials and note how education has changed over the years." The Gerloff Company, Inc. has offered to underwrite the moving and storage of the contents in the



schoolhouse. Gerloff Company provides professional expertise in fire and water restoration, interior and exterior reconstruction, structural cleaning and deodorization. "We are glad to support this initiative," says Darren Gerloff, Chairman. "This project will provide many benefits to the children and to the community."

Northeast Lakeview College continues to seek funds to complete the project. As ACCD funds can be used for common initiatives only, the College seeks community donations to complete the restoration process. "We hope the community will support our efforts to bring a part of Texas history to life," says Dr. Eric Reno, Northeast Lakeview College president. For more information on the project, contact the Northeast Lakeview College Office of Grants & Development.

*Chapter Ten*  
*History of the Live Oak First Baptist Church*



I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord. Psalm 122:1



**First Services – March 31, 1974 –  
Home of Alvin & Jean Watts**



**Evening Bible Study – Roberts  
Home -210 Ave. E**



Next Location April –August 1974 Met in  
"Hamilton's Corner" Old Mill in Converse -  
109 Gibbs Sprawl Road in Converse



Hamilton's Corner - Converse



## First Interim Pastor – Kent Berry – April 1974



From left to right: Lesly Richards,  
Liz Wiatrek, Jean Watts, Maria Adkins,  
Mr. Cody and Bro. Kent Berry.

## First Deacons – John Loyd & Alvin Watts



Services Moved to Live Oak Elementary School – August 18, 1974 Old Spanish Trail & Welcome Drive



Name Changed to Live Oak Baptist Church - January 1975



## May 18, 1975 Gilbert W. Kendrick Called As First Full Time Pastor



## Current Property

- Located By Mike Temkin & John Norsworthy
- 2.87 Acre Farm on Toepperwein Road With House, Small House, and Well for \$50,000
- Additional Property Purchased From Morton Southwest Homes to Reach the 5 Acre Amount Needed For Financial Support From the Baptist General Convention

1975

## Come Alive!

with the NEW

# LIVE OAK BAPTIST CHURCH

A SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONGREGATION

## SPECIAL TENT SERVICES

TO  
INTRODUCE OURSELVES

# SEPT. 10 - 14

7:30 P.M. Nightly - 11:00 A.M. Sun.

★ Nursery Provided ★

Tent Located On Church Property On Toepperwein Rd.  
(Between Narrow Pass & Leafy Hollow Of Live Oak)

HEAR OUR  
PREACHER



**GILBERT KENDRICK**  
LIVE OAK PASTOR

ENJOY THE  
SINGING OF



**MALCOLM GRAINGER**  
MIN. OF MUSIC, CASTLE HILLS BAPTIST.

**OUR FAVORITE SINGERS - MALCOLM GRAINGER**  
We look forward to having Malcolm Grainger, Minister of Music, Castle Hills to come and lead our revival music. Mr. Grainger is known throughout the state as not only a fine musician and song leader but also as a dedicated man of God. Pray for Malcolm and the Pastor during this special time.

TENT  
REVIVAL  
1975



Hank Richards  
Kathy Watts, Judi  
Mason, Sherry Russell

al watts




Malcolm Grainger



Choir: Lloyd, Betty  
Hendrick



Malcolm Grainger

Gilbert Kendrick



1976



### Baptists break ground...

**BREAKING GROUND** last Sunday were members of the Live Oak Baptist Church and area church dignitaries. From left are Kathy Watts, youth director David Stanson; Carrie Lloyd; Homer Parbecano; Kent Berry, chairman of the Mission Committee of the First Baptist Church in Schertz; Pastor Gilbert Kendrick; Bobby J. Walker, Pastor of the First Baptist

Church in Schertz; Sunday School director Roland Tietz; Alvin Watts, chairman of Deacons, and chairman of Building and Grounds, Howard Roberts. The location on Toepperwein Road in Live Oak was purchased last summer, and plans to begin construction have been under way for several months.

JIM LITTLE #1640







1976

**New Worship Center Dedicated**

First services in the new building completed by Live Oak Baptist Church were held on August 8, 1976. Members, friends, supporters and community leaders will gather on August 22, 1976 to participate in the dedication of the new structure.

For the past two years members of Live Oak Baptist Church have been meeting in the Live Oak Elementary School, while the new building was under construction. Mr. R. V. Rhoads, employed by the Baptist General Convention of Texas, has supervised construction of this beautiful building. He has depended to a large degree on voluntary labor performed by church members with assistance from local contractors.

Live Oak Baptist Church was begun over two years ago with a small group who felt the need of a church in Live Oak City. The First Baptist Church of Schertz and the San Antonio Baptist Association joined in financial and planning support. Today membership is well over 200 people, with approximately 50 families represented.



**Sturdy  
steeple**

WITH THE ADDITION of a steeple last week, the Live Oak Baptist Church is beginning to look more like a church. The congregation has been meeting in the Live Oak Elementary School. Gilbert Kendrick is pastor of Live Oak Baptist Church, which is Live Oak's first church.

**Live Oak Baptist Church**  
*Welcomes you to their first Sunday worship service in their new church-home:*  
 August 8th  
**Topperwein Rd., Live Oak**

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.	Worship 10:00 a.m.	Worship 11:00 a.m.	Worship 11:45 a.m.
Prayer 12:00 p.m.	Prayer 12:45 p.m.	Prayer 1:30 p.m.	Prayer 2:15 p.m.

Pastor Kendrick Welcomes Your Inquiries 656-8200

1976

*Dear Friends,*  
 Join us in the  
**Dedication Service**  
 of our new building on  
 Topperwein Road.  
**Sunday, Aug. 22nd, 2:30 p.m.**  
**Live Oak Baptist Church**

**Live Oak Baptist Church**  
 Now worshipping  
 in our  
**NEW Church**  
 on Topperwein Rd.,  
 in Live Oak  
 Visitors Welcome  
 Please Call  
 Bro. Kendrick for  
 Service Hours  
**656-8200**  
Herald Photo by Steve Ehler

AUGUST 19, 1976

**Live Oak Baptist**

Live Oak Baptist Church will hold a Dedication Service for its new building, Sunday, August 22, at 2:30 p.m. at the church located on Topperwein Road.

Special guests will be Ken Colton, Assistant Director of Missions in San Antonio who will give the dedication message; Dr. George Stewart, Director of Missions—San Antonio

Baptist Assn.; Bob Walker, Pastor First Baptist Church, Schertz; Bruce Bonles, President Church Loan Corp., Dallas; Live Oak Mayor, Frank Wilson; Kent Berry of Boyeville; R.V. Rhoads, church builder.

A reception will follow the service in the Fellowship Hall. The public is cordially invited.

LIVE OAK Baptist Church will hold a dedication service for its new building, Sunday, August 22 at 2:30 p.m. The Church is located on Topperwein Road. [Herald Photo by Steve Ehler]



## June 1984 New Education Building Dedicated



## 1986 – Two Portable Buildings Added



## 1987 Sanctuary Expanded



Current Pastor – October 2001  
– Present – Donald Valenta

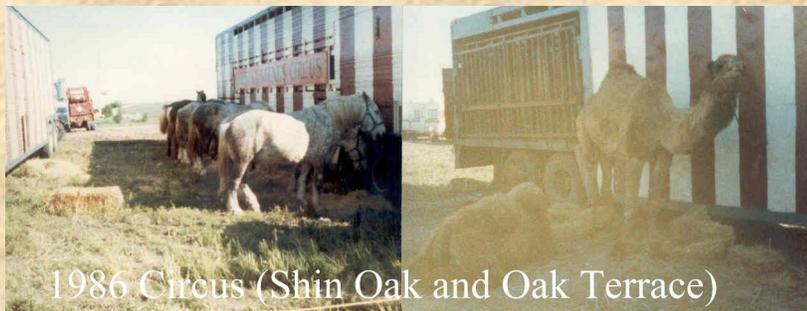


## *Chapter Eleven*

### Circus in Town



In 1986 a small circus came to town and occupied the property where the Springs Apartments are located today. For three days that summer, area residents enjoyed a big top trapeze act, animals that didn't typically roam these plains, and elephant rides on one of the nearly 20 elephants that entertained during the show. After the show had packed up, however, the remnants of the elephants, to include their droppings and hoof prints, killed the bluebonnets in the field for several years. If you have any pictures from the Circus when it was in town, or any other historical information from Live Oak, please don't hesitate to contact Scott Wayman at 653-9140 ext. 261.

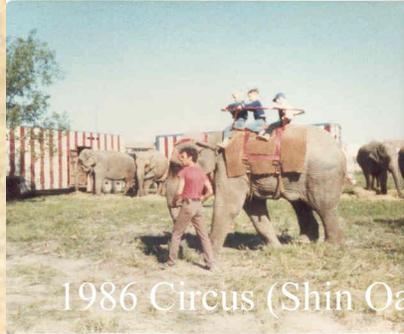




1986 Circus (Shin Oak and Oak Terrace)



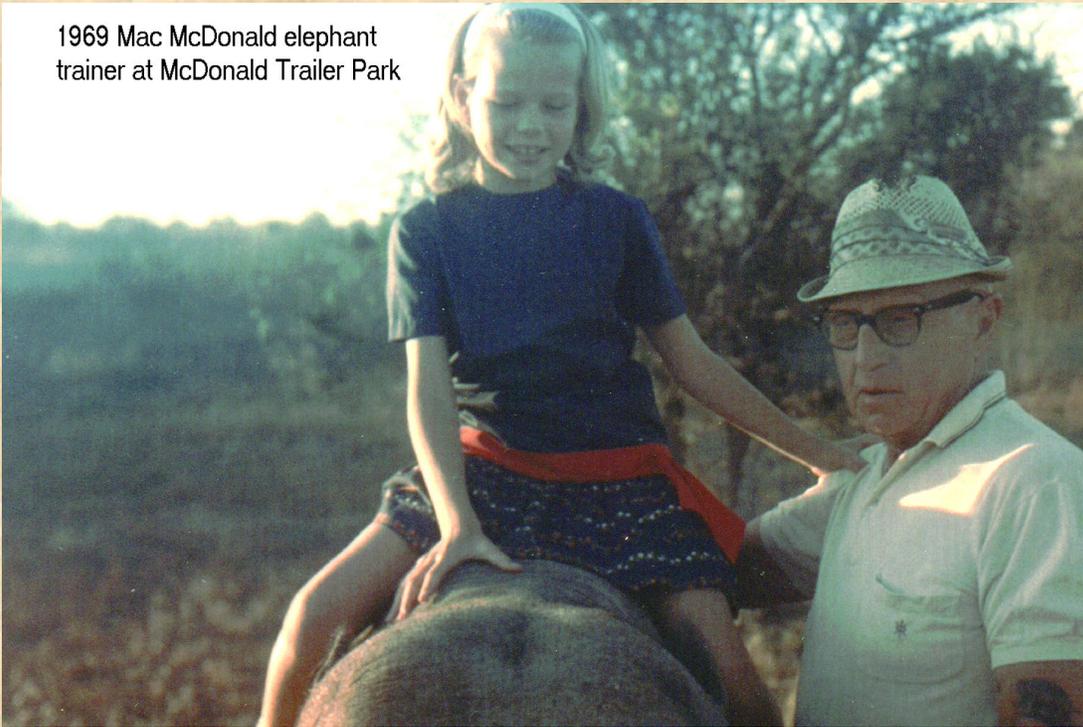
1986 Circus (Shin Oak and Oak Terrace)



1986 Circus (Shin Oak and Oak Terrace)



1969 Mac McDonald elephant trainer at McDonald Trailer Park



Information received from Becky Steward

Ms. Becky Steward

Mr. Gary Steward

McDonald's Trailer Park. They called him Mac. Peggy was Mac's wife's name. He trained elephants for a bunch of different circuses. He didn't have that many when they were there. He had a barn off of the first entrance and it was as large as the current fire department where they park their trucks.

The Stewarts lived in the park from 1969 to 1971. The park was mostly military people and Gary was stationed at Randolph. She said that it really wasn't a trailer park because everything was really nice when they lived there. There was also a laundry mat on the property and the slab should still be at the location. They have two kids, their names are Connie and Sandra, and they remember the park with the elephants.

Mac would bring the elephants down for the kids to ride. Mac was an avid gun collector and had elephant guns.



1969 McDonald's Trailer Park  
Home of elephant trainer and  
Barn

Newsletter Article  
Elephants in Live Oak

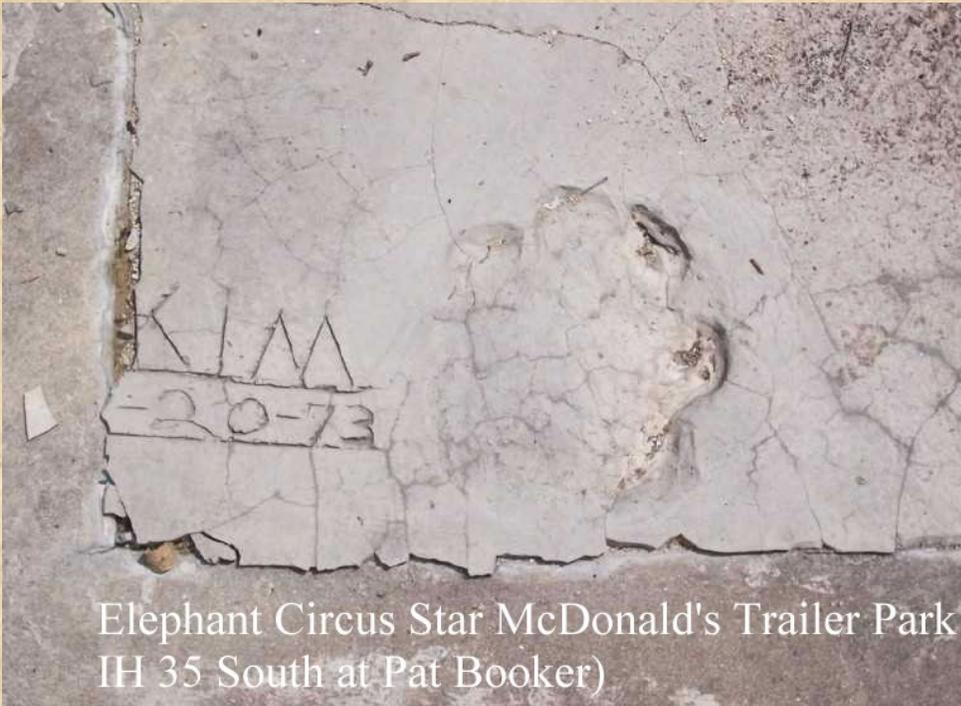
Many people wouldn't believe it, but between 1979 and 1982, Live Oak had a resident pachyderm that lived on the other side of IH 35 in a subdivision known as the Green Meadow trailer park. The "Circus Star", a concrete circular area with anchor bolts still exists today, where the elephant was kept, and the "resident" and his owner/ trainer lived in the trailer park for the three year period, but when the trailer park closed, they both moved out.

Somewhere around 1981, there was an entire circus that moved in and camped out in the trailer park area, complete with giraffes and camels and many other elephants. The circus rested here for a couple weeks before moving on to the next performance. If anyone has any information about the elephants, or any other historical event in Live Oak's history, please don't hesitate to call me at 210-653-9140 ext. 261.

Scott Wayman



Elephant Circus Star McDonald's Trailer Park (IH 35 South at Pat Booker)



Elephant Circus Star McDonald's Trailer Park  
IH 35 South at Pat Booker)

## *Chapter Twelve*

### History of the Woodcrest Subdivision

Prepared by 30 year City Attorney  
The Honorable Mayo Galindo

The area where the Woodcrest subdivision is currently located is part of what was once as the Old Robards Tract. This area was a large subdivision platted in 1954 by a then real estate developer/promoter, Henry Robards. It was his conception to plat a large tract of land, subdivide it into small lots and sell it to the military personnel from nearby Randolph Air Force Base.

He succeeded in selling all of the property over a period of approximately five (5) years but it remained undeveloped because the plan was intrinsically unsound. The streets were improperly laid, did not meet minimum county specifications and were not accepted by the county for maintenance. It was a matter of two (2) years before these roads became trails. The engineering for the subdivision likewise was unsound and made inadequate allowances for drainage taking actual conditions into considerations.

Additionally, there were no utilities to the area and under these circumstances it was just a matter of several years before the property became a jungle. What were platted lots were in fact nothing but a jungle of trees, refuse, debris, tires and the property was used as a general dumping grounds.

This Robards Area belonged to the City of San Antonio and was within the latter's extraterritorial jurisdiction pursuant to the provisions of the 1965 Annexation Act. However, without utilities the property could not be developed and over a period of years many of the owners had scattered to different parts of this country. As a consequent result there were no homes built in the subdivision and it was a general liability to everyone concerned.

The City of San Antonio could not service the area from the viewpoint of sewer utilities since the property lay against the gravity of flow necessary to join the City's sewer facility within the general area.

When the City of Live Oak began expanding many of the residents in the southern area of the City were clamoring for the City to do something with the property. City officials found it difficult to explain to these persons that the property was not within the City's corporate limits, nor that it could be annexed and that it belonged to San Antonio.

The then City Manager, Mr. Ronald Dunlap commenced negotiations with the City of San Antonio in which he sought the release of this extraterritorial jurisdiction to the City of Live Oak. After months of negotiations it was essentially agreed that San Antonio would yield the 829 acre extraterritorial tract of land to Live Oak in return for the right to sell water in that area when, as and if the City annexed it.

The 829 Acres were ceded to Live Oak in August of 1977 and the agreements with respect to the sale of water were also reached by the City and its precursor for water service in that area. Because of the numerous property owners in the area and the fact that the property had never been properly developed it was impossible to replat the property in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Civil Statutes. Instead the city chose to go the legal route and filed suit in the District Court of Bexar County to declare the entire Robards area a "Phantom paper city." The proceedings were filed in 1979 and finally resulted in trial on December 16, 1979 in which the favorable judgment was obtained.

Thereafter, the City commenced annexing part of the 829 acre tract and began also to entertain new plats for development of the area. The last 529 acre tract was annexed by Live Oak on March 10, 1981.

Immediately thereafter, new plats were submitted to the Live Oak Zoning and Planning commission and utilities were brought to the area by developers. Since that time new homes were built and growth is phenomenal in the area.

Most of the homeowners are young couples “seeking a place in the sun” and are happy since the majority of them are homeowners for the first time.

Not all the 529 acre tract is yet developed. Most of the homes are being built on the northern one-half of this acreage but the City is hopeful that in the immediate near future a new perimeter road will be built to the east so as to permit greater access to the area and if past history is any indication new plats should soon be submitted to the City’s Zoning and Planning Commission for the redevelopment of the southern portion of this acreage.

The City has the present capabilities to render all municipal services to the entire area annexed and the development of what was formerly undeveloped dumping area into residential homes has been a great benefit not only to the Cities of Live Oak and San Antonio but to other residents in the general area.

#### Historic References to Robards from Joe Ethridge:

Mr. Robards subdivided all of the land and had sales offices under red umbrellas. He sold lots in Robards all over the world. Come to the “big red umbrella.” Quincy Lee came to me and wanted to buy all the lots in the area. We got the title company to look up the owners and we mailed it to all those people. Many wanted to sell but you couldn’t find some of the owners. We just dropped that deal and the market dropped. The lots were too large anyhow to make it feasible. Murray Winn, one of the founders of Windcrest, started the Winn Five and Ten Cent stores. I think he owned a big chunk of Robards.

#### Phantom Paper City

The 529 acres that are now the Woodcrest and Auburn Hills of Woodcrest subdivisions were originally platted on September 16<sup>th</sup>, 1954 by Henry S. Robards to be a resort community, with a private park and lake, Country club and horse riding stables and trails. The area, bordered by Avery Road, Toepperwein, Miller Road and Kohout, which later became Fox Run, did not conform to county standards at the time and sat dormant until 1979. At that time, the City of Live Oak annexed it and filed a suit to abandon the subdivision plat and allow for the development of the area. The original flier for the property said that it was a place for couples who are “seeking a place in the sun” and after the abandonment of the streets and platted subdivision, the courts referred to it as a “Phantom Paper City.”

#### **Scott Wayman**

## Chapter Thirteen

### History of the Live Oak Police Department

Written by Scott Wayman

In September of 1959, \$10 donations were solicited to start incorporation proceedings from residents who lived on property that would someday be the beginnings of the City of Live Oak. In March of 1960, our city's first election was called and the individuals who won election were a handful of historic fathers of the City of Live Oak. Our first Mayor Clarence Albrecht, council members Claude Ferrell, Elton Friesenhahn, Wilbur Friesenhahn W.H. Brantley, Mathew Friesenhahn, Melvin Mayor, and Richard Keller, framed what has become today, the finest City in the Metro-community.



In August 1961, the City spent \$8 for its first Marshall's badge to Marshall Clarence Albrecht, who became the first law enforcement official. This was a large expenditure considering the City only had \$46 in its treasury at the time. The next month, Bill Brantly was appointed as deputy, and law enforcement was up and running.





You may have thought that there were hardly a need for these first officers, but by 1968, the problem of daytime burglaries were so prevalent that, during a council meeting, members debated the need for additional officers. In April of 1969, the Council authorized the purchase of its first red light for the Marshall's car, which at the time was still his personally owned vehicle.



November of 1969, the city had reached a point where it needed its own full time police officer and Jerry Smith was chosen for the job, with his pay being \$600 a month. At the same meeting they announced that the city's first traffic citations were being printed, and in December of 1969, the city purchased its first Patrol car, a 1970 Dodge Polara for \$3,300.

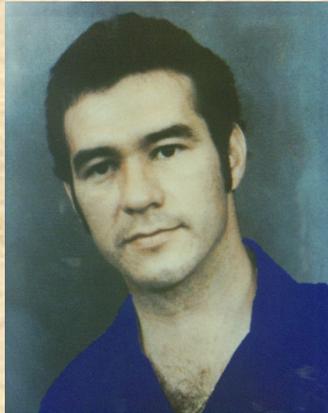


At this time, we did not have a City Hall, so the Police Department was set up in the Water Control District's office which was along the access road of what is today IH 35. In February of 1970, the City got serious about enforcing laws and passed ordinances governing parking, speed limits, passing busses, school zone speeds and cutting across private property. In addition, Judge Steward J. Alexander was named to the City's first Municipal Court, and the City's first radar unit was purchased for \$1,345.

In December, 1970, the first City Hall was established in a model home on Village Oak, and the police department shortly followed them to the new location. Four years later, the City Hall and Police Department moved to the current location of City Hall at 8001 Shin Oak Dr., and in December of 1989, the Police department moved into its current 3000 square feet facility where it is currently located.



The history of the department would not be complete without mentioning the tragic loss of one of our own police officers. On January 17<sup>th</sup>, 1980, Officer Alfredo F. Araiza was killed in the line of duty while pursuing criminal suspects.



Alfredo Araiza

# Police death figure jailed in new chase

*The News 3-10-80*

One of two brothers charged in the Jan. 17 death of a Live Oak police officer is back in jail after another high-speed chase with police, this time charged with possession of methamphetamine.

Night Magistrate Mary Elizabeth Ladd ordered Robert H. Graham, 24, to jail when he was unable to post a bond of \$30,000 on the charge.

According to jail records, Graham, of 1110 Cerro Alto Drive, was freed on a \$15,000 bond Feb. 20 on a charge of attempted capital murder.

Graham's older brother, Richard Graham, 27, also of the Cerro Alto address, remains jailed on a \$50,000 bond for capital murder.

The brothers were charged after Live Oak Patrolman Alfredo Araiza, 25, was killed when his patrol car smashed into the rear of a gravel truck and exploded.

According to police reports, Araiza was allegedly pursuing the Grahams' vehicle in a high-speed chase at the time of the collision.

It was also alleged that several shots were fired at the officer before he died in the wreck.

The latest incident occurred at 4:15

## Cyclist hits patrol car



**ALFREDO ARAIZA**  
... killed during chase

p.m. Sunday when a motorcyclist allegedly committed a minor traffic violation at Harry Wurzbach Road near Interstate 410.

The officer who witnessed the violation called for assistance when the motorcycle sped away.

About a dozen patrol cars and the police helicopter joined in the chase.

The pursuit continued over a wide part of the North Side.

The chase ended about 15 minutes later when the cyclist slammed into a patrol car at Tuxedo and Woodway avenues, throwing the rider to a grassy median, investigators said.

Patrolman Wayne Baum, whose police car was involved in the collision, arrested the fallen cyclist and, when searching him, allegedly found a plastic bag containing a white substance determined as methamphetamine. The cyclist was not seriously injured in the crash and was later jailed.

# Araiza's Dream Was to Be Officer

*S.A. Light 1-20-80*

By ALLAN TURNER

For Frances Araiza and her family of eight, even small financial setbacks took on major proportions. Yet she was determined that her children would have a financially secure future. Together they would all succeed.

And success seemed within the family's grasp when the older children graduated from high school, then college and graduate school.

Then Alfredo, a muscular 18-year-old, announced that he wanted to be a policeman.

His family was concerned.

"My mother was always worried. She was always certain that something bad would happen to Alfredo if he became a policeman," said his older sister, Yolanda.

But "we are a close family," Yolanda said, "and we all worked to send him to school."

In May 1977, Alfredo graduated from Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos with a degree in law enforcement. In April 1979 — after two years with the San Antonio municipal park rangers — he attained his goal. He became an officer with the Live Oak Police

Department.

Last week, he became the first Live Oak police officer to lose his life in the line of duty after his patrol car slammed into a tractor-trailer rig during a high-speed chase.

Rosary for Araiza will be at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Roy Akers Chapel of Prayer, 515 N. Main Ave. Mass will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, 1321 El Paso.

At least two memorial funds have been established by his friends and colleagues on the Live Oak Police Department.

"I think Alfredo wanted to really be a policeman ever since he was a little boy," recalled his sister. "We lived in the courts (housing project) then and there were always a lot of policemen around — he became their friends. He was fascinated by the uniforms. . . . He later had some friends who were drug addicts. He thought that by becoming a policeman he could help people. It's all he ever talked about."

Almost every payday, she said, he would appear at his mother's home to give her a little money to help pay the bills. Araiza's boss at the Live Oak de-

partment, Chief Charles Pinto, recalled that the 25-year-old officer was well liked by his colleagues.

"You'd have to say that he was a very moral sort of person," Pinto said. "He was more moral than most. He wouldn't take part in the routine cussing that went on in the police station."

Pinto said he and the others in the department respected the young officer for his "calmness." "You never saw him get excited," Pinto said. "During his months at the department there were several incidents in which we had to use physical force to restrain a suspect — but nothing where we even got near pulling a gun."

The first time Araiza got into a life-and-death situation while an officer in Live Oak was his last.

Pinto said the Live Oak Police Department is supervising a memorial fund for the late officer, with the money to go to the crash victim's family. A second fund, to go for law enforcement scholarships, has been established by Daniel Gonzales, a high school friend of the Araiza. Gonzales said pledges, but not cash, are being accepted at this point. He may be reached at 432-2080.



Wife of slain Live Oak policeman Alfredo Araiza is seen at funeral Mass. — Staff Photo by Jose Bar...

# Police applauded at Araiza funeral

S.A. Express 1-22-80

By DON WALDEN  
Express Staff Writer

As Alfredo Araiza was buried Monday morning, all policemen were praised and the sound of applause rippled across the usually quiet grounds of San Fernando Cemetery.

The Rev. Bill Davis compared the fallen officer to a flower which is strong, yet has a soft touch.

Davis then pointed to the more than 200 policemen standing in formation near the grave and said he saw in them "a garden of police officers."

He asked others attending the funeral to applaud the officers, saying they needed to feel appreciated because they live with the kind of danger which claimed the life of Alfredo Araiza. As the crowd applauded, there were tears in some eyes.

### Died on duty

The applause was heard at the West Side cemetery not far from where Araiza lived before dying in the line of duty as a Live Oak police officer.

He died last Thursday when his car slid broadside into a gravel truck while he was chasing two men in a car at speeds of more than 100 mph along Loop 1604 in northeast Bexar County. The officer had reported he was being fired at from the fleeing car.

His family, his friends and policemen from all over South Texas buried him at San Fernando as a cold mist fell and

### Araiza died in the line of duty as a Live Oak police officer.

later turned to a chilling drizzle.

The Mass of Christian Burial was offered earlier at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church where Araiza and his wife were parishioners.

Davis said privately Araiza wanted so much to improve the neighborhood he had applied for a job with the San Antonio Police Department so he could work there.

### Vision

"He had a vision a long time ago that part of his life was going to be to make that place a bright, happy, joyful place," Davis said.

Davis added he prays now that because of Araiza's death and dedication others will also try to promote that vision.

He said Araiza had a vision that lifted him above mediocrity.

"It is so neat to have a few people who are dedicated to peace, justice and harmony in our neighborhoods," he said.

At graveside, Davis praised

policemen for sharing that dream and added, "Thank God, somebody cares enough."

Davis also promised the policemen if they would listen to the voice of God, He would be beside them in their squad cars and walk their beats with them.

### Crowd

People filled Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, with many standing in the back, as Davis eulogized Araiza.

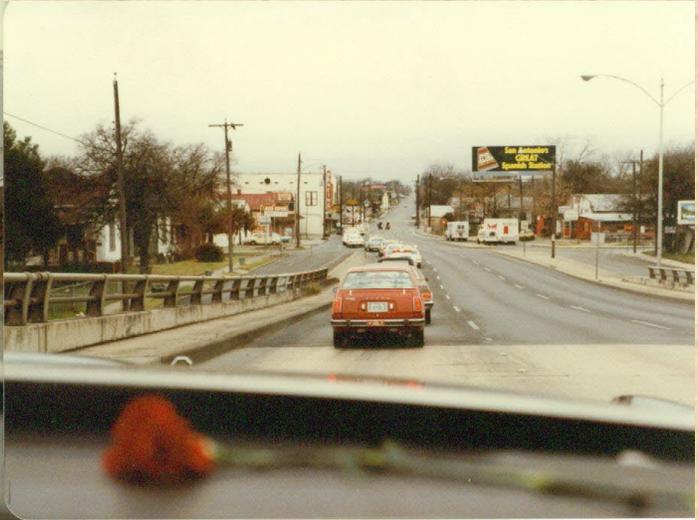
Outside, policemen from as far away as Houston stood at attention.

There were also Department of Public Safety officers, San Antonio park rangers and representatives of sheriffs' departments from several South Texas counties.

They saluted as pall bearers bore Araiza's casket out of the church and placed it in the hearse for his last ride.

After the Mass, 76 police cars, their emergency lights flashing, led the way to the cemetery.

At the end, Davis told the mourners Mary Araiza, Alfredo's wife, had decided the flowers would only wilt if left by the grave so she invited everyone to take a flower they liked in memory of her husband.



On July 15<sup>th</sup>, 1982, the news across the nation covered a shooting that occurred in Live Oak, in the Ferrell Road cottages. Five people who had moved to the area was shot by Joyce Ann Van Guilder. The events that followed led to a region wide police response and ended with Ms. Van Guilder jumping off the bridge over IH 35 and breaking her back and legs. She survived and was convicted of the shootings.



AP photo

Emergency medical personnel rush a wounded man to a waiting ambulance following a shooting spree in Live Oak, Texas, Wednesday.

A woman was held for questioning in connection with the shooting that left one person dead and four wounded.

## Woman held in shooting spree that left one dead, 4 wounded

Thurs., July 15, 1982/Daily Times, St. Cloud, Minn./ 13A

**LIVE OAK, Texas (AP)** — A middle-aged, churchgoing woman was being held in a hospital today on \$110,000 bond, accused of bursting into a neighbor's apartment and killing a woman and wounding four people in an unexplained shooting spree.

Mayor Ralph Cullip said a construction crew found the suspect, Joyce Ann Vanguilder, 42, lying on the side of a highway less than two hours after the shootings Wednesday, babbling incoherently and saying she "did some shooting at some snakes and rats in her home."

She was hospitalized at Medical Center Hospital in San Antonio. Hospital spokesman Ralph Cortez said Vanguilder suffered two broken ankles, a broken right foot and fractured spine after apparently jumping or falling from a highway embankment.

The mayor said Vanguilder was unarmed when she was arrested. Chuck Boltz, a boy of about 10, said the woman rushed into his family's home and began shooting at his parents while screaming, "You killed everybody and you're going to pay."

His mother was among those wounded. Vanguilder was charged with one count of murder and four counts of attempted murder late Wednesday night, said night Magistrate Quon Lew. He said he set bonds totaling \$110,000.

Three other boys were inside the apartment where the shooting took place at about 11 a.m., but were not injured, police said.

The mayor said Vanguilder was known to own a .22-caliber pistol and a .28-caliber pistol. He said police had twice before investigated disturbances involving her at the apartment complex.

The Rev. Charles Kemble pastor of the Universal Baptist Church and a friend of the apartment owner, Elva Ferrell, said Vanguilder lived in a small, two-room unit and did odd jobs around the complex.

Reporters saw religious tapes, a large open Bible and a notebook containing incoherent writings inside Vanguilder's residence. Ferrell said the woman, who lived alone at the apartments for the past seven years, attended a non-denominational

church almost every night. Some residents said she walked around the grounds with a pistol strapped to her side in a holster and told them she was in charge of security. Kemble and Ferrell denied she was a security guard.

Dozens of police officers from five agencies surrounded the apartment complex for two hours until they were told a woman already was in custody.

The victims had moved to the San Antonio suburb from the Lebanon, Pa. area about nine months ago to look for jobs, said one of those wounded in the attack, 19-year-old Sterling J. Ditzler. The Bexar County medical examiner's office identified the dead woman as Sue Bunderman, 32.

Ditzler and Vivian Boltz, 27, were in serious condition at Brooke Army Medical Center. Tim Schwartz, 13, was in fair condition and his mother, Karen Schwartz, 33, was in good condition at Northeast Baptist Hospital.

Ferrell said the Schwartz and Boltz families lived in neighboring apartments and all five of the victims were believed to be related by marriage.

## Family planning

sent a telegram to Washington saying his state will not be bound by a regula-

## New York hospital workers poised to strike

## Huge oil spill is cleaned up in Frisco Bay

United Press International

**SAN FRANCISCO** — Thick sheets of oil in a 5,000-gallon spill that threatened the shoreline of exclusive homes off San Francisco Bay were scooped up by skimmer boats with no damage to wildlife or the shore, Coast Guard officials say.

A spokesman for Crowley Maritime Corp., involved in the cleanup, said most of the skimming of oil off the surface Wednesday was narrowed to concentrate on several heavy spots 50 yards by 100 yards long.

The worst of the spill, discovered early Wednesday, was contained in an area north of Angel Island to Sausalito in Marin County by five skimmer boats using 1,000 feet of boom, said Coast Guard Petty Officer Michael Grubb.

The heaviest shoreline concentration of oil was along the exclusive Belvedere waterfront area in Marin County where many homes, built on stilts, come nearly to the water's edge.

A thin oil sheen on the water's surface was breaking up by late Wednesday and had covered nine square miles of the bay, Grubb said.

"The wind is picking up, which may affect the oil as it spreads," Grubb said.

The source of the spill is still under investigation. "We have narrowed the source down to Raccoon Straits (north of Angel Island), but don't know the exact location," said Grubb.

Angel Island is a picnic and hiking area with wild deer north of the former prison island of Alcatraz.

Five skimmers were used to contain the spill with large booms that run conveyor belts along the surface of the water. Lodge said. The material in the conveyor oaks up the oil and is dumped in a holding tank on the boat pulling most of the oil out of the water, he said.

The Marine Safety office said it was a "medium-sized" oil spill.



AP photo

A wounded victim of a shooting in which one died is carried to a waiting ambulance in Live Oak, Texas.

## 5 neighbors are shot; 1 dies

United Press International

**LIVE OAK, Texas** — Five people who moved to Texas to escape the cold and economic hard times of Pennsylvania were shot in their small, ramshackle apartment by, police say, a neighbor who said she was shooting "at rats and snakes."

One woman died Wednesday, two people were in serious condition and two were stable.

Police captured the neighbor, Joyce Ann Van Guilder, 42, after she fell 20 to 30 feet from a freeway access road down an embankment to the shoulder of Interstate 35. She fractured both ankles and broke a

foot and her back in the fall, hospital officials said.

"There's not been any indication she jumped," Live Oak Mayor Ralph Cullip said. "She stated she was shooting snakes or rats," Cullip said. "She was incoherent. We can't say whether she was intoxicated."

Officials said the suspect would be charged with murder and attempted murder.

Police, who were called to the six-unit Ferrell Apartments about 11:15 a.m., said they did not know the motive for the shooting. They said the suspect burst into the two-room bungalow and fired at the

five people. Officials believe a 22-caliber revolver was used in the shootings, Cullip said.

The victims were members of four families who had moved together from Lebanon, Pa., last year to escape the hard bite of the recession on the northern steel industry.

The dead woman, Sue Bunderman, 29, a divorcee with a 9-year-old son, was quoted in a newspaper earlier this year as saying she enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere of south Texas.

"In Pennsylvania, you feel like you're being pushed with your life — push, push, push," Mrs. Bunderman said. "Here, people take one day at a time."

treasury and budget director in the Nixon administration.

Sen. Paul Tsongas, D-Mass., a liberal who last year opposed Haig's nomination as secretary of state, Wednesday dismissed as a "non-issue" the only real controversy that surfaced about Shultz's nomination — his business ties to the Arab world through the Bechtel Group Inc., which Shultz headed for the past year.

"Bechtel is a remarkable company," said Tsongas, whose father-in-law and brother-in-law work for the construction and engineering firm.

Throughout the hearings, Shultz denied that Bechtel's dealings with the Arabs might tilt him away from Israel.

On another matter, he told the panel he favors continuing selling defensive arms to Taiwan.

Shultz also called on the United States to reconcile competing interests in the Middle East by addressing the "legitimate needs of the Palestinian people."

He testified the crisis in Lebanon makes it "painfully and totally clear" the Palestinian question must be resolved urgently for peace in the Middle East. But he balanced this by calling Israel this country's "closest friend."

Shultz also told the committee he would oppose encouraging the new right-wing government of El Salvador to negotiate with leftist guerrillas.

The March 28 elections in El Salvador, he said, showed the guerrillas are just "a small minority" in the country, and "under those circumstances, it doesn't seem to me that they should be allowed to shoot their way into the government."

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Police and ambulance attendants remove one of the wounded from a bungalow in an apartment complex in Live Oak, Texas, Wednesday after a shooting spree by a woman armed with a revolver. One person was killed and four people were wounded.

## Runaway Dump Truck Kills Man Who Climbed Out Window

An Overland man was killed Wednesday night when he climbed out the window of a runaway dump truck that then rolled over him, police said.

The accident occurred shortly after 6:30 p.m. in Cool Valley when the truck's brakes apparently failed as the truck left Interstate 70 at Signal Hill Road near South Florissant Road.

John P. Williams, 31, of 8798 Cedar Glenn Drive, was pronounced dead at the scene. Williams was a passenger in the truck. The driver was not seriously injured, police said.

The dump truck, owned by Mississippi Valley Roofing Inc. of 27 St. Anthony Lane in Florissant, was westbound on Interstate 70 when it left the highway at Signal Hill and tried to make a turn on to

South Florissant Road. The driver told Cool Valley police that the brakes had failed as he tried to negotiate the turn.

Williams apparently crawled out the window, he said. The driver then lost control of the truck, which rolled onto its right side and crushed Williams.

"We had officers check the brakes at the scene and there was just nothing there. No brakes at all," said Cool Valley Police Chief Tony Celeste.

Williams was employed by Mississippi Valley Roofing, Celeste said. The driver is employed by the firm.

The truck was loaded with tar, gravel and paper and was headed back to the company office after stripping a flattop roof, police said.

## Special District Meeting Almost Entirely Closed

By Dennis Hannon  
Of the Post-Dispatch Staff

The Special School District's new open meetings policy hit a snag Wednesday night, as the school board spent most of a long meeting in closed session.

The board missed its scheduled starting time of 7:30 p.m. because a closed session before then stretched on.

When the regular meeting began about 8 p.m., President Joseph J. Sparacio announced: "Everything will be in open session unless a board member moves to make it in closed session."

Almost immediately a motion was made to close the meeting. After 20 minutes of debate, the motion was passed.

Each of the district's four lawyers had a matter to bring to the board's private attention.

State law permits public bodies to

meet in closed session.

At 1:56 a.m., Lieberman accused Sparacio of "prolonging" the open session. Sparacio shot back that Lieberman had unnecessarily prolonged the closed part of the meeting with his "Mickey Mouse in there."

The board's vice president, Gerald K. Brazzell, left after the closed session. Several measures subsequently failed on votes of 3-2. Four votes are required to approve spending measures.

The public part of the meeting ended about 3:15 a.m. Most of it concerned personnel matters, including one charge of sexual harassment brought against a male employee. The board attempted to preserve confidentiality by using numbers instead of names.

The man accused of sexual harassment was not fired, but the board voted to continue his suspension without pay.

## One Killed, 4 Wounded By Woman On Rampage In Texas

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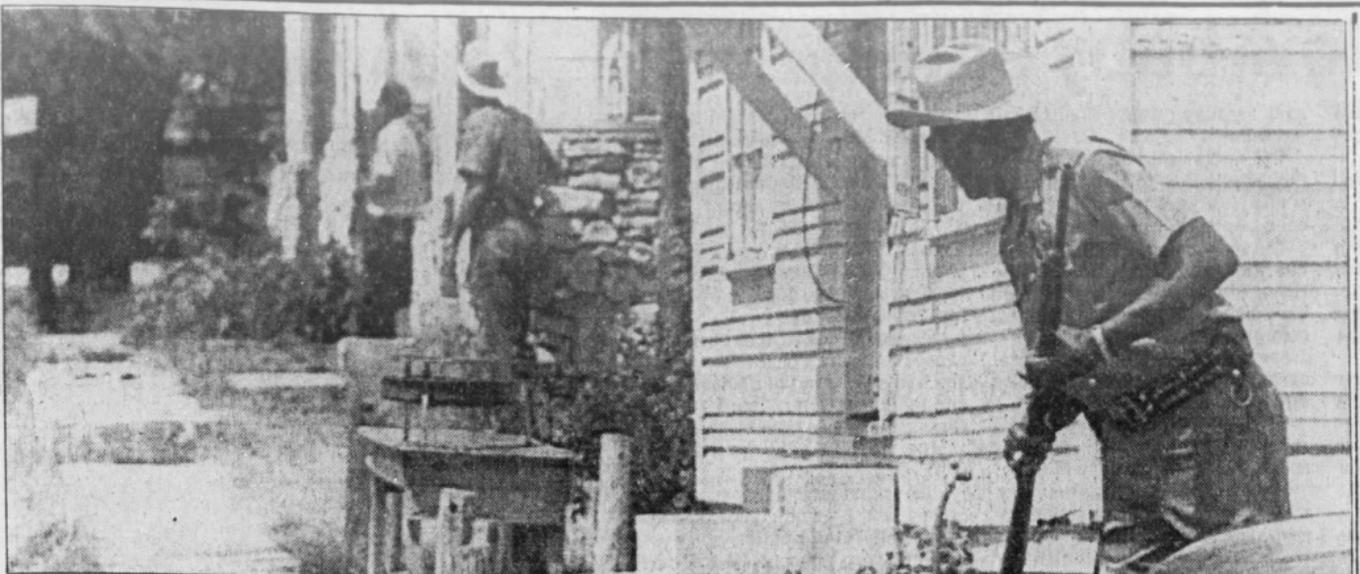
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Live Oak, Texas, police attempt to capture an unidentified woman arrested in a shooting spree ... one person was killed, and four people were injured in the incident at an apartment complex

United Press International

# Woman opens fire in **Texas** apartment; 1 killed, 4 wounded

United Press International

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Joyce Ann Van Gulder, 42, confessed the crime to police after she was found with two broken ankles and a broken back, officials said.

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By Ellen Debenport  
United Press International

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One woman died Wednesday, two people were in serious condition and two were stable.

Police captured the neighbor, Joyce Ann Vanguilder, 42, after she fell 20 to 30 feet from a freeway access road down an embankment to the shoulder of Interstate 35. She fractured both ankles and broke a foot and her back in the fall, hospital officials said.

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Police, who were called to the six-unit Ferrell Apartments about 11:15 a.m., said they did not know the motive for the shooting. They said the suspect burst into the two-room No. 5 bungalow and fired at the five people. Officials believe a .22-caliber revolver was used in the shootings, Cullip said.

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The dead woman, Sue Bunderman, 29, a divorcee with a 9-year-old son, was quoted in a newspaper earlier this year as saying she enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere of south Texas.

The other victims — whose rescue was delayed while police determined their assailant was no longer in the area — were taken to nearby hospitals.

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# Shooting suspect had dual traits

**LIVE OAK, Texas** (UPI) — A female Army veteran charged with killing a neighbor and wounding four others had a "dual personality" and often dressed as a man, smoked cigars and wore a pistol strapped to her waist, acquaintances said Thursday.

Joyce Ann Vanguilder, 42, enjoyed playing gospel songs on her landlady's organ but also patrolled six cottages in her apartment complex as a self-appointed guard, they said.

Miss Vanguilder is charged with murder and four counts of attempted murder after bursting into one of the cottages Wednesday and opening fire on her neighbors. One woman died and another was in serious condition Thursday.

"She had a dual personality," said Esma Ferrell, who owns the rundown Ferrell Apartments three miles north of San Antonio. "She went to church and knew a lot about the Bible, but when she got mad she could use some bad words."

An ambulance crew that knew nothing of the shooting found Miss Vanguilder with two broken ankles a mile from the apartments, apparently having fallen down the embankment of Interstate 35.

They called police when their routine "injured party" began to insist she was a man named Kevin Irwin and mumbled, "Joyce, the lesbian, is shooting the children and we must save them," the San Antonio Light reported in a copyright story.

Meanwhile law enforcement officers from five agencies had surrounded the apartment cottages and were lobbing tear gas into a bungalow where they believed a sniper was hiding. The wounded lay unattended until police discovered the bungalow empty.

Live Oak Police Chief Mark Jackley, who joined the ambulance crew, said Miss Vanguilder told him "she had been worried about the kids. She said she was afraid that rats and snakes would hurt

them.

"Then she said, 'Joyce was supposed to die, not Kevin.'"

Three young boys who watched Miss Vanguilder open fire on at least eight people inside bungalow No. 5 said she "just went berserk" and shouted "You're going to pay for this; you killed all these people."

The woman told Jackley she had been shooting at rats with a pistol that she discarded, he said.

Inside Miss Vanguilder's cottage, they found notebooks filled with scrawled gibberish and quotations from the book of Revelations.

Among the writings was the passage: "Joyce Ann Vanguilder died 29 years ago, but before she died she gave birth to a baby boy in a river. His name was Kevin Irwin. A year later, Joyce came back from the grave as Kevin's mother and raised him and trained him."

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## Woman held in Texas shooting spree

**LIVE OAK, Texas** (AP) — A middle-aged, churchgoing woman was being held in a hospital today on \$110,000 bond, accused of bursting into a neighbor's apartment and killing a woman and wounding four people in an unexplained shooting spree.

Mayor Ralph Cullip said a construction crew found the suspect, Joyce Ann Vanguilder, 42, lying on the side of a highway less than two hours after the shootings Wednesday, babbling incoherently and saying she "did some shooting at some snakes and rats in her home."

She was hospitalized at Medical Center Hospital in San Antonio. Hospital spokesman Ralph Cortez said Miss Vanguilder suffered two broken ankles, a broken right foot and fractured spine after apparently jumping or falling from a highway embankment.

Vanguilder was charged with one

count of murder and four counts of attempted murder late Wednesday night, said night Magistrate Quon Lew. He said he set bonds totaling \$110,000.

The mayor said Vanguilder was known to own a .22-caliber pistol and a .25-caliber pistol. He said police

had twice before investigated disturbances involving her at the apartment complex.

Some residents said she walked around the grounds with a pistol strapped to her side in a holster and told them she was in charge of security.



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## Shuttle hailed on its way back home

**SPACE CENTER, Houston** (AP) — Thousands of people greeted the space shuttle Columbia, riding piggyback on a jumbo jet, as it halted overnight here for its last stop on a cross-country flight to Florida.

The Boeing 747 jet, with the shuttle bolted on its back, was to take off again this morning from Dyess Air Force Base near Abilene for the three-hour flight to Kennedy Space Center.



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Kimbrel, pastor of University City Baptist Church, said he had been slightly acquainted with the suspect and had never known her to cause problems.

"To my understanding she lived alone and pretty well kept to herself," he said. "If she'd had any problems, she (Mrs. Ferrell) wouldn't have allowed her to live here seven years."



Department of Public Safety officers brandishing shotguns attempt to capture Joyce Ann Van Guilder, a female security guard, who entered an apartment in **Live Oak, Texas**, and started shooting, killing 29-year-old Sue Bunderman and injuring 4 others. The guard was captured later, with a broken back and two broken ankles, two miles from the scene. (UPI Photo)

# Love Canal Houses Now 'Habitable'

**NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y.** (UPI) — The abandoned neighborhood surrounding the Love Canal

were among the highest ever recorded. The state study said tests

The report said chemicals had migrated from the canal and contaminated the 237 houses in August

The \$54 million EPA study was begun in May 1980 after former President Jimmy Carter declared



**SWAT TEAM MOVES IN ON SNIPER** — A member of a police swat team runs to join others as they move in on a house where a shooting spree left one person dead and four injured at **Live Oak, Texas**, just north of San Antonio Wednesday. A woman was held for questioning in connection with the shooting. (AP)

*One Dead, Four Wounded*

Newsletter Article

The First Police Department and Trivia Question

Being concerned with the growth of the area and burglaries from construction sites, on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 1969, the City Council for Live Oak debated if they should find a home for its police department at the time. Having only one “Marshall” the City would need a place for him to hang his hat. Arrangements were made for the officer to share office space with the Water Control District #13, and one month later, agreed to pay the Marshall \$600 a month for his service.

The first Town Marshall, however, was Clarence Albrecht, who was actually appointed in 1961. In a previous newsletter I have reported on the cost of his badge, which at the time was 22% of the amount that was in the City’s Treasure Account.



Apache and '55 Chevrolet



K-5 K9 Blazer



SWAT van and 1992 STEP car P-42



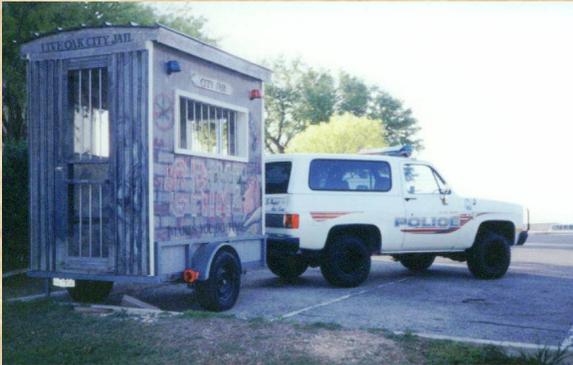
Youth group who repainted the trailer



McGruff and 1990 Crown Vic



1987 Plymouth



Juvenile K-5 Blazer



Tom Heck & Chester Johnson Bike Patrol



William Clark 500 lbs. Marijuana



1985 Department Picture

Left to Right: Mark Jackley, Skip Tulgren, Frank Saldana, Dan Pue, Kelly Holder, Gary Hopper, Bill Yost, Duke Shariff Bey, Tim Tracy, Anita Seamans, Dale Meyer, John Stakes, Steve Fuchs



Scott Wayman 70 lbs. of Marijuana



Live Oak Justice Center 2009

## Historical Account of David McEathron

In 1975 Live Oak was a small bedroom community for San Antonio and Randolph Air Force Base. The population was around 8,000 and the city had only about seven businesses, which were a furniture store, a garage, cleaners, small family pub and three convenience stores. The city had just built some new administrative offices that included the police and public works departments. The fire department was all volunteers at that time. The rescue squad (EMS of today) was also volunteer and for the most part came out of Universal City. The Police Department consisted of five people including the Chief. The Chief was Gerard "Bucky" Shodrock who was about 25 at the time. They were supported by unpaid reserve police officers which consisted of about five to eight volunteers.

I was attending Southwest State University, majoring in Criminal Justice. Part of the curriculum required that we conduct an internship with a law enforcement agency and write a paper on a subject we felt the agency could improve operations. Chuck Pinto and myself approached Chief Shodrock and requested we do our internship with Live Oak. The Chief agreed and for the next four months we rode evening shifts with one of the officers. I was assigned to Gary Selmon who was a very articulate, deliberate and patient officer. Live Oak didn't have a crime problem so patrolling the residential streets was pretty boring. Most of our excitement came when we would get called to back up Universal City or Converse Police Departments. Selma, Shertz, Converse, and Live Oak were all dispatched out of Universal City Police Department. This is what caused me to write my paper on the fad at the time, Metropolitan Police Departments, combining resources of many agencies into one.

During the fall of 1975 Chief Shodrock was authorized an additional officer and hired Chuck Pinto, who years later became the City Manager. A month later in December he received a federal highway grant to hire a temporary officer on what they called a STEP (Selective Traffic Enforcement Program) grant. This officer was supposed to primarily be assigned to traffic enforcement, mainly enforcing the National Maximum Speed Limit (55mph). I was hired to fill that position. The city bought you two or three uniforms but you had to buy your own gun and footwear. I remember the health insurance offered by the city was minimal and you had to supplement your families insurance with a personal policy. I also remember my gross pay was over \$600.00 a month. I was rich.

The department was staffed with the Chief, Sergeant John Bonham, Corporal Gary Selmon and Officers Jim Bowles, Bill Farrell, Chuck Pinto, and myself. I believe we only had two marked patrol cars and both of those were used vehicles we purchased from DPS with over 60,000 miles on them. The vehicles cost under \$1500 each. At that time, law enforcement officers were required to complete a six week academy unless you obtained a criminal justice degree within the first year of employment. Therefore Pinto and I, who would graduate from College within the year, did not receive any practical training, other than what the other officers passed on to us. What a mistake. Luckily they changed that rule.

During my first six months, which was the duration of the grant, I spent a lot of time on the city's 1 1/4 mile of interstate. Usually working northbound, catching speeders coming off the long hill from San Antonio. There were also plenty of drunk drivers. Selma had a statewide reputation at that time for being a speed trap, so we were pretty conscious not to steal that wrap. That's also why we mostly worked northbound; Selma would have already caught you southbound. Arresting an individual back then meant you had to take them downtown San Antonio, to the Bexar County Jail and book them. This took you out of the city from two to three hours. Usually there was only one officer on during the evening and midnight shift.

Luckily, there wasn't too many calls for service but when there were, another city would have to respond. Mutual aid agreements were extremely valuable for small city governments. To the best of my recollection we only had one person die of gunshot wounds and that was a suicide. We did have several traffic fatalities, mostly on the interstate and on Universal City Blvd. Remember there were no seat belt laws and a lot more drunk drivers especially on the weekends. There were a few home burglaries but most turned out to be kids stealing things out of garages. You could get money for empty soda bottles back then. The convenience stores would have kids shoplifting but not often. Again most of the excitement would happen in Universal City and we would back them up. They had bars, nightclubs, and all night eating establishments. FM 1604 was not a very busy road in 1976 and there were no business establishments on it.

After my first six months, the city council authorized another full time officer and I was hired to a permanent position. I think the grant position was replaced by Mark Jackley. I was still going to college and the Chief let me work the midnight shift, allowing me to go to classes during the day. During that time I stopped a man by the name of Benning for a tail light out, just south of City Hall. Mr. Benning turned this warning situation into what he called a racial incident. He claimed I only stopped him because he was black. He became very agitated and loud during the stop, especially when I questioned his drinking. He was so disorderly and out of character for that quiet city that a citizen came out of his house to assist me and then went back in and got a rifle and stood on his porch. Mr. Benning eventually went to the news media claiming racial discrimination. It was a dark cloud over Live Oak for several weeks, in the print and television news, but those in the right usually prevail. The Chief and city management stood with me, thank God, and I kept my job. They later even promoted me to corporal.

Live Oak was a great place to work and a good starting place for a young person. During my time Gary Selmon went to the Railroad Police, and Chuck Pinto went to Houston Police Department. They were replaced by Phillip Dryer, and Mark Jackley who then filled a permanent slot. I applied and was accepted to the Texas Department of Public Safety as a State Trooper. I began work in Live Oak Police Department in December 1975 and left in May 1977 for a total of 18 months service that I will always remember with great pride.

David McEathron  
Retired DPS Captain

## Chapter Fourteen



### THE LIVE OAK FIRE DEPARTMENT

#### HISTORY

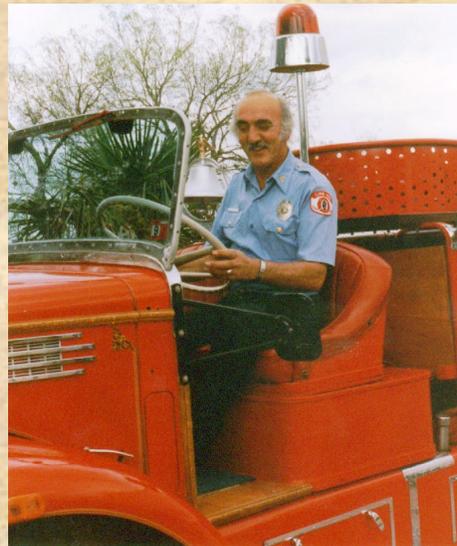
**Founded** In the later part of 1969 the Live Oak Volunteer Fire Department was formed. **Need** Up to this time we relied on Converse Volunteer Fire Department to handle the fire emergencies in the City.



1971 Fire Parade



**First Fire Chief** Mr. Mueller, due to his firefighting experience with the Air Force, was selected, by his peers, to serve the community as our very first Fire Chief.



Our first real fire truck (Engine #2) was a 1942 pumper with a front mount pump, purchased from the Balcones Heights Fire Department. Later on an old military six-by-six was purchased and refurbished by the volunteers and given the title Engine #3. Engine #3 had been designed so it could be used as a first response vehicle on all incidents. It had been equipped with an extremely large water tank, for the vehicles size, and when required would rely on Engine #2 to lay a line from the hydrant so that additional water could then be supplied to Engine #3 on large fires.



During the early years we relied on San Antonio EMS to handle the medical emergencies which would occur in the City. Only after one of our firefighters was injured on a grass fire did we realize the delay in medical treatment due to the slow response time of San Antonio EMS. The decision was made at this time to train and equip our personnel as a first responder unit for medical emergencies, responding to the emergency and providing for basic life support until an ambulance arrived to transport the patient to a medical facility.



Our first rescue unit a 1965 pickup truck which was purchased and donated to the department by the Live Oak Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary. Later on we obtained a retired navy cracker box from surplus for a small fee. As time went on we realized that the delayed response time that we were receiving from San Antonio EMS and the cost for the service had become so great that it was time to look for another transporting service. Schertz Area Facility Emergency Service (SAFES) was given the contract to supply ambulance service for the City and is still doing so today.



In 1974 the Volunteers informed the current Mayor and Council that the Live Oak Volunteer Fire Department could no longer count on the old equipment to function as designed and with the large growth in residential structures it was imperative that a new, more modern piece of fire apparatus be purchased. It was decided that a 1250 gallon per minute, American LaFrance Pumper be ordered. The truck was delivered (Engine #4) approximately one year after it was ordered and placed into service which greatly increased our capabilities for quick and effective fire extinguishment. This piece of fire apparatus is currently in use today. A few years later while in route back to the station from a grass fire the drive engine in Engine #3 exploded and caught on fire. It was

decided that it was time to replace this truck with an additional pumper so in 1979 we purchased a 1000 gallon per minute, American LaFrance Pumper and placed it in service as the new Engine #3. This particular piece of fire apparatus was replaced by Engine #1 a few years ago. We then obtained a small 4 x 4, military vehicle, from the Texas Forestry Service and purchased a skid unit (tank & pump) to place on the vehicle so that it could be used as a brush truck.



In 1982 a Ford Ambulance was purchased to replace our, then outdated, rescue vehicle. This unit was involved in a major accident April of 1997. Due to the age and the amount of damage it sustained it was decided that the unit should be replaced. On October 1, 1997 a 1997 Type I Ford Ambulance arrived and is currently in use and certified as a Basic Life Support Vehicle with advance skill capabilities by the Texas Department of Health allowing it to be used as an ambulance to transport firefighters injured at an emergency and has also been used to transport City employee's, to Northeast Methodist Hospital, when the need arose. Since 75% of our emergencies are medical calls the unit is used quit extensively.



By 1986 the 4 x 4 vehicle which had been obtained from the Texas Forestry Service for brush fires had become dangerous to drive so we retired the vehicle and replace it with a 1987 Pierce, 400 gallon per minute Mini Pumper, which could be used for grass/vehicle fires and also supported Rescue #1 on major accidents.

All of these vehicles are a long way from the most recently purchased fire truck, **LADDER #3**

This Unit is a 2001, two-thousand (2,000) gallon per minute quint constructed on a custom chassis by Pierce. This truck is currently utilized by this Department as a third out pumper/ladder on structural fires. It is designed to lay a single five (5) inch supply line from the fire hydrant to the scene of the fire while carrying a crew of five (5) firefighters. The truck is equipped with a one-hundred (100) foot ladder/platform with twenty (20) feet articulating. This unit is designed to perform emergency rescue from multi-floor occupancies and can be used to control conflagrations that require large flow appliances.

In 1969-70 a firefighter from Randolph AFB, Heinz Mueller and Bob Simica met in the then new mayor, Elton Friesenhahn kitchen and formed the Live Oak Volunteer fire Department. Bob was selected as President and Heinz was the chief. They bought an old fire truck and a surplus military deuce and a half. They made the surplus vehicle a brush truck and used it to fight county fires and make a little income for the department. They had no station so the truck sat in Bob's driveway at 7726 Sage Oak Drive. They had a phone tree to alert the members. Their first big fire was at a Volkswagen supply warehouse along I-35. Magnesium engine blocks burning and no hydrants close by. Had to call in the base for foam. This photo is courtesy of Bob Simica.



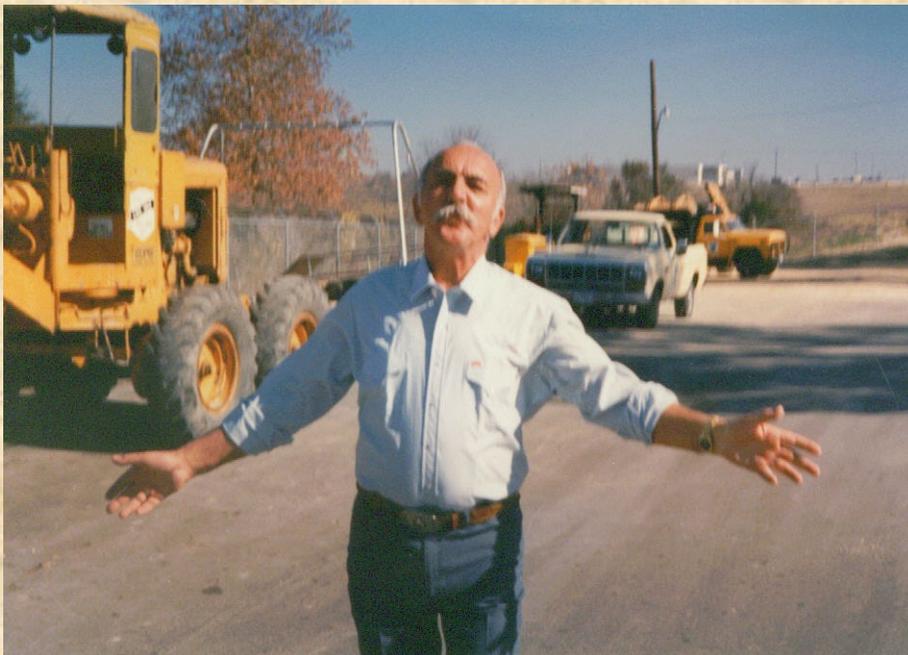


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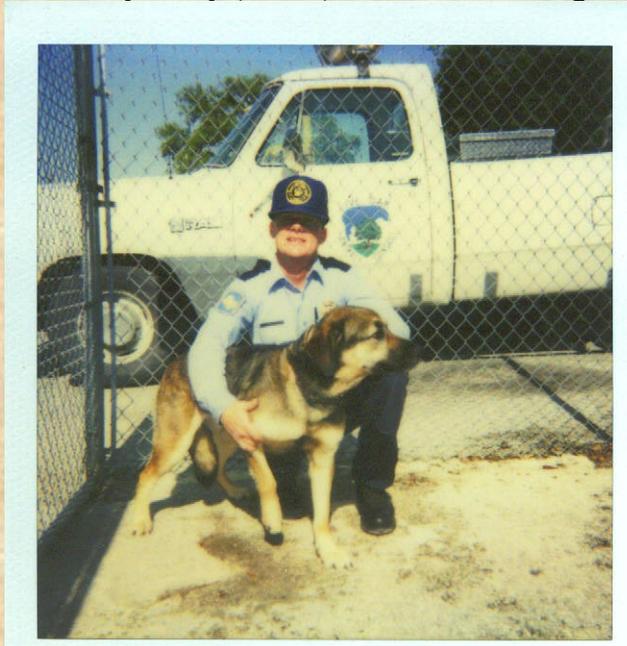
Marian Eason with Parks Department on a Park Day!!



Heinz Mueller, long time Public Works Director and Fire Chief



Heddy Haley (Ms. H) at a Park Gathering



Billy Ploch, City Animal Control officer



Pictures of the Park in 1986  
Flood



Construction pictures of the Water Tank at Old Boysville Site.



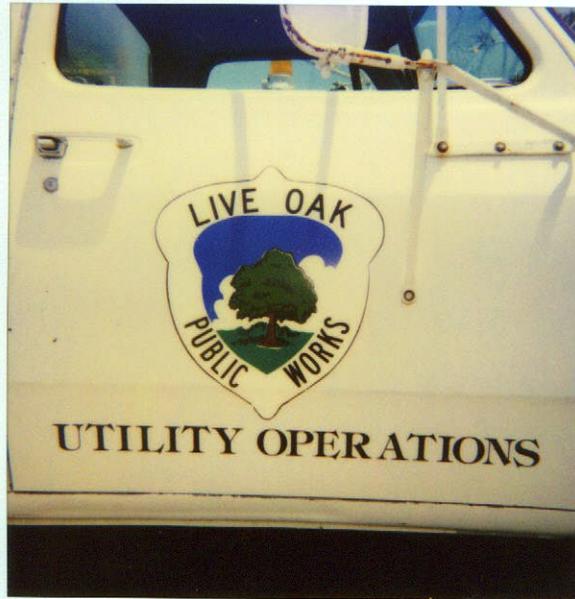
Annual Christmas Tree Mulching and unusual Animal at Large call.



Early Park Equipment



Date - June 2, 1986  
Time - 8:30 AM



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Councilman Anthony Brooks  
Councilman Aaron Dahl  
Mayor Mary M. Dennis  
Councilman Ed Cimics  
Councilman Mendell Morgan



City Manager Scott Wayman



