

CITY OF LUBBOCK
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 19, 2008
1:00 P. M.

The City Council of the City of Lubbock, Texas met in special session on the 19th day of November, 2008, at Mae Simmons Park, East 19th & Canyon Lakes Drive, Lubbock, Texas at 1:00 P. M.

1:10 P.M. CITY COUNCIL CONVENED
Mae Simmons Park, East 19th & Canyon Lakes Drive, Lubbock,
Texas

Present: Mayor Tom Martin, Council Member Paul R. Beane, Council Member Linda DeLeon and Council Member Floyd Price

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Gilbreath, Council Member John Leonard and Council Member Todd Klein

1. Regular Agenda

The City Council attended and participated in the unveiling of “The Harvest,” an outdoor bronze sculpture by local artist Eddie Dixon. The sculpture serves as a tribute to a young Native American Woman and the Native Americans that once roamed the South Plains; and is a result of the collaboration between the City of Lubbock; Civic Lubbock, Inc.; the CH Foundation; and the Lubbock Area Foundation.

1.1. Presentation – Mayor Tom Martin

Mayor Martin gave the following remarks on the significance of “The Harvest;” and recognized November as “National American Indian Heritage Month:”

"The sculpture we are unveiling today represents a young Native American Woman. It is very fitting that we unveil this sculpture today as November is National American Indian Heritage Month as proclaimed by the President of the United States. In one of his proclamations, it notes that ‘the strength of our Nation comes from its people. As the early inhabitants of this great land, the native peoples of North America played a unique role in the shaping of our Nation’s history and culture. During this month, as we celebrate Thanksgiving, we especially celebrate their heritage and their contributions to this Nation.’ The proclamation further states, ‘American Indian and Alaska Native cultures have made remarkable contributions to our national identity. Their unique spiritual, artistic, and literary contributions, together with their vibrant customs and celebrations, enliven and enrich our land.’ In October of this year, the President proclaimed the day after Thanksgiving (November 28th) as Native American Heritage Day."

Mayor Martin thanked everyone for coming to view the sculpture, and recognized other Council Members in the audience. Dan Burns, the emcee, gave opening remarks pertaining to the unveiling. Mr. Burns recognized Civic

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Lubbock Inc. members and others in attendance. Mr. Burns introduced Eddie Dixon; assisted in the unveiling on the sculpture; and gave closing remarks. Andy Wilkinson and Leslie Sawyer performed a song in honor of the Native Americans. The Native American Drum Group opened the meeting with a song on the ceremonial drums, and performed prior to the introduction of Eddie Dixon. Eddie Dixon gave comments regarding the unveiling of the "Harvest," and how the sculpture came to be. The Native American Drum Group performed a closing song

1.2. **Unveiling**

Mayor Martin, Council Member Price, Linda Gaither, Jim White, and Murray Hensley assisted in the unveiling of "The Harvest," by local artist Eddie Dixon.

1:38 P.M. CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED

There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor Martin adjourned the meeting.