

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2007**

On the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2007, the City Council of the City of Lufkin, Texas convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chambers of City Hall with the following members, thereof to wit:

Jack Gorden, Jr.	Mayor
Rose Faine Boyd	Mayor Pro-Tem
R. L. Kuykendall	Councilmember, Ward No. 1
Lynn Torres	Councilmember, Ward No. 3
Don Langston	Councilmember, Ward No. 4
Rufus Duncan	Councilmember, Ward No. 5
Phil Medford	Councilmember, Ward No. 6
Paul L. Parker	City Manager
Keith Wright	Asst. City Manager
Robert Flournoy	City Attorney
Renee Thompson	City Secretary
David Koonce	Human Resource Director
Larry Brazil	Police Chief
Scott Marcotte	Asst. Police Chief
Doug Wood	Finance Director
Dorothy Wilson	Planning Director
Steve Poskey	Street Department, Superintendent
Steve Floyd	Solid Waste and Recycling Director
Barbara Thompson	Main Street Director
Randy Innerarity	Fleet Maintenance Director
Jim Wehmeier	Economic Development Director
Scott Rayburn	City Planner
Walter Diggles	DETCOG, Executive Director
Richard Rudel	Alexander, Lankford & Hiers, Inc.

being present, when the following business was transacted:

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by Reverend Andy Pittman, First Baptist Church of Lufkin.
2. Mayor Jack Gorden welcomed visitors present including the firemen. Councilmember Lynn Torres recognized LHS students who were present satisfying their government class requirement.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007 were approved on a motion by Councilmember Rose Faine Boyd, and seconded by Councilmember Lynn Torres. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

4. **SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS – APPROVED- BY GRANTING A “SPECIAL USE” PERMIT FOR A DAY CARE WITHIN A “NEIGHBORHOOD RETAIL” ZONING DISTRICT ON CERTAIN TRACTS OR PARCELS OF LAND WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, DESCRIBED AS BLOCK 1, LOT 1 OF THE SINGLETARY ADDITION AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY PLANNER TO MAKE SUCH CHANGES ON THE OFFICIAL MAP**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item on the agenda was to conduct a Public Hearing and consider on Second Reading an Ordinance of the City of Lufkin, Texas by granting a "Special Use" Permit for a day care within a "Neighborhood Retail" Zoning District on certain tracts or parcels of land within the corporate limits of the City of Lufkin, Texas, described as Block 1, Lot 1 of the Singletary Addition and authorizing the City Planner to make such changes on the official map.

Mayor Gorden then requested comments from City Manager Paul Parker.

City Manager Paul Parker had no comments, but stated he would answer any questions in regard to the item.

Mayor Gorden stated that this was the Second Reading of the item and the "Special Use" Permit would be for use as a daycare.

Councilmember Lynn Torres stated that the only citizen complaint that she was aware of was the concern of the surrounding neighbors of increased traffic at certain times of the day; not that the neighbors were opposed, but hoped that Council would be aware of the traffic issue.

Mayor Gorden opened the public hearing at 5:09 p.m. There being no one wishing to speak on the item, Mayor Gorden closed the public hearing at 5:10 p.m.

Mayor Gorden then requested comments and/or motions from Council.

Councilmember R.L. Kuykendall moved to approve the Second Reading of an Ordinance of the City of Lufkin, Texas by granting a "Special Use" permit for a day care within a "Neighborhood Retail" Zoning District on certain tracts or parcels of land within the corporate limits of the City of Lufkin, Texas, described as Block 1, Lot 1 of the Singletary Addition and authorizing the City Planner to make such changes on the official map.

Councilmember Don Langston seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **5. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS - APPROVED - BY GRANTING A "SPECIAL USE" PERMIT FOR A COMMUNICATIONS TOWER ON APPROXIMATELY .5 ACRES ZONED "CENTRAL BUSINESS" DESCRIBED AS TRACT 69 OF THE J.L. QUINALITY SURVEY, ABSTRACT 40 AND MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 206 ANGELINA STREET**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item of business was to conduct a Public Hearing and consider on First Reading an Ordinance of the City of Lufkin, Texas by granting a "Special Use" permit for a communications tower on approximately .5 acres zoned "Central Business" described as Tract 69 of the J.L. Quinality Survey, Abstract 40 and more commonly known as 206 Angelina Street.

Mayor Gorden requested comments from City Manager Paul Parker.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that this was a request from the Planning Commission for approval for Consolidated Communications to erect an eighty foot (80') self supporting tower at this location. City Manager Parker stated that the area was comprised of mainly business and manufacturing use and the Planning Commission recommended approval of this item.

Mayor Gorden opened the Public Hearing at 5:10 p.m. There being no one wishing to speak on the item, Mayor Gorden closed the public hearing at 5:11 p.m.

Mayor Gorden then requested comments and/or motions from Council.

Councilmember Don Langston moved to approve on First Reading an Ordinance of the City of Lufkin, Texas by granting a "Special Use" permit for a communications tower on

approximately .5 acres zoned "Central Business" described as Tract 69 of the J.L. Quinality Survey, Abstract 40 and more commonly known as 206 Angelina Street. Councilmember Rufus Duncan seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

**6. FIRST PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF APPROXIMATELY 152 ACRES LOCATED NEAR EAST LOOP 287 BETWEEN HWY 103 EAST AND OLD MOFFETT ROAD.**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item on the agenda was to conduct the First Public Hearing for the proposed annexation of approximately 152 acres located near East Loop 287 between Hwy 103 East and Old Moffett Road.

Mayor Gorden then requested comments from City Manager Paul Parker.

City Manager Paul Parker explained that the area was the proposed industrial park and that there were several additional parcels that would be annexed with the property to be utilized for the industrial park, and while there had been some inquiries by property owners, there had been no reported opposition, per Ms. Dorothy Wilson, Planning Director. City Manager Parker added that this was the first of two (2) Public Hearings required as well as an additional Public Hearing to be conducted by the Planning and Zoning Commission on February 26, 2007.

Mayor Gorden opened the public hearing at 5:10 p.m.

City Manager Paul Parker asked if the annexation would include the old IP property and could the annexation be amended to include this piece of property.

Economic Development Director Jim Wehmeier stated that it was not included and that the additional property could be annexed through voluntary annexation since there were no land owners between the two parcels of land.

Planning Director Dorothy Wilson reiterated that it could be done by short petition or voluntary annexation; but could not be included by amending the current annexation.

There being no one else wishing to speak on the item, Mayor Gorden closed the Public Hearing at 5:11 p.m.

Mayor Gorden then requested comments and/or questions from the Council. There were none.

**7. PRESENTATION BY MR. WALTER DIGGLES OF DETCOG**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item on the agenda was a presentation by Mr. Walter Diggles, Executive Director of DETCOG. Mayor Gorden explained that DETCOG, (Deep East Texas Council of Governments) was the twelve (12) county area that the City of Lufkin was a part of and that Council members Rose Faine Boyd, R.L. Kuykendall and Don Langston were all members of the DETCOG board. Mayor Gorden then turned the meeting over to Mr. Diggles.

Mr. Diggles thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to speak and expressed his appreciation for being able to present the bi-annual report to the City of Lufkin and that a handout had been given to all Council members in regard to his presentation. Mr. Diggles stated that there were twenty-four (24) Council of Governments in the State of Texas, and that Deep East Texas was Region fourteen (14) which covered about ten thousand (10,000) square miles and an estimated three hundred five thousand (305,000) in population and that over the years DETCOG had tried to provide whatever services that the members needed. Mr. Diggles added that currently there were twelve (12) counties, forty-two (42) cities and fifty-four (54) school districts as well as all four (4) river authorities as members in the region that comprised the Council. Mr. Diggles explained that as shown in the handouts provided, DETCOG had expended 1.39 million dollars in the first four (4) months of the current fiscal year, and that for the 2005-2006 fiscal year, expenditures totaled six million ninety-five thousand dollars (\$6,095,000). Mr. Diggles added that Angelina County was not only the largest county in the region, but also led the counties in

expenditures as well. Mr. Diggles stated that the largest program administered by DETCOG in Angelina County was the Section 8 Housing Program, with over five million dollars (\$5,000,000) expended in 2005-2006. Mr. Diggles stated that the Section 8 / Affordable Housing Program was the fastest growing and most demanded program in the region, and that there were approximately three thousand (3,000) applicants currently on the waiting list for this program. Mr. Diggles explained that the Affordable Housing Program faced two (2) challenges; the first being not enough funding from HUD (Housing and Urban Development), and the second was not having enough affordable housing stock to house the applicants. Mr. Diggles added that residents that did have vouchers were unable to find housing that would pass the HUD / Section 8 quality standard inspection. Mr. Diggles reiterated that the two (2) challenges could affect the growth of the county. Mr. Diggles stated that after review of the FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) Housing Report for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita that DETCOG expended over two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for housing Katrina evacuees and over one hundred four thousand dollars (\$104,000) was expended for housing Rita evacuees in Angelina County. Mr. Diggles stated that DETCOG had received reimbursement from FEMA for these expenditures. Mr. Diggles continued that the hurricane recovery remained a major component of DETCOG at the present time and the first supplement from HUD in the amount of seventy-four million dollars (\$74,000,000) had been received and disbursed with the City of Lufkin and Angelina County receiving of a large portion of this funding. Mr. Diggles added that the next HUD Supplement Action Plan was underway, and once in place, the City of Lufkin could make application to receive those funds, including infrastructure funds. Mr. Diggles stated that funding for reimbursement of social services was still available and that the information could be found on the DETCOG website in regard to applying for the funds. Mr. Diggles continued that the downtown office in Lufkin had recently been renovated and currently housed twenty (20) employees and that more employees would be added in the future. Mr. Diggles stated that any individual that should need information on social services should dial 2-1-1 for information, and that an operator would assist the caller in locating services and that 2-1-1 was operational. Mr. Diggles reiterated that DETCOG was continuing to expand and that DETCOG continued to face the disadvantage of not having the SMSA (Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area) designation. Mr. Diggles explained that without this designation, DETCOG was not included in research, surveys and data compilation. Mr. Diggles stated that DETCOG was currently working to change that, in order to add resources to the area. Mr. Diggles then stated that he would be glad to answer any questions that the Council had.

Mayor Gorden thanked Mr. Diggles for his presentation, and added that it was an interesting fact that DETCOG was one of the neediest areas, but did not have the SMSA designation. Mayor Gorden then asked if there were any questions. There being none, Mr. Diggles concluded his presentation.

**8. PRESENTATION OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT BY MR. RICHARD RUDEL OF ALEXANDER, LANKFORD AND HIERS, INC.**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item on the agenda was a presentation of the City of Lufkin Comprehensive Annual Financial Report by Mr. Richard Rudel of Alexander, Lankford and Hiers, Inc. Mayor Gorden then turned the floor over to Mr. Rudel. Mr. Rudel stated that he would present an overview of the audit. Mr. Rudel continued by stating that the City of Lufkin's fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 and in relation to the financial statements for the City, the type of report issued was an unqualified auditor's opinion. Mr. Rudel added that in regard to internal control over financial reporting there were no material weaknesses noted, there were no reportable conditions, there was no non-compliance in material of the financial statement and in regard to federal awards there were also no material weaknesses noted, no reportable conditions and no audit findings. Mr. Rudel added that the City qualified as a "low-risk" auditee and received a Certificate of Achievement of national recognition for the 2005 CAFR (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report), and that the City of Lufkin Finance Department intended to submit the report for 2006, as well. Mr. Rudel continued by giving an overview of the City's financial statement; and then detailed the remainder of the report including all assets and liabilities, reiterating that City was in good shape financially and should be commended for that status. Mr. Rudel then asked for any questions or comments from Council.

Mayor Gorden thanked Mr. Rudel for his presentation and Doug Wood, Finance Director, for their work with the report.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that there was a copy of the Certificate of Achievement in the council packet that Mr. Rudel previously referred to.

9. **FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE CALLING AND ORDERING A GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS - APPROVED - TO BE HELD AT TWO POLLING PLACES IN LUFKIN, TEXAS ON MAY 12, 2007 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:00 A.M. AND 7:00 P.M. FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A COUNCILMEMBER FOR WARD 1 AND A COUNCILMEMBER FOR WARD 3, FOR THREE YEAR TERMS, AND PROVIDING FOR THE NECESSARY NOTICES, AND FIXING THE DATE**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was the First Reading of an Ordinance calling and ordering a General Election for the City of Lufkin, Texas to be held at two (2) polling places in Lufkin, Texas on May 12, 2007 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing a Councilmember for Ward 1 and a Councilmember for Ward 3, for three year terms, and providing for the necessary notices, and fixing the date.

Mayor Gorden then requested comments from City Manager Paul Parker.

City Manager Parker stated that state law required the City Council to actually pass an Ordinance to call for the annual election on May 12, 2007, to be held for Ward one (1) and Ward three (3), and that the Ordinance was recommended for approval.

Mayor Gorden asked if this would be the first election for the City to co-locate with the school district elections.

City Manager Parker replied that it would be, should an election be necessary.

Councilmember Lynn Torres commented that the change in polling locations should be noted and that prior to this election the polling place for Ward three (3) was Herty Elementary; and would now be located at Lufkin High School, and the polling place for Ward one (1) was formerly located at the Museum of East Texas and would now be located at the Lufkin ISD Administration building.

Mayor Gorden commented that the change should help increase the turnout of voters.

Mayor Gorden then requested comments and/or motions from the Council.

Councilmember Rose Faine Boyd moved to approve on First Reading an Ordinance calling and ordering a General Election for the City of Lufkin, Texas to be held at two (2) polling places in Lufkin, Texas on May 12, 2007 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing a Councilmember for Ward 1 and a Councilmember for Ward 3, for three year terms, and providing for the necessary notices, and fixing the date. Councilmember Don Langston seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

10. **RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS - APPROVED - AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE FOR TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF STATE HIGHWAYS FOR THE 2007 DOWNTOWN HOEDOWN PARADE AND DOWNTOWN HOEDOWN**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was the approval of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lufkin, Texas authorizing the City to enter into an agreement with the State for temporary closure of State Highways for the 2007 Downtown Hoedown Parade and Downtown Hoedown.

Mayor Gorden then requested comments from City Manager Paul Parker.

City Manager Parker stated that this was the annual request for this resolution and that the Downtown Hoedown was scheduled for April 14, 2007 and the Resolution would allow the City to close First Street all day, and to close Frank Street to accommodate the parade. City Manager Parker explained that this was the same request as in previous years, and that Staff recommended approval.

Mayor Gorden stated that the Downtown Hoedown and Parade was an event to look forward to and then requested comments or motions from the Council.

Councilmember R.L. Kuykendall moved to approve the Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lufkin, Texas authorizing the City to enter into an agreement with the State for temporary closure of State Highways for the 2007 Downtown Hoedown Parade and Downtown Hoedown. Councilmember Rose Faine Boyd seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

**11. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2006/2007 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 11), - APPROVED - PROVIDING FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS IN THE COURT SECURITY/TECHNOLOGY FUND; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item on the agenda was to consider an amendment to the 2006/2007 Operating Budget (Budget Amendment No. 11), providing for the supplemental appropriation of funds in the Court Security/Technology Fund; and providing an effective date.

Mayor Gorden then requested an explanation of this item from City Manager Paul Parker.

City Manager Parker stated that approximately two (2) years ago, the security system in Municipal Court was installed and that payment was held due to operational issues with the installer DP Solutions. City Manager Parker explained that the funding had lapsed due to the project being closed out, but now the issues with DP Solutions had been resolved and this item was to re-appropriate the funds to the original budget, and that Staff recommended approval of the item.

Mayor Gorden then requested comments and / or motions from Council.

Councilmember Don Langston moved to approve a Resolution authorizing an amendment to the 2006/2007 Operating Budget (Budget Amendment No. 11), providing for the supplemental appropriation of funds in the Court Security/Technology Fund. Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

**12. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2006/2007 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 12), - APPROVED - PROVIDING FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS IN THE SPECIAL RECREATION FUND; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item on the agenda was to consider an amendment to the 2006/2007 Operating Budget (Budget Amendment No. 12), providing for the supplemental appropriation of funds in the Special Recreation Fund; and providing an effective date.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that this was one of the City's special funds and that due to a larger than anticipated participation in the City's basketball program, both expenditures and revenue for the fund had increased; the revenue increased from twenty-four thousand four hundred twenty-five dollars (\$24,425) to twenty-nine thousand dollars (\$29,000) and the expenditures from twenty-four thousand one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$24,125) to twenty-eight thousand one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$28,125).

Mayor Gorden then requested comments and / or motions from Council.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve a Resolution authorizing an amendment to the 2006/2007 Operating Budget (Budget Amendment No. 12), providing for the supplemental appropriation of funds in the Special Recreation Fund. Councilmember Rose Faine Boyd seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

**13. PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2007 PETERBILT 335 DUMP TRUCK, - APPROVED - FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was the purchase of one (1) 2007 Peterbilt 335 Dump Truck, with a 14-16 ft. dump body for use in the City of Lufkin Street Department.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that this purchase was included in this year's Amortization Replacement Fund with a budgeted amount of ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000) and that the purchase price through HGAC was in the amount of ninety thousand seven hundred forty dollars (\$90,740) and the unit would replace unit 183-40 Volvo dump truck and that Staff recommended approval of this purchase.

Mayor Gorden then requested any comments or motions from the Council.

Councilmember Don Langston questioned whether or not the truck was a fourteen (14) foot or sixteen (16) foot dump bed.

Assistant City Manager Keith Wright responded that it was a fourteen (14) foot bed, but when the sideboards were added, it would be a sixteen (16) foot bed.

Councilmember Rose Faine Boyd moved to approve the purchase of one (1) 2007 Peterbilt 335 Dump Truck. Councilmember R.L. Kuykendall seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

**14. PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2006 PETERBILT 357 ROLL-OFF TRUCK - APPROVED - FOR THE SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was the purchase of one (1) 2006 Peterbilt 357 Roll-Off Truck for use in the City of Lufkin Solid Waste Department.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that this was for a 2006 Peterbilt 357 Roll-off truck used for assisting with the large roll-off container pick up and that the bid was through HGAC, from Rush Truck Center of Texas, delivered through Rush Peterbilt Truck Center of Lufkin. City Manager Parker added that the bid was in the amount of one hundred thirty-five thousand eight hundred sixty-three dollars (\$135,863), which includes the HGAC administrative fee. City Manager Parker added that one hundred fourteen thousand eighty-eight dollars (\$114,088) was the original budget amount, in addition to the twenty-seven thousand six hundred ninety-two dollars (\$27,692) received from the sale of a 1997 Volvo roll-off truck sold in the last auction and that those combined funds would cover the cost of the new roll-off truck. City Manager Parker stated that Staff recommended approval of the purchase of the 2006 Peterbilt 357 Roll-off truck in the amount of one hundred thirty-five thousand eight hundred and sixty-three dollars (\$135,863).

Mayor Gorden then requested any comments or motions from the Council.

Councilmember Don Langston questioned whether the old roll-off truck was traded in or if the proceeds were from the vehicle being auctioned.

City Manager Parker replied that the vehicle was auctioned, not traded in.

Councilmember Rufus Duncan moved to approve the purchase of one (1) 2006 Peterbilt 357 Roll-off Truck for use in the City of Lufkin Solid Waste Department. Councilmember Lynn Torres seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

**15. APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR JACK GORDEN – APPROVED - TO THE ANGELINA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was the appointment to the Angelina County Board of Health.

Mayor Gorden then entertained motions from Council.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to appoint Mayor Jack Gorden to the Angelina County Board of Health. Councilmember Rose Faine Boyd seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

**16. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item on the agenda was the presentation of the City Manager's report, including the financial status and project status report.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that the General Revenue Fund was beginning to reflect the receipt of ad valorem taxes, and that the majority would be received in the current month. City Manager Parker added that sales tax receipts had slightly increased, which put the City in line with the budget estimate and that hopefully sales tax receipts would continue to increase and that all other revenues and expenditures were on track. City Manager Parker also noted that there would be a need for a budget amendment in the future to cover the expenses of the repairs for water well number fourteen (14) as well as the sewer repair at Grace Dunne Park; but that the sewer line was back in operation and minor clean up was ongoing. City Manager Parker stated that the Solid Waste Fund revenue was under budget currently, but should meet the target goals prior to the end of the fiscal year and that expenditures were in line as well. City Manager Parker stated that the Hotel/Motel Fund was slightly below revenue estimates, but could be attributed to the closing of several hotels due to the Highway 59 expansion, but should balance out before the end of the fiscal year. City Manager Parker added that the remainder of funds were shown in the report and that he would be glad to answer questions in regard to those funds. City Manager Parker then highlighted phase three (3) of the Whitehouse Drive expansion, which extends from Daniel Mc Call to FM 819, stating that the mark up drawings had been returned from TXDOT (Texas Department of Transportation) and that the City Engineer was currently reviewing those drawings and hopefully the drawings would be resubmitted to TXDOT that week so that the drawings could be forwarded to Austin for final approval. City Manager Parker stated that he would be glad to answer any questions in regard to any of the items in the report.

Councilmember Don Langston questioned the status of the Radio Meter Installation Project.

City Manager Parker replied that the project was halfway completed, but progress of the project had slowed, and that a recommendation on outsourcing the project would be forthcoming. City Manager Park added that funding needed for the project completion would be in the amount of between 1.5 and 1.8 million dollars of capital outlay. City Manager Parker added that once this project was completed, revenue from water use should increase due to more accurate reading of meters and hoped that the proposal would be ready for Council prior to or at the upcoming budget retreat.

Mayor Gorden then expressed his appreciation to City Manager Parker for the report and requested questions and/or comments.

- 17. Mayor Jack Gorden recessed the Regular Session at 5:50 p.m. to enter into Executive Session.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** In accordance with the Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (2) Consultation with City Attorney on any Regular Session Agenda item requiring confidential, attorney/client advices necessitated by the deliberation or



discussion of said items (as needed), and real estate, demolition of buildings, or appointments to boards and personnel may be discussed

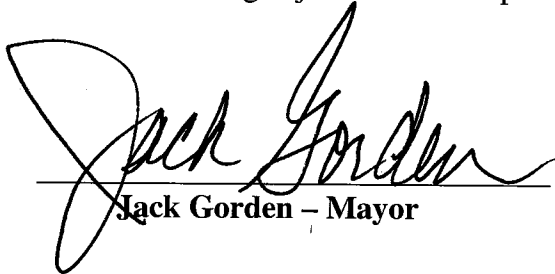
Mayor Jack Gorden reconvened the Regular Session at 6:07 p.m.

**18. CALENDAR NOTATIONS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND CITY MANAGER**

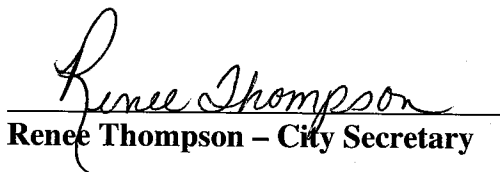
Mayor Jack Gorden reminded the Council of the Lufkin/Nacogdoches Day Event that would be held in Austin on Wednesday, February 21, 2007. City Manager Parker stated that there were several items before the Legislature that greatly impacted Municipal Government and then reviewed several of the items that were relevant to the City of Lufkin.

Councilmember Lynn Torres reminded the Council that the First Friday Luncheon would be held on Friday, March 2, 2007 at Crown Colony with Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples as the speaker. Mayor Gorden added that the PEP Banquet would be held on Thursday, March 1, 2007 at the Lufkin Pitser Garrison Civic Center. City Manager Parker reminded the Council that the Council's Strategic Plan Meeting would be held on March 21, 2007 at the Red Barn.

**19.** There being no further business for consideration, the meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.



Jack Gorden – Mayor



Renee Thompson – City Secretary