

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 26TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2008.**

On the 26th day of August, 2008, 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.
Rose Faine Boyd
R. L. Kuykendall
Lynn Torres
Don Langston
Rufus Duncan
Phil Medford
Paul L. Parker
Keith Wright
Bob Flournoy
Renee Thompson
Larry Brazil
Doug Wood
Belinda Southern
Jim Wehmeier

Mayor
Mayor Pro Tem
Councilmember, Ward No. 1
Councilmember, Ward No. 3
Councilmember, Ward No. 4
Councilmember, Ward No. 5
Councilmember, Ward No. 6
City Manager
Assistant City Manager
City Attorney
City Secretary
Police Chief
Finance Director
Finance Manager
Economic Development Director

being present, when the following business was transacted:

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by City Attorney, Bob Flournoy.
2. Mayor Jack Gorden welcomed visitors present.

NEW BUSINESS:

3. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was a Public Hearing on proposed Tax Rate.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that legislation required that cities hold two (2) Public Hearings prior to the adoption of the annual tax rate. City Manager Parker added that legislation also required total disclosure on any tax rate or tax increase. City Manager Parker stated that this was the second Public Hearing and that the public would have a third opportunity to discuss the tax rate on Tuesday, September 2, 2008, when the tax rate and budget were up for adoption. City Manager Parker stated that the City of Lufkin was keeping the tax rate the same as it had been for the last three (3) years. City Manager Parker stated that the tax rate was \$.5554 per one hundred dollars (\$100) valuation. City Manager Parker added that the effective tax rate, which was the tax rate that would generate the same revenue as the previous year, was \$.545957 per one hundred dollars (\$100) valuation. City Manager Parker explained that this tax rate was slightly lower than the tax rate that was being recommended, which was \$.5554 per one hundred dollars (\$100) valuation. City Manager Parker explained that there was a difference in the amount of revenue that would be generated in the amount of four hundred twenty-three thousand one hundred dollars (\$423,100) and of that amount, three hundred ten thousand three hundred sixty-four dollars (\$310,364) was new revenue. City Manager Parker stated that the difference in the new tax rate was approximately one hundred thirteen thousand dollars (\$113,000) annually. City Manager Parker stated that Staff recommended that the Council hold the Public Hearing to consider the proposed tax rate.

Mayor Gorden then opened the Public Hearing at 12:05 p.m. Mayor Gorden asked anyone who wished to speak concerning the proposed tax rate, to please step forward. There

appearing to be no one wishing to speak, Mayor Gorden closed the Public Hearing at 12:06 p.m.

Mayor Gorden then asked for comments or desires of the Council.

Councilmember Rose Faine Boyd moved that the property taxes be increased by the adoption of the tax rate of \$.5554. Councilmember Lynn Torres seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

City Manager Parker stated that the motion by Councilmember Boyd and the vote of the Council took care of item number four (#4) on the agenda.

4. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR THE USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN – APPROVED - AND PROVIDING FOR THE DEBT SERVICE FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2009 AND APPORTIONING EACH LEVY FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE

5. Mayor Jack Gorden recessed the Special Session at 12:08 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 1:48 p.m.

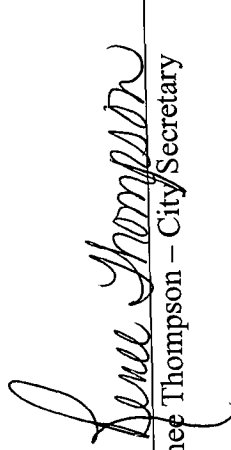
6. PROJECT VISIONARY INCENTIVE REQUEST – APPROVED

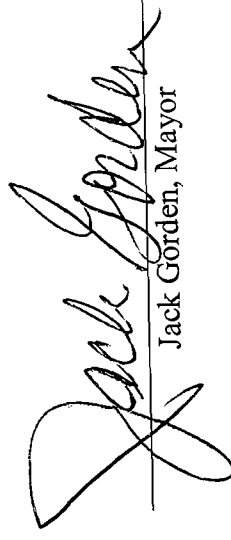
Mayor Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was the Project Visionary incentive request.

City Manager Parker stated that the incentive request was discussed in Executive Session, as was allowed by law, and that Staff recommended that the Council authorize Economic Development Director Jim Wehmeier to tentatively propose the incentives that were discussed in Executive Session.

Councilmember Don Langston moved to approve the Project Visionary incentive request, as presented, and to empower Economic Development Director Jim Wehmeier to act on behalf of the City of Lufkin City Council. Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

7. There being no further business for consideration, the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.


Renee Thompson – City Secretary


Jack Gorden, Mayor