MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 18th DAY OF MARCH, 2008.

On the 18th day of March, 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.	Mayor
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	Assistant City Manager
Bob Flournoy	City Attorney
Renee Thompson	City Secretary
Larry Brazil	Police Chief
Scott Marcotte	Asst. Police Chief
Pete Prewitt	Fire Chief
Doug Wood	Finance Director
Barbara Thompson	Main Street Director
Chuck Walker	City Engineer
Dale Allred	Inspection Services Director
Dorothy Wilson	Planning Director
Jim Wehmeier	Economic Development Director
Bill Cameron	City Webmaster

being present, and

Rose Faine Boyd	Mayor Pro Tem

being absent, when the following business was transacted:

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Stacy Jackson, First Assembly of God.

2. Mayor Jack Gorden welcomed visitors present. Councilmember Lynn Torres welcomed LISD students who were present satisfying their government class requirement.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 4, 2008 were approved on a motion by Councilmember Lynn Torres, and seconded by Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

OLD BUSINESS:

4. **SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE CALLING AND ORDERING A GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS TO BE HELD AT TWO POLLING PLACES IN LUFKIN, TEXAS – APPROVED - ON MAY 10, 2008 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:00 A.M. AND 7:00 P.M. FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A COUNCILMEMBER FOR WARD 5 AND A COUNCILMEMBER FOR WARD 6, FOR THREE (3) YEAR TERMS, AND PROVIDING FOR THE NECESSARY NOTICES, AND FIXING THE DATE**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was the Second Reading of an Ordinance calling and ordering a General Election for the City of Lufkin, Texas to be held at two polling places in Lufkin, Texas on May 10, 2008 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing a Councilmember for Ward 5 and a Councilmember for Ward 6, for three (3) year terms, and providing for the necessary notices, and fixing the date.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that State Law required the City Council to order a General Election for the purpose of electing a Councilmember for Ward 5 and a Councilmember for Ward 6. City Manager Parker explained that March 17, 2008 was the last day for a write-in candidate to declare candidacy. City Manager Parker added that the election could not legally be cancelled until that deadline had passed. City Manager Parker added that at the April 1st Council Meeting there would be an Ordinance on the agenda to declare unopposed candidates in the May 10, 2008 General City Election elected to office and canceling the election.

Mayor Jack Gorden then asked for comments or questions from the Council.

Councilmember Don Langston moved to approve the Second Reading of the Ordinance calling and ordering a General Election for the City of Lufkin, Texas to be held at two polling places in Lufkin, Texas on May 10, 2008 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing a Councilmember for Ward 5 and a Councilmember for Ward 6, for three (3) year terms, and providing for the necessary notices, and fixing the date. Councilmember Lynn Torres seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

5. **SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TRAFFIC ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS; - APPROVED - PROVIDING FOR A CHANGE IN THE SPEED LIMIT ON TULANE DRIVE, AND REPEALING ALL INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was the Second Reading of an Ordinance amending the Traffic Ordinance of the City of Lufkin, Texas; providing for a change in the speed limit on Tulane Drive, and repealing all inconsistent Ordinances and establishing an effective date.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that Staff recommended that Council consider amending the Traffic Ordinance to change the speed limits on Tulane to forty (40) miles per hour from Timberland to Card, thirty (30) miles per hour from Card to Harmony Hill, forty (40) miles per hour from Harmony Hill to Darlington, thirty (30) miles per hour from Darlington to Whitehouse, and eliminating "on-street" parking from Darlington to Whitehouse.

Mayor Jack Gorden then asked for comments or questions from the Council.

Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall moved to approve the Second Reading of the Ordinance amending the Traffic Ordinance of the City of Lufkin, Texas; providing for a change in the speed limit on Tulane Drive, and repealing all inconsistent Ordinances and establishing an effective date. Councilmember Lynn Torres seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

NEW BUSINESS:

6. **PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, - APPROVED - BY CHANGING THE ZONING DESIGNATION AND AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN DESIGNATION OF A CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, DESCRIBED AS A 3.99 ACRE PORTION OF BLOCK 1, LOT 2.66 OF THE VARILLA SUBDIVISION #2 FROM THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF RESIDENTIAL LARGE SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING TO A LIGHT MANUFACTURING ZONING DISTRICT AND AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN DESIGNATION FROM COMMERCIAL TO INDUSTRIAL AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY PLANNER TO MAKE SUCH CHANGES ON THE OFFICIAL MAP**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was a Public Hearing and First Reading of an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Lufkin, Texas, by changing the zoning designation and amending the Future Land Use Plan Designation of a certain tract or parcel of land within the corporate limits of the City of Lufkin, Texas, described as a 3.99 acre portion of Block 1, Lot 2.66 of the Varilla Subdivision #2 from the zoning classification of Residential Large Single-Family Dwelling to a Light Manufacturing Zoning District and amending the Future Land Use Plan Designation from Commercial to Industrial and authorizing the City Planner to make such changes on the Official Map.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that he would address items six (6) and seven (7) on the agenda because the same parcel of land was being considered in both requests. Michael Parker, on behalf of Allen Loggins, Jr., was requesting a change of zoning to "Light Manufacturing" and to change the land use to "Industrial". City Manager Parker added that the combined total of land being considered in items six (6) and seven (7) was 12.062 acres. City Manager Parker explained that item six (6) consisted of 3.99 acres that was currently zoned "Residential Large Single-Family Dwelling" and was being requested to be changed to "Light Manufacturing" and also requested that the Master Plan be changed to "Industrial". City Manager Parker added that both the Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff unanimously recommended that Council approve the request.

Mayor Gorden opened the Public Hearing at 5:11 p.m. and asked anyone who wished to speak on the item to please step forward. There appearing to be no one wishing to speak, Mayor Gorden closed the Public Hearing at 5:12 p.m.

Mayor Jack Gorden then asked for comments or questions from the Council.

Councilmember Don Langston moved to approve the First Reading of the Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Lufkin, Texas, by changing the zoning designation and amending the Future Land Use Plan Designation of a certain tract or parcel of land within the corporate limits of the City of Lufkin, Texas, described as a 3.99 acre portion of Block 1, Lot 2.66 of the Varilla Subdivision #2 from the zoning classification of Residential Large Single-Family Dwelling to a Light Manufacturing Zoning District and amending the Future Land Use Plan Designation from Commercial to Industrial and authorizing the City Planner to make such changes on the Official Map. Councilmember Phil Medford seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

7. **PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE AND THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2001 OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, - APPROVED - BY ESTABLISHING ZONING AND FUTURE LAND USE PLAN DESIGNATIONS FOR CERTAIN TRACTS OR PARCELS OF LAND ANNEXED BY THE CITY OF LUFKIN AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY PLANNER TO MAKE SUCH CHANGES ON THE OFFICIAL MAP**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was a Public Hearing and First Reading of an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance and the Comprehensive Plan 2001 of the City of Lufkin, Texas, by establishing zoning and Future Land Use Plan Designations for certain tracts or parcels of land annexed by the City of Lufkin and authorizing the City Planner to make such changes on the Official Map.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that this was the remainder of the 12.062 tract of land previously discussed. City Manager Parker explained that this item consisted of 8.072 acres currently zoned "Low Density Residential" and was being requested to be changed to "Light Manufacturing" with the Future Land Use Plan Designation being changed to "Industrial". City Manager Parker added that the Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff unanimously recommended that Council approve the Ordinance.

Mayor Gorden opened the Public Hearing at 5:12 p.m. and asked anyone who wished to speak on the item to please step forward. There appearing to be no one wishing to speak, Mayor Gorden closed the Public Hearing at 5:13 p.m.

Mayor Jack Gorden then asked for comments or questions from the Council.

Councilmember Rufus Duncan moved to approve the First Reading of the Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance and the Comprehensive Plan 2001 of the City of Lufkin, Texas, by establishing zoning and Future Land Use Plan Designations for certain tracts or parcels of land annexed by the City of Lufkin 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.

8. <u>RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2007/2008 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 20), - APPROVED - PROVIDING FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS IN THE HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUND; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDING RECEIVED FROM ANGELINA BEAUTIFUL CLEAN</u>

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was a Resolution authorizing an amendment to the 2007/2008 Operating Budget (Budget Amendment No. 20), providing for the supplemental appropriation of funds in the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund; and providing an effective date to appropriate funding received from Angelina Beautiful Clean.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that Angelina Beautiful Clean awarded the Lufkin Pitser Garrison Civic Center four thousand dollars ($4,000) for landscaping improvements for the facility. City Manager Parker explained that the Budget Amendment would allow the City of Lufkin to accept and expend the funds. City Manager Parker added that Staff recommended that Council authorize the acceptance of the money and the Budget Amendment as presented.

Mayor Jack Gorden thanked Angelina Beautiful Clean for their generous donation and then asked for comments or questions from the Council.

Councilmember Don Langston moved to approve the Resolution authorizing an amendment to the 2007/2008 Operating Budget (Budget Amendment No. 20), providing for the supplemental appropriation of funds in the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund; and providing an effective date to appropriate funding received from Angelina Beautiful Clean. Councilmember Rufus Duncan seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

9. <u>APPLICATION FOR THE 2008 FIRE ACT GRANT – APPROVED - FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT</u>

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was an application for the 2008 Fire Act Grant for the Fire Department

City Manager Paul Parker stated that the Fire Department was requesting to apply for a four hundred fifty thousand dollar ($450,000) grant. City Manager Parker added that the grant would require a ten percent (10%) match from the City in the amount of forty-five thousand dollars ($45,000) and would require a Budget Amendment, if approved. City Manager Parker explained that the funding would be for a mobile live fire simulator for training firemen. City Manager Parker stated that there was no live fire training facility in Angelina County or the surrounding counties. City Manager Parker added that in the upcoming Capital Improvement Program, one (1) of the requests would be to set up a training site for firemen. City Manager Parker stated that the simulator would be a great addition to the Fire Department for safety and the training of personnel through use of the simulator. City Manager Parker added that Fire Chief Pete Prewitt was present and would answer any questions that Council had concerning the request.

Councilmember Don Langston asked if the simulator would be available to other fire departments in the area. Chief Pete Prewitt stated that the simulator would be available to other fire departments in Angelina County and possibly departments beyond Angelina. Chief Prewitt stated that there was no similar equipment in the area. Chief Prewitt added that Nacogdoches had a burn facility at one time, but was nothing comparable to this simulator. Chief Prewitt stated that the Nacogdoches facility had been condemned. Chief Prewitt stated that there was a facility operational in Livingston, but was also not comparable and would also likely to be condemned, as well. Chief Prewitt added that the simulator would be a wonderful addition to the City and the surrounding area.

Councilmember Langston asked if the facility would require additional personnel. Chief Prewitt stated that there would be no additional personnel needed. Chief Prewitt added that the Training Chief and his staff would handle the simulator.

Councilmember Langston asked if the simulator would require a new building. Chief Prewitt stated that it would not require a new facility.

Mayor Jack Gorden then asked for comments or questions from the Council.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the application for the 2008 Fire Act Grant for the Fire Department and commented that the Fire Department had a long history of being successful in applying for and receiving grants. Councilmember Phil Medford seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

10. <u>APPLICATION FOR THE 2008 DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES LOCAL PROJECTS GRANT – APPROVED - FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT</u>

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was an application for the 2008 Department of State Health Services Local Projects Grant for the Fire Department.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that this grant required a fifty percent (50%) match. City Manager explained that two (2) years ago the City began purchasing hydraulic powered stretchers. City Manager Parker added that the stretchers helped prevent back injuries due to the hydraulics lifting the injured persons. City Manager Parker stated that as society continued to grow heavier each year, firemen were more at risk of injury. City Manager Parker added that the City had previously acquired three (3) hydraulic stretchers. City Manager Parker stated that the Fire Department ran five (5) active units, and if the grant was approved, it would put one (1) hydraulic stretcher in each active unit. City Manager Parker added that if the grant were not approved the Council would likely see the request for two (2) more hydraulic stretchers in the Fire Chief's upcoming budget request. City Manager Parker stated that the Fire Chief and firemen would testify that they had been useful and beneficial to the department.

Mayor Jack Gorden then asked for comments or questions from the Council.

Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall moved to approve the application for the 2008 Department of State Health Services Local Projects Grant for the Fire Department. Councilmember Rufus Duncan seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

11. <u>AWARD OF BIDS FOR THE HURRICANE CREEK WWTP EQUALIZATION LAGOON PROJECT – APPROVED - TO COX CONTRACTORS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $69,765</u>

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was the award of bids for the Hurricane Creek WWTP Equalization Lagoon Project to Cox Contractors, Inc. in the amount of $69,765.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that the request was for the repair of concrete slope paving at the storm water lagoons located at the Hurricane Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. City Manager Parker added that the initial low bidder was Dowtech Specialty, but they withdrew their bid because they did not calculate the demolition into their bid. City Manager Parker explained that the only qualified bidder was then Cox Contractors, Inc. in the amount of sixty-nine thousand seven hundred sixty-five dollars ($69,765). City Manager Parker stated that the engineering cost estimate was budgeted at seventy-five thousand dollars ($75,000). City Manager Parker added that Staff recommended that Council approve the award of bid to Cox Contractors, Inc., in the amount of sixty-nine thousand seven hundred sixty-five dollars ($69,765).

Councilmember Don Langston commented that he saw that the project was budgeted at four hundred sixty-eight thousand six hundred ninety-five dollars ($468,695) and was initially confused about the sixty-nine thousand seven hundred sixty-five dollar ($69,765) bid. City Manager Parker explained that the four hundred sixty-eight thousand six hundred ninety-five dollar ($468,695) amount budgeted was for the entire project, that there were many improvements at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and that the lagoon was only a portion of the project.

Councilmember Rufus Duncan asked if a bidder made a notation, such as was done on this bid, about the ninety-five percent (95%) compaction requirement, would it relieve them of the responsibility of having to achieve ninety-five percent (95%) compaction. City Engineer Chuck Walker stated that he had that discussion with Cox Contractors, Inc., with Mr. Jacobs at Terracon, and a couple of other individuals and that ninety-five percent (95%) compaction would not likely be achieved using the equipment at that slope. City Manager Parker added that it would relieve the contractor of that responsibility.

Mayor Gorden asked if that would affect other bidders. City Engineer Walker stated that it would not affect the bids because the information was passed along to the other bidders.

Councilmember Don Langston stated that he noticed that there was a low bid withdrawal and wanted to know if the City executed the bid bonds. City Engineer Walker stated that the bid bonds were not executed.

Mayor Jack Gorden then asked for comments or questions from the Council.

Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall moved to approve the award of bids for the Hurricane Creek WWTP Equalization Lagoon Project to Cox Contractors, Inc. in the amount of $69,765. Councilmember Lynn Torres seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

12. <u>CITY MANAGER'S REPORT</u>

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was the City Manager's Report.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that he would quickly go through the Financial Status Reports. City Manager Parker stated that the General Fund was in good shape and that the City was a little ahead on the Sales Tax projections. City Manager Parker added that expenditures should have been approximately forty-two percent (42%) based on the current budget average. City Manager Parker stated that most of the City departments were in line with the percentage, with a few a little over, due to the healthcare insurance being moved to the first of the budget year. City Manager Parker explained that larger departments such as Police and Fire would have their percentages affected, due to the healthcare deductions coming out of their budgets early and in one lump sum. City Manager Parker stated that there were no immediate concerns to highlight to the Council.

City Manager Parker stated that Water and Wastewater Revenues were on target. City Manager Parker added that the revenues were actually below the thirty-three percent (33%) projections, but for winter months it was normal and the City usually sold more water during the summer months. City Manager Parker stated that expenditures in that area were also in line.

City Manager Parker stated that Solid Waste and Recycling were slightly low on revenue for residential and commercial, but was above on other areas, including recycling revenues and sales. City Manager Parker added that overall the revenues were on target.

City Manager Parker stated that he would not highlight any of the other budgets other than the Hotel/Motel Tax Revenues, which came in quarterly payments. City Manager Parker added that the first quarter revenues were above budget projections. City Manager Parker mentioned that the Zoo revenues were slightly below projections but again the winter months were usually slower than revenues received during spring and summer.

City Manager Parker stated that was a summation of the funds and that he would answer any questions that Council had regarding the Financial Status Report.

Mayor Gorden asked if City Manager Parker had time to think about the impact of the soaring fuel costs. City Manager Parker stated that Staff had discussed fuel costs earlier in the week. Assistant City Manager Keith Wright stated that the latest price that the City was paying for fuel was a little over two dollars ninety cents ($2.90) per gallon. City Manager Parker stated that the City paid rack price along with State sales tax, but did not have to pay Federal sales tax. City Manager Parker added that the City budgeted two dollars and eighty cents ($2.80) per gallon and was a little under budget at the beginning of the year, but was now a little over the budgeted amount. City Manager Parker stated that the budget had not currently been drastically impacted, but summer months were ahead and staff drove more and ran more equipment during that time of year. City Manager Parker added that fuel was marked as a major concern and staff would be watching it more closely. Mayor Gorden asked if there would be any merit into doing an evaluation on budgeted vehicle purchases for the remainder of the year to look at more fuel efficient type vehicles. City Manager Parker stated that the City was already looking at more fuel efficient vehicles used in standard types of work. City Manager Parker added that vehicles such as dump trucks and sanitation trucks were pretty standard, and there was not many ways to save fuel on those types of equipment. City Manager Parker stated that Staff was still considering the "fuel farm" concept, but so far the pay-off didn't seem to justify it. City Manager Parker added that it may, as prices rise, be discussed in the CIP process.

City Manager Parker stated that only two (2) or three (3) projects would be highlighted in the Project Status Report. City Manager Parker asked Assistant City Manager Keith Wright to go over the projects. Assistant City Manager Wright stated that on the Whitehouse Project the lime stabilization and first layer of asphalt had been completed from the bridge at Daniel McCall to the intersection that would tie in to the shopping center and would give access to Wal-Mart. Assistant City Manager Wright added that concrete curbs would be added, and once that was completed, the base materials would be put down. Assistant City Manager Wright stated that hopefully the back entrance into Wal-Mart down to Daniel McCall Bridge would be tied in, and then they would complete the section at the first entrance to Wal-Mart at Hwy. 59. Assistant City Manager Wright stated that hopefully by the end of the summer, all of that area would be completed, depending on weather.

Assistant City Manager Wright stated that the first section of asphalt and curb and gutter had been completed on Lotus Lane from the Loop to Cintas. City Engineer Chuck Walker stated that the second section of Lotus Lane from Henderson Street to the Burke Community Center had been limed and stabilized and hoped to asphalt that section by Monday, March 24, or Tuesday, March 25, 2008.

City Engineer Walker stated that on the "south bound", or Wal-Mart side of Hwy. 59, all of the utilities had been tied in. City Engineer Walker added that on the "north bound" side of Hwy. 59, the water lines had been laid from Hobby Lobby to La Quinta. City Engineer Walker stated that TX Dot had just acquired the La Quinta right-of-way, and when the La Quinta area was finished, the majority of the "north bound" side of Hwy. 59 would be completed. City Engineer Walker stated that crews were in the Mall parking lot working on a thirty-six inch (36") sewer bore from the shopping center toward Regions Bank and were estimating that it would take approximately two (2) weeks to complete. City Engineer Walker added that by mid-April they would have completed the bore under Loop 287 and then there would be one (1) more bore, which would be the water line at the Mall to Applebee's and then there would be one (1) more section left on Loop 287.

City Manager Parker stated that the last project to highlight was the water line at Crown Colony. City Engineer Walker stated that crews had completed four (4) of eight (8) sections at Crown Colony. City Engineer Walker explained that the agreement was to work two (2) crews in only two (2) sections at one (1) time and they had moved into the third (3^{rd}) section. City Engineer Walker stated that they officially shut the third (3^{rd}) section down and they were doing clean up work and tie-ins. City Engineer Walker added that once they had completed the clean up and tie-ins, they would begin boring the remainder of Crown Colony Drive and then the only section left would be Augusta.

Assistant City Manager Keith Wright stated that the Lotus Lane Project was behind schedule and Staff was working with the contractor to try to improve the progress. City Engineer Chuck Walker stated that they had met with Arcadis and were looking at doing some modifications to speed the process up, but they would be approximately three (3) months behind schedule.

Councilmember Don Langston stated that he had noticed that Zachary had mobilized on the Hwy. 59 Project. Assistant City Manager Keith Wright stated that they were supposed to begin in April 2008. City Manager Parker stated that Zachary's work area would be located at the corner of Loop 287 and Hwy. 59. Assistant City Manager Wright stated that he understood that Zachary would complete the detention pond where Casa Olè was originally located first, and then look at the bridge at Daniel McCall and Brentwood, and then begin on the south bound frontage road at El Chico toward Wal-Mart.

13. Mayor Jack Gorden recessed the Regular Session at 5:35 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 6:23 p.m.

14. CALENDAR NOTATIONS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND CITY MANAGER

City Manager Paul Parker stated that the Texas Forest Country Annual Membership Banquet would be held on Tuesday, March 25, 2008, at the Lufkin Pitser Garrison Civic Center and asked the Council to RSVP to City Secretary Renee Thompson. City Manager Parker reminded Council Members serving on the Firemen's Pension Board that there would be a meeting held at the Lufkin City Hall, Room 102, on Wednesday, March 26, 2008. City Manager Parker also reminded Council Members serving on the DETCOG Board that there would be a meeting on Tuesday, March 25, 2008, in San Jacinto County. City Manager Parker stated that the Annual Citizens Chamber of Commerce Banquet would be held on Friday, April 18, 2008, and that the City would have a table for all Council Members interested in attending.

15. There being no further business for consideration, the meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Jack Gorden

Jack Gorden, Mayor

Renee Thompson

Renee Thompson – City Secretary