

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 18TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2009

On the 18th day of August, 2009, 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.
Don Langston
R. L. Kuykendall
Robert Shankle
Lynn Torres
Rufus Duncan
Phil Medford
Paul L. Parker
Bruce Green
Renee Thompson
Rodney Ivy
Scott Marcotte
Gerald Williamson
Duane Freeman
Doug Wood
Dorothy Wilson
Barbara Thompson
Jim Wehmeier
Dale Allred
Chuck Walker
Belinda Southern
Robbin Crawford

Mayor
Mayor Pro-Tem
Councilmember, Ward No. 1
Councilmember, Ward No. 2
Councilmember, Ward No. 3
Councilmember, Ward No. 5
Councilmember, Ward No. 6
City Manager
Asst. City Attorney
City Secretary
Human Resource Director
Police Chief
Police Chief
Interim Fire Chief
Finance Director
Planning Director
Main Street Director
Economic Development Director
Inspection Services Director
Public Utilities Director
Finance Manager
Senior Accountant

being present, and

Keith Wright
Robert Flournoy

Deputy City Manager
City Attorney

being absent, when the following business was transacted:

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Art Callahan, St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church.
2. Mayor Jack Gorden welcomed visitors present.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 4, 2009 were approved as corrected on a motion by Councilmember Lynn Torres, and seconded by Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

NEW BUSINESS:

4. **PUBLIC HEARING AND ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, - APPROVED - BY GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR AN EATING ESTABLISHMENT WITH A DRIVE-THRU IN A NEIGHBORHOOD RETAIL ZONING DISTRICT ON CERTAIN LAND WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, DESCRIBED AS A PORTION OF BJL LLC PROPERTIES SUBDIVISION, LOT 1, MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 514 WEST FRANK STREET AND 302 NORTH RAGUET 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 an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Lufkin, Texas, by granting a Special Use Permit for an eating establishment with a drive-thru in a Neighborhood Retail Zoning District on certain land within the corporate limits of the City of Lufkin, Texas, described as a portion of BJJ LLC Properties Subdivision, Lot 1, more commonly known as 514 West Frank Street and 302 North Raguet and authorizing the City Planner to make such changes on the Official Map.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that Mr. Thomas, with BJJ Properties LLC, who was the applicant and owner, had requested a Special Use Permit to operate a coffee house and eating establishment with a drive-through window. City Manager Parker explained that the property was approximately .724 acre square feet, with frontage on Frank Street and Raguet Street. City Manager Parker stated that the rear of the property was abutted by a private alley, and was zoned "Neighborhood Retail", and that the property surrounding it was primarily "Neighborhood Retail", "Residential Medium Single Family Dwelling" and "Local Business". City Manager Parker added that the interior portion of the property was currently being developed as a café, and that the owner desired to have a "drive-through" service. City Manager Parker stated that currently, there was a vacant Art Deco style building on the west end of the property. City Manager Parker added that after reviewing the proposal, the Planning and Zoning Commission and Planning Staff was recommending the "Special Use Permit" be granted to BJJ Properties, LLC, to operate the coffee house and eating establishment, with a drive-through window.

Mayor Gorden opened the Public Hearing 5:10 p.m. and asked anyone who wished to speak on the item to please step forward. There appearing to be no one who wished to speak, Mayor Gorden closed the Public Hearing at 5:11 p.m.

Mayor Gorden asked for questions or comments from the Council. Councilmember Rufus Duncan moved to approve the First Reading of the Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Lufkin, Texas, by granting a Special Use Permit for an eating establishment with a drive-thru in a Neighborhood Retail Zoning District on certain land within the corporate limits of the City of Lufkin, Texas, described as a portion of BJJ LLC Properties Subdivision, Lot 1, more commonly known as 514 West Frank Street and 302 North Raguet and authorizing the City Planner to make such changes on the Official Map. Councilmember Lynn Torres seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

5. ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, - APPROVED - PROVIDING FOR LANDSCAPE REQUIREMENTS; PROMOTING THE GENERAL WELFARE AND BEAUTY OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN; REPEALING CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mayor Gorden stated that the Council and Staff had discussed moving agenda item nine (9), so that it would be the next item on the agenda, because there were people in the audience interested in the item, and not cause them to have to stay for the remainder of the topics on the agenda. Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was Ordinance of the City of Lufkin, Texas, providing for landscape requirements; promoting the general welfare and beauty of the City of Lufkin; repealing conflicting provisions; and providing an effective date.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that the Landscape Ordinance dated back to March of 2007. City Manager Parker explained that at one (1) of the previous City Council Retreats, the Staff and Council had several "development related" Ordinances that were being considered by the City Council. City Manager Parker explained that the Ordinances were recommended by the City Council to be formulated, with one of the Ordinances being "Landscape" and another being "Historic Preservation". City Manager Parker stated that out of the Landscape Ordinance, a Tree Preservation Ordinance was developed, and that the last Ordinance discussed by the City Council was a Minimal Façade Ordinance. City Manager Parker stated that in March of 2007, the City Council recommended that a study be started regarding all of the Ordinances, and in April 2008, a rough draft of the Ordinances was presented to the Council. City Manager Parker added the Ordinances were presented to see if the Ordinances

were following the concept that the Council had envisioned. City Manager Parker stated that the Staff worked on the Ordinances for quite some time to try to refine them. City Manager Parker added that in October 2008, the City Council had another meeting, where they again reviewed the Ordinances and asked that changes be made and brought back at a later date.

City Manager Parker stated that on May 5, 2009, the Council reviewed the proposed Landscape Ordinance. City Manager Parker explained that at that point, the Council directed Planning Director Dorothy Wilson to go forth and hold Public Hearings on the Ordinance, and present it to the Planning and Zoning Commission for their input. City Manager Parker stated that two (2) Public Hearings were held, with the first being held on June 17, 2009, and the second taking place on August 4, 2009. City Manager Parker stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission heard the request on July 27, 2009 and again on August 10, 2009. City Manager Parker added that at the meeting on August 10, 2009, the Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously recommended denial of the proposed Landscape Ordinance. City Manager Parker explained that his understanding was that the concerns were not based on the specifics of the Ordinance, although there were details yet to be answered, but were on whether the Ordinance infringed on individuals rights. City Manager Parker added that another concern was whether an Ordinance of that nature needed to be on the books of the City of Lufkin.

City Manager Parker stated that the Ordinance was being brought back to the City Council in the form that was presented at the last Public Hearing, for the Council's consideration. City Manager Parker stated that Planning Director Dorothy Wilson was present at the meeting for any questions the City Council had regarding the Ordinance. City Manager Parker added that Staff did not know how much detail the Council wanted, or if the Council wanted to discuss the concept or the details of the Ordinance. City Manager Parker stated that Staff was prepared to go through any details or information the Council requested.

Mayor Gorden stated that the Council had discussed the Ordinance at length and that he would like to see the Landscape Ordinance passed by the Council. Mayor Gorden added that any tweaking of the Ordinance could be done, if needed, in the future. Mayor Gorden stated that the Ordinance protected streams in the City, enhanced property values and attracted new business to Lufkin. Mayor Gorden asked for questions or comments from the Council.

There was much discussion among the City Council.

Council Members Don Langston, Rufus Duncan and Phil Medford indicated that they supported a Landscape Ordinance, but were not in favor of the Ordinance as it was currently written. Council Members Langston, Duncan and Medford proposed that the Landscape Ordinance needed to be re-studied with a panel that would sit down and take adequate time to put practical interpretation in place to develop an Ordinance that fit the needs of the City of Lufkin. Councilmember Medford also suggested incorporating the Tree Ordinance into the Landscape Ordinance, because he wasn't sure the City needed two (2) Ordinances that addressed a lot of the same issues.

Councilmember Lynn Torres expressed her concern that the Council would spend additional time arguing over the logistics of the Landscape Ordinance. Councilmember Torres added that if the Ordinance was not passed, there would be nothing in place, and developers would continue to clear cut and not save the trees the City of Lufkin currently had. Councilmember Torres stated that she was in favor of going ahead and passing the Landscape Ordinance as it was, and amending the Ordinance later, if there were issues that did not work.

Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall stated that he was hearing from more developers than citizens. Councilmember Kuykendall added that the City was made up of both.

Mayor Gorden took Public Comments. Those commenting on the Landscape Ordinance were:

Claude Welch
Mark Dunn
David Miles

City Manager Parker asked for direction from the City Council. City Manager Parker added that if the Council decided to set up a committee to look at the Landscape Ordinance, that the committee needed to be prepared to develop the Ordinance specific to Lufkin. City Manager Parker stated that the City Staff had looked at many cities and many Ordinances to get an Ordinance that was the best blend for Lufkin. City Manager Parker added that if the Council chose to not appoint a committee, the Staff would recommend the Landscape Ordinance as it stood.

Councilmember Don Langston moved to table the First Reading of the Ordinance of the City of Lufkin, Texas, providing for landscape requirements; promoting the general welfare and beauty of the City of Lufkin; repealing conflicting provisions; and providing an effective date. Councilmember Langston also moved to instruct the City Staff to come back to the Council with a recommendation of a committee structure that was diverse in origin, and represented various areas of the City, to work on the Landscape Ordinance, and then bring it back to the City Council for consideration. Councilmember Phil Medford seconded the motion. The following vote was recorded:

Aye: Council Members Don Langston, Rufus Duncan, Phil Medford

Nay: Mayor Jack Gorden, Council Members R.L. Kuykendall, Lynn Torres, Robert Shankle

The motion was denied with three (3) affirmative votes and four (4) negative votes.

Councilmember Don Langston moved to deny the Ordinance of the City of Lufkin, Texas, providing for landscape requirements; promoting the general welfare and beauty of the City of Lufkin; repealing conflicting provisions; and providing an effective date. Councilmember Phil Medford seconded the motion. The following vote was recorded:

Aye: Council Members Don Langston, Rufus Duncan, Phil Medford

Nay: Mayor Jack Gorden, Council Members R.L. Kuykendall, Lynn Torres, Robert Shankle

The motion was denied with three (3) affirmative votes and four (4) negative votes.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve Ordinance of the City of Lufkin, Texas, providing for landscape requirements; promoting the general welfare and beauty of the City of Lufkin; repealing conflicting provisions; and providing an effective date. Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall seconded the motion. The following vote was recorded:

Aye: Mayor Jack Gorden, Council Members R.L. Kuykendall, Lynn Torres, Robert Shankle

Nay: Council Members Don Langston, Rufus Duncan, Phil Medford

The motion carried with four (4) affirmative votes and three (3) negative votes.

6. BUDGET DRAFT PRESENTATION

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was the Budget Draft Presentation.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that the next three (3) items were related to the City of Lufkin Budget. City Manager Parker added that the agenda items, as they were originally numbered were: item five (5)- The Budget Draft Presentation; item six (6)- Conduct a Public Hearing concerning the Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2009, and ending September 30, 2010; and item seven (7)- Discussion and vote on proposed Tax Rate and consider establishing September 1, 2009, September 8, 2009, and September 15, 2009, as Council Meeting dates to: hold Public Hearings; establish a Tax Rate; and approval of Fiscal Year 2009/2010 Annual Fiscal Budget. City Manager Parker stated that he would give an

overview of the Budget, and then Staff would stand prepared to answer questions that the City Council had concerning the Budget.

City Manager Parker explained that that as the City Council was aware, the proposed Budget, along with the Water and Sewer Depreciation Account #380, was sixty-one million five hundred seventy-two thousand six hundred sixteen dollars (\$61,572,616). City Manager Parker added that this was quite a substantial budget and operation for the City of Lufkin. City Manager Parker stated that the City had been able to maintain the current service level, and had provided excellent services to the citizens, without a huge burden or increase in tax rate over the last several years. City Manager Parker stated that the City Council had previously held numerous workshops concerning the budget, and understood the internal workings of the budget. City Manager Parker then highlighted the significant changes in the City of Lufkin 2009-2010 Annual Budget. City Manager Parker stated that Staff would stand ready to answer any questions the City Council had concerning the presentation. City Manager Parker added that following the Council's questions or comments, there would be a Public Hearing concerning the Budget, and then a discussion regarding the tax rate.

There was some discussion among the Mayor, Council and Staff concerning the Budget, the Firemen's Pension Fund, and the City's electrical contract. Councilmember Langston then commended the City Staff for their thorough work on the City of Lufkin Budget. Councilmember Langston stated that the City of Lufkin Budget required a tremendous amount of work by the City Staff, and that each year City Staff brought the City Council a very workable and good budget for the citizens of Lufkin. Councilmember Langston stated that the City met the needs of the citizens without compromise, and that the City Staff was to be commended.

City Manager Parker stated that the City of Lufkin Department Heads were to be commended, along with the Staff of the City of Lufkin Finance Department. City Manager Parker added that it took approximately three (3) months of work to come up with the City of Lufkin Budget, but that it was the heart and soul of what the City did each year. Mayor Gorden concurred and stated that he thought the entire Council agreed that City Staff produced a great document.

7. PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2009, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was a Public Hearing concerning the Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2009, and ending September 30, 2010.

Mayor Gorden opened the Public Hearing 6:04 p.m. and asked anyone who wished to speak on the item to please step forward. There appearing to be no one who wished to speak, Mayor Gorden closed the Public Hearing at 6:05 p.m.

Mayor Gorden asked for questions or comments from the Council. There were none.

8. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON PROPOSED TAX RATE - APPROVED - AND CONSIDER ESTABLISHING SEPTEMBER 1, 2009, SEPTEMBER 8, 2009, AND SEPTEMBER 15, 2009, AS COUNCIL MEETING DATES TO: HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS; ESTABLISH A TAX RATE; AND APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2009/2010 ANNUAL FISCAL BUDGET.

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was a discussion and vote on proposed Tax Rate and consider establishing September 1, 2009, September 8, 2009, and September 15, 2009, as Council Meeting dates to: hold Public Hearings; establish a Tax Rate; and approval of Fiscal Year 2009/2010 Annual Fiscal Budget.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that the City Council had two (2) options to consider concerning the tax rate. City Manager Parker stated that there would be a difference in the way the votes would have to be recorded, depending on the way the City Council chose to go concerning the tax rate. City Manager Parker stated that within the Budget there was a

proposed tax rate of 0.5554 per \$100 valuation. City Manager Parker added that this was the identical tax rate that the City of Lufkin had the previous year. City Manager Parker stated that the proposed General Fund Budget was twenty-nine million five hundred eighteen thousand two hundred eight dollars (\$29,518,208), which would exceed the projected revenues by one hundred fifty thousand one hundred eighty-six dollars (\$150,186). City Manager Parker stated that if the City adopted the effective tax rate of 0.5338 per \$100 valuation, the deficit would go to five hundred twenty thousand seven hundred fifty-seven dollars (\$520,757). City Manager Parker stated that if the City Council decided to maintain the existing tax rate that was in the proposed budget, there would have to be a recorded vote of the Council, and then the Council would then set two (2) Public Hearings, which would be held on September 1 and 8, 2009. City Manager Parker stated that if the Council desired to go to the effective tax rate, the second Public Hearing would not be required. City Manager Parker stated that if the Council approved the existing tax rate of 0.5554, that rate would be approximately 4.046% above the effective tax rate, and would raise taxes for maintenance and operations on a one hundred thousand dollar (\$100,000) home by an estimated twenty-one dollars and sixty cents (\$21.60). City Manager Parker reminded the City Council that the proposed budget had been prepared based on the existing tax rate.

Mayor Gorden asked for questions or comments from the Council. There were many comments by the Mayor and City Council concerning the existing and effective tax rate.

Councilmember Don Langston moved to adopt the effective tax rate and establish September 1, 2009, and September 15, 2009, as Council Meeting dates to hold Public Hearings, establish a Tax Rate, and approve the Fiscal Year 2009/2010 Annual Fiscal Budget. Councilmember Phil Medford seconded the motion. The following vote was recorded:

Aye: Council Members Don Langston, Rufus Duncan, Phil Medford, R.L. Kuykendall and Robert Shankle

Nay: Mayor Jack Gorden and Councilmember Lynn Torres

The motion carried with five (5) affirmative votes and two (2) negative votes.

City Manager Parker stated that there would be no Special Called City Council Meeting held on September 8, 2009. City Manager Parker added that there would be two (2) Regular Council Meetings on September 1 and 15, 2009, at which the Council would vote on First and Second Readings of the Budget, Water Rate, Sewer Rate and Tax Ordinances.

Councilmember Rufus Duncan stated that the Council often discussed the existing and effective tax rate, and that the normal citizen didn't always grasp the meaning. Councilmember Duncan stated that the City Council had just voted in a tax decrease for the citizens of Lufkin. City Manager Parker stated that the tax rate would drop from 0.5554 to 0.5338.

9. RESOLUTION APPROVING A TIGER GRANT APPLICATION – APPROVED - IN CONJUNCTION WITH US HWY. 59 NORTH AND LOOP 287 IMPROVEMENTS

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was a Resolution approving a Tiger Grant application in conjunction with US Hwy. 59 North and Loop 287 improvements.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that TxDOT (Texas Department of Transportation) had recently announced that they had funds to begin the project on Highway 59 North. City Manager Parker added that TxDOT had approximately thirty-nine million dollars (\$39,000,000) set aside for the project. City Manager Parker stated that the originally designed project had exceeded that amount. City Manager Parker explained that there were frontage roads, a bridge at Moffett Road, and other related items that were eliminated when it was downsized, to unable funding. City Manager Parker stated that the agenda item was a request to apply for funding of thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000), through the TIGER (Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery) Grant Program, which would add back the frontage roads and bridge, and would also do utility relocations. City Manager Parker stated that City Staff had talked to the TxDOT Staff, and that they were in favor of the

application, if the City of Lufkin could get it approved, to assist them in the added improvements. City Manager Parker pointed out that the frontage roads went all the way to the City's Industrial Park, which would be significant. City Manager Parker stated that there was no match required for the Grant. City Manager Parker added that Staff asked the Council to approve the Resolution authorizing the application for the TIGER Grant in the amount of thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000), to supplement the TxDOT allocation for the Highway 59 North and Loop 287 Project.

Mayor Gorden asked if the City was successful in getting the Grant, if TxDOT would do the work. City Manager Parker stated that this was correct, and that TxDOT would still do the design and that it would still be a TxDOT Project. Mayor Gorden stated that the TIGER Grant would allow any entity to apply for the funds. Councilmember Torres asked if the City of Lufkin would have to pay for the utility relocations. City Manager Parker stated that the relocations would have been in excess of two million dollars (\$2,000,000), because there was a large water line in that right-of-way, but that the grant would cover the costs.

Councilmember Don Langston moved to approve the Resolution approving a Tiger Grant application in conjunction with US Hwy. 59 North and Loop 287 improvements. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

10. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was a report from City Manager Paul Parker.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that in the last two (2) months, the City of Lufkin had been down in its Sales Tax. City Manager Parker added that the Sales Tax was not down significantly, and was still up 3.52% for the year. City Manager Parker stated that the City had budgeted an approximate two percent (2%) increase, and was still up approximately 1.52% above the budgeted amount. City Manager Parker stated that the City had two (2) payments of Sales Tax remaining in the year. City Manager Parker added that if the trend continued, it appeared that the City of Lufkin would be very close to the budgeted amount in Sales Tax. City Manager Parker explained that Sales Tax fluctuated so much from month to month that things could change. City Manager Parker stated that the good news was that Lufkin was in very good shape financially, compared to the metroplex areas. City Manager Parker added that one (1) reason the City was in better shape was that Staff had budgeted relatively low, and had budgeted even flatter for the following year. City Manager Parker stated that the City of Lufkin was in a position to withstand any downturn. City Manager Parker stated that overall the City's revenues were in relatively good shape. City Manager Parker added that the Water and Sewer revenues were getting better, due to the intense heat of the summer. City Manager Parker explained that the other City funds were also in very good shape. City Manager Parker added that the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund was exceeding the projections at the current time, and that the Economic Development Fund was also above projections, because it mirrored the City's Sales Tax. City Manager Parker stated that the Solid Waste Fund was very close to being right on budget. City Manager Parker stated that concluded the details on the City's revenues, unless the Council had specific questions.

City Manager Parker stated that City Engineer Chuck Walker was present at the meeting, and would answer any questions that the City Council had regarding the City's projects. City Manager Parker added that the City was wrapping up many of the projects that had recently been underway, and were in the design and letting stage of future projects that had recently been approved.

City Manager Parker then asked Tony Moline to present the last item in the City Manager Report. City Manager Parker stated that the Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce had a request for the City Council to consider. City Manager Parker stated that the matter would not be voted on, but that Staff was seeking direction from the City Council.

Chamber Vice-President Tony Moline stated that the Chamber of Commerce was asking for permission to have a "Business Hall of Fame" at Kurth Memorial Library. Mr. Moline explained that the "Hall of Fame" would honor inductees who had helped shape Angelina County to be the business hub that it was between Houston and Tyler. Mr. Moline stated that the inductees deserved recognition, and that it was a lifelong dream for many of the families to have the

recognition. Mr. Moline added that the "Hall of Fame" would include plaques, and that the Chamber wanted it to be located in a very visible location. Mr. Moline stated that the Kurth Memorial Library was certainly a very visible location in Angelina County that received a lot of traffic, and that the Chamber thought that the Library would be an excellent fit. Mr. Moline added that he would answer any questions or concerns that the City Council had regarding the proposed "Hall of Fame".

Councilmember Rufus Duncan asked if the Chamber of Commerce had discussed the idea with the Kurth Memorial Library Board of Trustees. Mr. Moline stated that the Chamber had not discussed the proposal with the KML Board. City Manager Parker stated that the City Staff had notified Mr. Walter Borgfeld about the idea, and that the KML Board had placed the item on their next agenda. City Manager Parker stated that the "Hall of Fame" fell within the Library Policies, and that the City was going to run it by the KML Board for their recommendation. City Manager Parker added that Mr. Borgfeld had asked Deputy City Manager Keith Wright to find out what the City Council's thoughts were concerning the matter. City Manager Parker stated that the idea was to place bronze plaques for individuals that would be displayed at the entrance of the Library. Mr. Moline stated that the plaques would be a façade of an individuals face, along with the important business contributions that they had made to the area. City Manager Parker added that part of the concept was that the design would fit in with the Lufkin Industries designs that were already located in the Library.

Councilmember Lynn Torres asked if there were a target number of individuals that the Chamber was planning to recognize. Mr. Moline stated that the initial induction would be three (3) individuals each year, with the plan to expand as the facility grew. Mr. Moline added that Kurth Memorial Library should have enough room for at least ten (10) years, or thirty (30) inductees, and possibly more.

Mayor Gorden asked if any of the City Council had any objections or concerns. There were none. Mayor Gorden stated that the concept sounded great and would hopefully grow. Mayor Gorden then thanked Mr. Moline for his work in the Lufkin/Angelina County area.

11. Mayor Jack Gorden recessed the Regular Session at 6:30 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 7:20 p.m.

14. **DISCUSSION OF ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST, INCLUDING EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS, CONGRATULATIONS OR CONDOLENCE; INFORMATION REGARDING HOLIDAY SCHEDULES; HONORARY RECOGNITIONS OF CITY OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES OR OTHER CITIZENS; REMINDERS ABOUT UPCOMING EVENTS SPONSORED BY THE CITY OR OTHER ENTITY THAT IS SCHEDULED TO BE ATTENDED BY CITY OFFICIALS OR EMPLOYEES; AND ANNOUNCEMENTS INVOLVING IMMINENT THREATS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE CITY**

Mayor Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was the discussion of items of community interest, including expressions of thanks, congratulations or condolence; information regarding holiday schedules; honorary recognitions of City officials, employees or other citizens; reminders about upcoming events sponsored by the City or other entity that is scheduled to be attended by City officials or employees; and announcements involving imminent threats to the public health and safety of the City.


Councilmember Lynn Torres requested that Mayor Gorden take her proxy to the upcoming DETCOG Board Meeting on Thursday, August 20, 2009, because she would be welcoming the Lufkin ISD teachers back to school on the day of the meeting. Mayor Gorden stated that

the second round of IKE Funding would be discussed at the DETCOG Meeting, and that he would take proxies for any Board Members that were unable to attend.

City Manager Parker stated that also on Thursday, August 20, 2009, there would be a Lufkin Convention and Tourism Bureau Meeting at 2:00 p.m., at the Lufkin City Hall, Room 202.

City Manager Parker also reminded everyone about the upcoming Texas Municipal League Annual Conference to be held October 20-23, 2009 in Ft. Worth. City Manager Parker explained that City Secretary Renee Thompson had registered the Council, and reserved rooms for the event, and needed to know if anyone was unable to attend..

15. There being no further business for consideration, the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.


Renee Thompson – City Secretary


Jack Gorden, Mayor