

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 6TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2009

On the 6th day of October, 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
Robert Shankle
Lynn Torres
Rufus Duncan
Phil Medford
Paul L. Parker
Keith Wright
Robert Flournoy
Bruce Green
Renee Thompson
Gerald Williamson
Duane Freeman
Doug Wood
Barbara Thompson
Jim Wehmeier
Dale Allred
Chuck Walker

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

being present, and

R. L. Kuykendall

Councilmember, Ward No. 1

being absent, when the following business was transacted:

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Kathy Dunn, First Christian Church.
2. Mayor Jack Gorden welcomed visitors present. Mayor Gorden stated that Boy Scout Troop 136, along with Scoutmasters George Weick and Brad Busler, were present in the audience and asked them to stand and be recognized. Mayor Gorden added that also present in the audience were members of the 2009-2010 Leadership Lufkin Class, and asked them to also stand and be recognized.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 15, 2009, were approved on a motion by Councilmember Lynn Torres, and seconded by Councilmember Robert Shankle. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

NEW BUSINESS

4. PUBLIC HEARING AND A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS BY THE LUFKIN HEALTH FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – APPROVED - TO FINANCE THE COST OF HEALTH FACILITIES FOR MEMORIAL HEALTH SYSTEM OF EAST TEXAS AND WITH RESPECT TO A PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was a Public Hearing and a Resolution approving the issuance of bonds by the Lufkin Health Facilities Development Corporation to finance the cost of health facilities for Memorial Health System of East Texas and with respect to a Public Hearing.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that Memorial Health Systems of East Texas desired to appropriate bonds, not to exceed seventy-five million dollars (\$75,000,000). City Manager Parker explained that the funds were to refinance existing bonds, with some latitude for

additional expenditures. City Manager Parker stated that approval by the City Council did not obligate the City of Lufkin, or cause any financial restraints on the City of Lufkin, but was simply a mechanism to help Memorial Health Systems of East Texas get a more reasonable rate for their bond sales.

Mayor Gorden opened the Public Hearing 5:07 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 5:08 p.m.

Mayor Gorden asked for questions or comments from the Council.

Councilmember Don Langston moved to approve the Resolution approving the issuance of bonds by the Lufkin Health Facilities Development Corporation to finance the cost of health facilities for Memorial Health System of East Texas, and with respect to a Public Hearing. Councilmember Lynn Torres seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

Mayor Gorden commended Memorial Health Systems for all of the work they were doing, and added that this was a big driver for economic development of the City of Lufkin.

5. RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, ELECTING TO BE EXEMPT FOR THE PLAN YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2009, - APPROVED - THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2010, FROM THE HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1996.

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was a Resolution for the City of Lufkin, Texas, electing to be exempt for the plan year beginning October 1, 2009, through September 30, 2010, from the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that the City of Lufkin was self insured, with Blue Cross/Blue Shield as the provider. City Manager Parker explained that because the City was self insured, each year the City opted out of the HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability Act of 1996) requirements because there were some things that were required in the Act that were not covered in the City's health benefits. City Manager Parker stated that most of those items that were not covered were selective and cosmetic surgery that were not directly related to overall health issues. City Manager Parker added that because the City did not cover all of the HIPAA requirements, the Council needed to opt out of the requirements imposed by HIPAA.

Mayor Gorden asked for questions or comments from the Council.

Councilmember Phil Medford moved to approve the Resolution for the City of Lufkin, Texas, electing to be exempt for the plan year beginning October 1, 2009, through September 30, 2010, from the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996. Councilmember Lynn Torres seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2009/2010 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 1), - APPROVED - PROVIDING FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS IN THE POLICE GRANT FUND; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was a Resolution authorizing an amendment to the 2009/2010 Operating Budget (Budget Amendment No. 1), providing for the supplemental appropriation of funds in the Police Grant Fund; and providing an effective date.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that recently the City Council accepted a grant in the amount of ninety-eight thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$98,750), on behalf of the Police Department. City Manager Parker added that the grant proceeds had not become available at that time. City Manager Parker stated that the City was in a new budget year, and to be able to expend the funds the City would have to amend the budget to appropriate the ninety-eight thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$98,750), and allow the Police Department to expend the grant funds. City Manager Parker added that there was no match

required for the grant, and that it was a benefit to the City, and that Staff recommended approval.

Mayor Gorden stated that once again the Council needed to commend the Police Department for their work in finding the grants and applying for them.

Mayor Gorden asked for questions or comments from the Council.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the Resolution authorizing an amendment to the 2009/2010 Operating Budget (Budget Amendment No. 1), providing for the supplemental appropriation of funds in the Police Grant Fund; and providing an effective date. Councilmember Don Langston seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

7. ACCEPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2009 FEDERAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT AND A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2009/2010 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 2), - APPROVED - PROVIDING FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS IN THE POLICE GRANT FUND; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was to accept the Fiscal Year 2009 Federal Justice Assistance Grant and approve a Resolution authorizing an amendment to the 2009/2010 Operating Budget (Budget Amendment No. 2), providing for the supplemental appropriation of funds in the Police Grant Fund; and providing an effective date.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that the City was getting an additional twenty-four thousand twenty-one dollars (\$24,021) from the Department of Justice, with no match required, to provide upgrades to the Communications Center. City Manager Parker added that the Resolution before the Council would allow the City of Lufkin Police Department to spend the twenty-four thousand twenty-one dollars (\$24,021) for the upgrade of equipment in the Police Departments Communications Center. City Manager Parker stated that Staff recommended approval of Budget Amendment No. 2, and acceptance of the grant.

Mayor Gorden asked for questions or comments from the Council.

Councilmember Phil Medford moved to accept the Fiscal Year 2009 Federal Justice Assistance Grant and approve a Resolution authorizing an amendment to the 2009/2010 Operating Budget (Budget Amendment No. 2), providing for the supplemental appropriation of funds in the Police Grant Fund; and providing an effective date. Councilmember Lynn Torres seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

8. ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FROM GOODWIN-LASITER, INC. - APPROVED - FOR CIVIL SURVEYING AND ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE U. S. 59 SOUTH SEWER INTERCEPTOR PROJECT

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was to accept a proposal from Goodwin-Lasiter, Inc. for civil surveying and engineering design services for the U. S. 59 South Sewer Interceptor Project.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that in the recent bond issue there were several projects for improvement of sewer within the City. City Manager Parker added that one (1) of the major projects addressed was the U.S. 59 South Sewer Interceptor Project. City Manager Parker explained that the project would replace approximately five thousand (5000) liner feet of eight inch (8") sewer line, and would allow the City to abandon existing lift stations at the intersection of U.S. 59 South and F.M. 819. City Manager Parker stated that it would also allow for gravity sewer service to a portion of South Lufkin. City Manager Parker stated that the project was funded through Water and Sewer Bonds, and that the Engineering Staff solicited request for proposals from engineering firms. City Manager Parker added that eleven (11) firms responded. City Manager Parker stated that after evaluation and review of the firms, the recommendation of the Engineering Department was to approve a contract with Goodwin Lasiter, Inc., in the amount of seventy-seven thousand two hundred dollars (\$77,200). City Manager Parker added that the original budget estimate for engineering services was one hundred thirty-six thousand two hundred twenty dollars (\$136,220). City

Manager Parker pointed out that the proposal was well below the original estimate. City Manager Parker stated that Staff recommended that the City Council approve a contract with Goodwin Lasiter, Inc., in the amount of seventy-seven thousand two hundred dollars (\$77,200), for the design of the U.S. 59 South Sewer Interceptor Project.

Mayor Gorden asked what the total cost of the project would be, outside of the engineering costs. Deputy City Manager Keith Wright stated that the estimate was one million one hundred thirteen thousand dollars (\$1,113,000), with engineering. City Manager Parker stated that hopefully the cost would be even lower, because projects were coming in lower than was originally predicted.

Mayor Gorden asked for questions or comments from the Council.

Councilmember Don Langston moved to accept a proposal from Goodwin-Lasiter, Inc. for civil surveying and engineering design services for the U. S. 59 South Sewer Interceptor Project. Councilmember Rufus Duncan seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

9. CHANGE THE NAME OF THE LUFKIN CONVENTION AND TOURISM BUREAU - APPROVED - TO THE LUFKIN CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was to change the name of the Lufkin Convention and Tourism Bureau to the Lufkin Convention and Visitors Bureau.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that the City recently made changes in the way the Lufkin Convention and Visitors Bureau was conducted for the City of Lufkin with the appointment of a new committee. City Manager Parker explained that the new committee, at that time, changed the name of the Bureau to the Lufkin Convention and Tourism Bureau, to show a distinction from the “Chamber operated” Lufkin Convention and Visitors Bureau. City Manager Parker stated that the dilemma with the name change was the common name throughout the tourism industry for the organizations was the term “Convention and Visitors Bureau”. City Manager Parker explained that when utilizing search engines on the internet for Convention and Visitors Bureau, the City of Lufkin Bureau would not be displayed. City Manager Parker added that after looking at the Lufkin Convention and Tourism Bureau name, the board was requesting the name be changed to the more common name of Lufkin Convention and Visitors Bureau. City Manager Parker stated that the Tourism Bureau and Staff recommended that the City Council change the name of the Lufkin Convention and Tourism Bureau to the Lufkin Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Mayor Gorden stated that the good news for Lufkin was the Board was alive and well and working to improve and magnify the tourism business and people coming to Lufkin. Mayor Gorden added that some of the Bureau were present in the audience, and asked if any of them wished to speak.

Mr. Greg Shrader, Treasurer for the Lufkin Convention and Visitors Bureau, stated that the Convention and Visitors Bureau nomenclature was the generally accepted name in the business. Mr. Shrader added that the Bureau did some research, and if a person “Googled”, Convention and Visitors Bureau came up approximately thirty (30) times more often than Convention and Tourism Bureau. Mr. Shrader stated that there were some professionals in the business on the Board, and they acknowledged that it would be easier for people to recognize the name “Lufkin Convention and Visitors Bureau”, and the Board respectively and unanimously requested the City Council to make the change.

Mayor Gorden asked for questions or comments from the Council.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to change the name of the Lufkin Convention and Tourism Bureau to the Lufkin Convention and Visitors Bureau. Councilmember Don Langston seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

10. Mayor Jack Gorden recessed the Regular Session at 5:22 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 7:08 p.m.

11. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2009/2010 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 3), - APPROVED - PROVIDING FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS IN THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT OF THE GENERAL FUND; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was a Resolution authorizing an amendment to the 2009/2010 Operating Budget (Budget Amendment No. 3), providing for the supplemental appropriation of funds in the Legal Department of the General Fund; and providing an effective date.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that for over forty (40) years the City of Lufkin had the pleasure of working with City Attorney Bob Flournoy. City Manager Parker added that Attorney Flournoy first came to work as the City Judge, and then continued as the City Attorney. City Manager Parker stated that for the past few years the Council and Staff had discussed that the City of Lufkin had grown in size and complexity for legal matters, to the point that the City was in need of an “in house” City Attorney. City Manager Parker stated that one of the discouraging factors had been that it was difficult to find an “in house” City Attorney with municipal experience and working knowledge. City Manager Parker explained that most attorneys didn’t deal with Civil Service and Municipal Court on a regular basis. City Manager Parker stated that Bruce Green had been working with Attorney Flournoy for the past two (2) years, and had learned many traits from Attorney Flournoy. City Manager Parker added that many discussions had taken place with Attorney Flournoy regarding the hiring of an “in house” City Attorney, and that Attorney Flournoy’s practice precluded him from the consideration. City Manager Parker stated that Staff wanted to look at hiring an “in house” City Attorney, knowing that in the future the City would call on Attorney Flournoy’s memory and expertise, and at times perhaps employ him as a specialty lawyer. City Manager Parker added that the City was not trying to sever relationships with Attorney Flournoy, and in no way was this any reflection on Attorney Flournoy and his ability. City Manager Parker stated that after his forty-one (41) years of service, there was no way to explain what Attorney Flournoy has meant to the City of Lufkin and that there were some regrets in losing the day to day contact, but that Staff knew where he could be found.

City Attorney stated that Bruce Green had been encouraged to apply for the position, because of his knowledge of municipal law. City Manager Parker explained that if the Council approved the Resolution, it would become effective January 4, 2010. City Manager Parker added that the City would post the job to meet the requirements, interview interested individuals, and hopefully have a recommendation from the City Manager to the City Council. City Manager Parker stated that the City of Lufkin Charter stated that the City Attorney was appointed by the City Manager, but confirmed by the City Council. City Manager Parker added that there would be an item on a future agenda to confirm a full-time “in house” legal service for the City of Lufkin. City Manager Parker stated that Staff recommended the Budget Amendment to the City Council. City Manager Parker explained that the Budget Amendment continued the relationship with the law firm of Flournoy & Green until December 31, 2009, and then went with the full-time “in house” City Attorney on January 4, 2010. City Manager Parker stated that Staff recommended that Council approve the Budget Amendment and authorization for the City to advertise and seek a full-time “in house” City Attorney.

Mayor Gorden stated that there was no way for the City and the City Council to thank Attorney Bob Flournoy for his service and the time and effort he had put into being the City Attorney for over forty (40) years. Mayor Gorden added that Attorney Flournoy had been the heart and soul of the City, and that the City wanted to continue that relationship.

Mayor Gorden asked for questions or comments from the Council.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the Resolution authorizing an amendment to the 2009/2010 Operating Budget (Budget Amendment No. 3), providing for the supplemental

appropriation of funds in the Legal Department of the General Fund; and providing an effective date. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

City Manager Parker stated that as the Council had directed, Staff would plan a special reception honoring City Attorney Bob Flournoy for his service. City Manager Parker added that Staff wanted the public to understand that the decision to hire a full-time “in house” City Attorney was no reflection on Attorney Flournoy or his firm. City Manager Parker stated that enough couldn’t be said about the good that Attorney Flournoy had done and the service he has provided to the City.

12. RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER – APPROVED - TO THE ANGELINA COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was a Resolution appointing a member to the Angelina County Appraisal District Board of Directors.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that Councilmember Don Langston’s present term on the Angelina County Appraisal District Board of Directors expired on December 31, 2009. City Manager Parker added that the City Council needed to appoint a representative to serve a two (2) year term which would begin on January 1, 2010 and end on December 31, 2011.

Mayor Gorden asked for questions or comments from the Council.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the Resolution appointing a member to the Angelina County Appraisal District Board of Directors and in the interest of continuity to appoint Don Langston to that Board. Councilmember Phil Medford seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

13. APPOINT A PLANNING COMMITTEE – APPROVED - FOR THE PINES THEATER

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was to appoint a Planning Committee for the Pines Theater.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that the City of Lufkin had recently purchased the Pines Theater. City Manager Parker added that the City was in the final stages of restoring the front of the theater and putting on a new roof to save further damage from occurring to the theater. City Manager Parker stated that at this time a committee of citizens needed to be formed to assist with developing the concept of what the theater should represent, to determine the type of functions that should take place at the theater, and the vision of what the theater could mean to the community. City Manager Parker stated that Staff had recommended that the City Council should appoint a committee that could begin working to get input from the community, as well as individuals to develop a visionary approach to determine how the Pines Theater should be developed, what the Theater should be used for, and the primary functions of the Theater. City Manager Parker explained that the committee should serve in an advisory capacity to bring suggestions back to the City Council for final approval.

Mayor Gorden asked for questions or comments from the Council.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved authorize Mayor Gorden to appoint an ad hoc Planning Committee for the Pines Theater. Councilmember Rufus Duncan seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

14. APPOINTMENT – APPROVED - TO THE KURTH MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was an appointment to the Kurth Memorial Library Board of Trustees

City Manager Paul Parker stated that recently Ms. Ella Kegler, who was President and a member of the Kurth Memorial Library Board of Trustees, resigned her position from the Board. City Manager Parker added that the agreement between the City of Lufkin and the

Kurth Memorial Library Board of Trustees was that the Board would make a recommendation for replacement, which would be confirmed by the City Council. City Manager Parker stated that the Board recently nominated Erin Davis Hudson to fill the vacancy on the Board. City Manager Parker added that Ms. Hudson's bio was in the Council packet. City Manager Parker stated that Ms. Hudson was a lifelong resident of Lufkin and had served as a primary teacher for Lufkin ISD, and most recently as a Literacy Specialist for Lufkin ISD. City Manager Parker stated that Staff recommended that the City Council confirm the appointment of Erin Hudson to fulfill the unexpired term of Ella Kegler on the Kurth Memorial Library Board of Trustees.

Mayor Gorden asked for questions or comments from the Council.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to appoint Erin Hudson to fill the vacancy created with the resignation of Ella Kegler. Councilmember Phil Medford seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

15. MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING THE KURTH MEMORIAL LIBRARY LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE AND APPOINTING THE CITY'S BOARD REPRESENTATIVES - APPROVED

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was a Memorandum of Agreement establishing the Kurth Memorial Library Long Range Planning Committee and appointing the City's board representatives.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that at a recent City Council Meeting the Kurth Memorial Library Literacy Advisory Council made a presentation concerning the long range development of Kurth Memorial Library. City Manager Parker added that the Literacy Advisory Council's concepts ranged from future development and plans, to concepts of how the space could be utilized within the Library. City Manager Parker explained that the concepts even included the possibility of having a coffee shop in the Library. City Manager Parker stated that the Literacy Advisory Committee requested that the City Council and the Kurth Memorial Library Board appoint a formal Long Range Planning Committee. City Manager Parker stated that Walter Borgfeld, President of the Kurth Memorial Library Board had been asked to draft the Memorandum of Understanding that was included in the City Council Packet, outlining the role and responsibilities of the committee and pointing out that the Committee served as an advisory board to the Kurth Memorial Library Board of Trustees and to the City Council. City Manager Parker added that he and Mr. Borgfeld had agreed that the Committee should consist of five members and were making that recommendation to the KML Board of Trustees and the City Council for consideration. City Manager Parker stated that Staff recommended that the City Council appoint two (2) members to the Long Range Planning Committee, with one (1) of the members being a City Councilmember and the other could be another City Councilmember or at large. City Manager Parker recommended that the City Council adopt the Memorandum of Understanding as well as appoint two (2) members to the Kurth Memorial Library Long Range Planning Committee.

Mayor Gorden asked for questions or comments from the Council.

Councilmember Phil Medford moved to approve a Memorandum of Agreement establishing the Kurth Memorial Library Long Range Planning Committee and to appoint Lynn Torres and James Yeates as the City's board representatives. Councilmember Don Langston seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

16. APPOINTMENT – APPROVED - TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was an appointment to the Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that whenever the City Council did their yearly appointments to Boards and Committees the City did not have an applicant for one (1) vacant position for the alternate position on the Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals. City Manager Parker stated that Mr. Larry Dubose had recently filled out an application and stated his desire in becoming more active in the community and serving on this Board. City Manager Parker added that Staff recommended that City Council appoint Mr. Larry Dubose

to serve as an alternate member on the Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals. City Manager Parker stated that this Board had five (5) members and two (2) alternates. City Manager Parker explained that state law it required at least four (4) members present to vote on any requirement, and was why the board had two (2) alternates. City Manager Parker furthered that there had to be at least four (4) members present to vote on an appeal. City Manager Parker then recommended that the City Council appoint Mr. Larry Dubose to serve on the Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals.

Mayor Gorden asked for questions or comments from the Council.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to appoint Larry Dubose to the Zoning board of Adjustment and Appeals. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

17. 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.

City Manager Parker stated that the Council had their calendars and that there were many events coming up, including the upcoming Texas Municipal League Conference.

Councilmember Don Langston pointed out that the recognition items in the back of the City Council packets. City Manager Parker stated that the City of Lufkin Finance Department received a "Certificate of Recognition" for Budget Preparation this year. City Manager Parker added that the Finance Department had received this recognition for several years in a row. City Manager Parker stated that it showed how detailed the City of Lufkin Budget was and how it was recognized. City Manager Parker stated that Doug Wood, Belinda Southern and Robbin Crawford and all of the people who worked in the Finance Department worked so hard on the budget, by putting it together and getting it printed. City Manager Parker stated that this reflected how they were recognized by the State. City Manager Parker stated that the City also received the award for Financial Reporting Achievement. City Manager Parker explained that the City had excellent reporting of its finances, supply budgets, and meet all of the requirements for municipal accounting.

Mayor Gorden requested that City Manager Parker congratulate the Finance Department on a job well done.

18. There being no further business for consideration, the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.


Renee Thompson – City Secretary


Jack Gorden, Mayor