MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 21ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2010

On the 21st day of December, 2010, 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
Don Langston	Mayor Pro-Tem
Victor Travis	Councilmember, Ward No. 1
Robert Shankle	Councilmember, Ward No. 2
Lynn Torres	Councilmember, Ward No. 3
Rufus Duncan	Councilmember, Ward No. 5
Phil Medford	Councilmember, Ward No. 6
Paul L. Parker	City Manager
Keith Wright	Deputy City Manager
Bruce Green	City Attorney
Renee Thompson	City Secretary
Rodney Ivy	Human Resource Director
Scott Marcotte	Police Chief
Danny Kistner	Fire Chief
Doug Wood	Finance Director
Steve Floyd	Public Works Director
Barbara Thompson	Main Street Director
Jim Wehmeier	Economic Development Director
Dale Allred	Inspection Services Director
Chuck Walker	Public Utilities Director
Trent Cantrell	Planner
J. B. Smith	Police Detective

being present, when the following business was transacted:

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor David Craig, Lufkin First Church of the Nazarene.

2. Mayor Jack Gorden welcomed visitors present.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 7, 2010 were approved on a motion by Councilmember Lynn Torres, and seconded by Councilmember Robert Shankle. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

OLD BUSINESS:

4. SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING MAXIMUM SPEEDS OF MOTOR VEHICLES FROM LOOP 287 TO A POINT APPROXIMATELY 2.226 MILES SOUTHWARD, - APPROVED - THE SPEED LIMIT SHALL BE FIFTY-FIVE (55) MILES PER HOUR IN EITHER DIRECTION AND FROM A POINT APPROXIMATELY 2.226 MILES SOUTH OF LOOP 287 TO THE SOUTH LUFKIN CITY LIMITS, A DISTANCE OF 2.156 MILES THE SPEED LIMIT SHALL BE SIXTY (60) MILES PER HOUR IN EITHER DIRECTION

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was the Second Reading of an Ordinance establishing maximum speeds of motor vehicles from Loop 287 to a point approximately 2.226 miles southward, the speed limit shall be fifty-five (55) miles per hour in either direction and from a point approximately 2.226 miles south of Loop 287 to the South Lufkin City Limits, a distance of 2.156 miles the speed limit shall be sixty (60) miles per hour in either direction.

Mayor Gorden asked for questions or comments from the Council.

Councilmember Phil Medford moved to approve the Second Reading of the Ordinance establishing maximum speeds of motor vehicles from Loop 287 to a point approximately 2.226 miles southward, the speed limit shall be fifty-five (55) miles per hour in either direction and from a point approximately 2.226 miles south of Loop 287 to the South Lufkin City Limits, a distance of 2.156 miles the speed limit shall be sixty (60) miles per hour in either direction. Councilmember Lynn Torres seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

5. <u>SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, - APPROVED - REGULATING THE ACTIVITIES ON AND ADJACENT TO KURTH LAKE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE</u>

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was the Second Reading of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lufkin, Texas, regulating the activities on and adjacent to Kurth Lake; and providing for an effective date.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that regulations had been in place for activities on and adjacent to Kurth Lake, but had not been in Ordinance form for the City of Lufkin. City Manager Parker explained that by placing the regulations in Ordinance form, it would give more enforcement power to them. City Manager Parker stated that the regulations basically prohibited hunting, swimming and other activities in and around the lake. City Manager Parker added that the Ordinance would also regulate the fishing, and how the City would regulate the use of the lake. City Manager Parker stated that Staff would answer any questions that the City Council had regarding the Ordinance.

Mayor Gorden asked for questions or comments from the Council.

Councilmember Don Langston moved to approve the Second Reading of the Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lufkin, Texas, regulating the activities on and adjacent to Kurth Lake; and providing for an effective date. Councilmember Rufus Duncan seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

<u>NEW BUSINESS:</u>

6. <u>ADMINISTER THE OATH OF OFFICE TO RANDY BURNS AND RANDY MCBRAYER FOR THE CITY OF LUFKIN POLICE DEPARTMENT BY THE HONORABLE MAYOR JACK GORDEN</u>

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item was to administer the Oath of office to Randy Burns and Randy McBrayer for the City of Lufkin Police Department.

Honorable Mayor Jack Gorden then administered the Oath of Office to City of Lufkin Police Officers Randy Burns and Randy Brayer. Mayor Gorden then congratulated the Policemen and thanked them for their service to the City of Lufkin.

7. <u>PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, - APPROVED - BY CHANGING THE ZONING DESIGNATION ON CERTAIN TRACTS OR PARCELS OF LAND WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, BEING 20.232 ACRES DESCRIBED AS LOT 1, BLOCK 1 OF THE SBRJ, INC. ADDITION, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY PLANNER TO MAKE SUCH CHANGES ON THE OFFICIAL MAP</u>

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 on certain tracts or parcels of land within the corporate limits of the City of Lufkin, Texas, being 20.232 acres described as Lot 1, Block 1 of the SBRJ, Inc. Addition, and authorizing the City Planner to make such changes on the Official Map.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that Mark Hicks was requesting a zone change from "Commercial" to "Light Manufacturing" at 1514 West Frank Avenue, better known as the old Perco building. City Manager Parker added that the property was currently zoned as

"Commercial", with a Special Use Permit for a "Telecommunications Tower", which would remain, even with the zone change. City Manager Parker stated that the properties to the east and south of the subject property, located across West Frank Avenue, were zoned "Commercial". City Manager Parker added that the property to the west was zoned "Light Manufacturing" and properties to the north, across the Texas South-Eastern Railroad right-of-way were zoned "Heavy Manufacturing" and "Residential Large Single Family Dwelling". City Manager Parker stated that there was also an existing two hundred thousand (200,000) square foot warehouse and a truck terminal. City Manager Parker added that one (1) of the aspects of the zoning would allow outdoor signage and the Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff unanimously recommended the zone change to the City Council for their approval.

Mayor Gorden asked for questions or comments from the Council. There was discussion among the Mayor, Staff and Council concerning the signage in the area.

Mayor Gorden opened the Public Hearing at 5:16 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 5:17 p.m.

Mayor Gorden asked again for questions or comments from the Council. There were additional comments among the Council concerning the signage for the area.

Councilmember Phil Medford moved to approve the First Reading of the Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Lufkin, Texas, by changing the zoning designation on certain tracts or parcels of land within the corporate limits of the City of Lufkin, Texas, being 20.232 acres described as Lot 1, Block 1 of the SBRJ, Inc. Addition, 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.

8. **DONATION FROM THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LUFKIN TO THE LUFKIN POLICE DEPARTMENT'S GANG RESISTANCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING (GREAT) IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS ($3,000) AND A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2010/2011 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 11), - APPROVED - PROVIDING FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS IN THE POLICE GRANTS FUND; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was a donation from the Junior League of Lufkin to the Lufkin Police Department's Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT) in the amount of three thousand dollars ($3,000) and a Resolution authorizing an amendment to the 2010/2011 Operating Budget (Budget Amendment No. 11), providing for the supplemental appropriation of funds in the Police Grants Fund; and providing an effective date.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that it was the seventh (7th) year that the Junior Service League of Lufkin had stepped forward with a grant to the Police Department for the Gang Resistance and Education Training (GREAT) Program. City Manager Parker added that this had been of great assistance to the Lufkin Police Department, and that the City of Lufkin appreciated the Junior League's continued dedication to the Police Department and the GREAT Program. City Manager Parker then recommended that the City Council accept the three thousand dollars ($3,000), and authorize the Police Department to spend the funds in relation to the Gang Resistance and Education Training Program.

Mayor Gorden stated that the donation was just one of the many things that the Junior Service League of Lufkin did for the community. Mayor Gorden asked for questions or comments from the Council.

Councilmember Don Langston moved to accept the donation from the Junior League of Lufkin to the Lufkin Police Department's Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT) in the amount of three thousand dollars ($3,000) and approve a Resolution authorizing an amendment to the 2010/2011 Operating Budget (Budget Amendment No. 11), providing for the supplemental appropriation of funds in the Police Grants Fund; and providing an effective date. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

9. <u>INTERLOCAL WATER USE AGREEMENT AND A WATER DISTRIBUTION AGREEMENT - APPROVED - BETWEEN THE CITY OF LUFKIN AND THE LOWER NECHES VALLEY AUTHORITY</u>

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was an Interlocal Water Use Agreement and a Water Distribution Agreement between the City of Lufkin and the Lower Neches Valley Authority.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that several Council Members had been assisting the City by meeting with the Lower Neches Valley Authority (LNVA). City Manager Parker added that the Council Members had attended several meetings over a period of time regarding the water rights on Lake Sam Rayburn. City Manager Parker stated that the City of Lufkin presently had twenty-eight thousand (28,000) acre feet of water usage daily from the Sam Rayburn Reservoir. City Manager Parker then explained that currently the City of Lufkin was the only entity that had permission to draw water from the lake. City Manager Parker stated that the Lower Neches Valley Authority water rights were down stream, after the water went through the hydraulic generators at the dam. City Manager Parker added that there had been some users identified that had come to LNVA wanting water rights, and then LNVA approached the City about potential partnering, marketing, providing the service, and using the City's water rights. City Manager Parker furthered that with the great investment that the City Council had made two (2) years ago, with the purchase of the Abitibi water rights, the City's immediate need for water rights was no longer imperative as it once was. City Manager Parker explained that the agreement would allow the City to market and utilize part of the City's water, and at the same time assist the City in maintaining its rights in the future. City Manager Parker added that the City would partner with LNVA and would receive twenty-five percent (25%) of the gross revenues. City Manager Parker stated that Staff recommended that the City enter into a five (5) year agreement with LNVA to market the City's water rights and would receive twenty-five percent (25%) of the gross water right sales, and that the contract was renewable if both parties agreed at the termination of the initial five (5) years.

Mayor Gorden asked for questions or comments from the Council. There was some discussion among the City Council, Mayor and City Manager concerning the contract.

Councilmember Rufus Duncan moved to approve the Interlocal Water Use Agreement and a Water Distribution Agreement between the City of Lufkin and the Lower Neches Valley Authority. Councilmember Don Langston seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

10. <u>HIRE A PART-TIME CERTIFIED PEACE OFFICER TO WORK WITH MUNICIPAL COURT ON WARRANT RELATED ACTIVITIES AND REVIEW OF THE RED-LIGHT CAMERA PROGRAM AND A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2010/2011 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 8), - APPROVED - PROVIDING FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS IN THE GENERAL FUND; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE</u>

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was to hire a part-time certified peace officer to work with Municipal Court on warrant related activities and review of the red-light camera program and a Resolution authorizing an amendment to the 2010/2011 Operating Budget (Budget Amendment No. 8), providing for the supplemental appropriation of funds in the General Fund; and providing an effective date.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that the Council would recall that at one (1) of the City's budget meetings the decision was made to shift personnel that were handling the "photo enhancement/red light" citations from the Police Department to the Municipal Court. City Manager Parker explained that most people receiving citations went to Municipal Court to take care of the ticket. City Manager Parker added that the person would then have to wait to see Sergeant Walker, and would then take Sergeant Walker away from his primary duties in the Traffic Division. City Manager Parker stated that as the program began, the City's Warrant Officer became overloaded with responsibilities as a Warrant Officer and also serving whenever Municipal Court was in session. City Manager Parker stated that Staff was recommending that the City could utilize a retired Police Officer, and someone that had experience and knew the City's system, and could come in and concentrate entirely on the warrants by writing letters and making sure that the program was taken care of. City Manager Parker added that the funding for the personnel could be appropriated from the revenue generated from the citations through the "red light camera program". City Manager Parker stated that Staff recommended that the City Council authorize a "part time" Warrant Officer position in the amount of twelve thousand dollars ($12,000) annually.

Mayor Gorden asked for questions or comments from the Council. There was some discussion among the Mayor, Council, Staff and City Manager regarding the position.

Councilmember Don Langston moved to approve the hiring of a part-time certified peace officer to work with Municipal Court on warrant related activities and review of the red-light camera program and a Resolution authorizing an amendment to the 2010/2011 Operating Budget (Budget Amendment No. 8), providing for the supplemental appropriation of funds in the General Fund; and providing an effective date. Councilmember Lynn Torres seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

11. **APPROPRIATION OF SEVENTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS ($17,000) FROM THE TECHNOLOGY FUND TO PURCHASE THREE (3) AUTOCITE AUTOMATED TICKET DEVICES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2010/2011 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 9), - APPROVED - PROVIDING FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT SECURITY/TECHNOLOGY FUND; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was the appropriation of seventeen thousand dollars ($17,000) from the Technology Fund to purchase three (3) Autocite automated ticket devices for the Police Department and approve a Resolution authorizing an amendment to the 2010/2011 Operating Budget (Budget Amendment No. 9), providing for the supplemental appropriation of funds in the Municipal Court Security/Technology Fund; and providing an effective date.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that to improve efficiency in Municipal Court and eliminate errors from manually entering data, Staff was requesting that the Council appropriate seventeen thousand dollars ($17,000) from the Technology Fund to purchase three (3) "Autocite" automated ticket devices. City Manager Parker added that the Traffic Division of the Police Department already had the "Autocite" automated ticket devices that automatically upload the information into the system. City Manager Parker explained that the manually entered data was a very time consuming process, and that Staff was hoping to have the "Autocite" devices in all of the City's patrol cars in the next two (2) years.

City Manager Parker stated that Staff was requesting to purchase three (3) of the "Autocite" devices, if approved. City Manager Parker added that the Police Department was also planning to purchase three (3) of the devices through their budget. City Manager Parker stated that the City hoped to have the "Autocite" devices in each of the patrol units by the following year. City Manager Parker pointed out that the Municipal Court was currently heavily burdened with paperwork and that hopefully the devices would relieve that burden. City Manager Parker added that the funding would come from the Technology Fund that was generated from traffic tickets.

Mayor Gorden asked for questions or comments from the Council.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to appropriate seventeen thousand dollars ($17,000) from the Technology Fund to purchase three (3) Autocite automated ticket devices for the Police Department and approve a Resolution authorizing an amendment to the 2010/2011 Operating Budget (Budget Amendment No. 9), providing for the supplemental appropriation of funds in the Municipal Court Security/Technology Fund; and providing an effective date. Councilmember Phil Medford seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

12. **PURCHASE OF SEVEN (7) PICKUPS FROM THE FY 2011 AMORTIZATION FUND - APPROVED - IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO THOUSAND SEVENTY-TWO DOLLARS ($162,072)**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was the purchase of seven (7) pickups from the FY 2011 Amortization Fund in the total amount of one hundred sixty-two thousand seventy-two dollars ($162,072).

City Manager Paul Parker stated that Staff had combined the purchase of "like" units to minimize the cost and fees that were paid to HGAC whenever the City purchased equipment through the BuyBoard. City Manager Parker added that the City was proposing the purchase of seven (7) vehicles, all of which were reviewed by the Fleet Maintenance Department. City Manager Parker stated that all of the vehicles being replaced were high mileage and were incurring a lot of maintenance and needed replacing. City Manager added that the existing units would be taken out of service and would be sold in the next City's auction. City Manager Parker stated that Staff was recommending that the Council approve the purchase of two (2) one (1) ton crew cabs with utility beds for Water and Sewer, in the amount of twenty-seven thousand four hundred eleven dollars ($27,411) each; one (1) one (1) ton pickup for the street striping machine in the Street Department, in the amount of twenty-two thousand sixty-six dollars ($22,066); two (2) ¾ ton utility bed pickups for the Water and Sewer Department, in the amount of twenty-four thousand nine dollars ($24,009) each; one (1) ½ ton extended cab SWB pickup for the Engineering Department, in the amount of sixteen thousand nine hundred thirteen dollars ($16,913); and one (1) ½ ton pickup with slide in cage for Animal Control, in the amount of twenty thousand two hundred fifty-three dollars ($20,253), for a total amount of one hundred sixty-two thousand seventy-two dollars ($162,072). City Manager Parker stated that Staff recommended that the City Council approve the purchase of the seven (7) vehicles with related equipment.

Mayor Gorden asked for questions or comments from the Council. There was some discussion between the Mayor and Staff regarding the vehicles that were being replaced and the HGAC fees.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the purchase of seven (7) pickups from the FY 2011 Amortization Fund in the total amount of one hundred sixty-two thousand seventy-two dollars ($162,072). Councilmember Don Langston seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

13. **BUDGET TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT THOUSAND TEN DOLLARS ($158,010) FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE HYDRAULIC LIFT ARMS ON THE RESIDENTIAL COLLECTION FLEET FOR THE SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT AND A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2010/2011 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 10), - APPROVED - PROVIDING FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS IN THE SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING AND THE EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION AND REPLACEMENT FUND, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was a budget transfer in the amount of one hundred fifty-eight thousand ten dollars ($158,010) for the replacement of the hydraulic lift arms on the residential collection fleet for the Solid Waste Department and a Resolution authorizing an amendment to the 2010/2011 Operating Budget (Budget Amendment No. 10), providing for the supplemental appropriation of funds in the Solid Waste and Recycling and the Equipment Acquisition and Replacement Fund, and providing an effective date.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that whenever the Amortization Fund was set up, each department would put in funds equal to one (1) year of the life of the vehicle out of their Operating Budget. City Manager Parker added that the Residential Solid Waste vehicles were on a forty-eight (48) month replacement schedule, which meant that each year one quarter (1/4) of the total replacement value would be put into the Amortization Fund. City Manager Parker stated that in this case, the number was two hundred seventy-eight thousand one hundred thirty-six dollars ($278,136), that came from the Solid Waste Operating Budget and was placed in the Amortization Fund. City Manager Parker explained that Staff reviewed the vehicles and discovered that the chassis and body on the trucks were in good condition, but the hydraulic lift arms were experiencing mechanical problems. City Manager Parker stated that the mechanism had been improved, and Staff believed that with the purchase of six (6) new mechanisms, in the amount of twenty-six thousand three hundred thirty-five dollars ($26,335) each, or a total of one hundred fifty-eight thousand ten dollars ($158,010), the life of the vehicles could be stretched for approximately an extra eighteen (18) months. City Manager Parker reiterated that the total cost would be in the amount of one hundred fifty-eight thousand ten dollars ($158,010), or well below the amount being contributed to the Amortization Fund for one (1) year. City Manager Parker stated that Staff recommended that instead of purchasing six (6) new units, the City purchase six (6) complete lift arms with hydraulic pump replacements for the six (6) existing residential trucks and postpone purchasing new trucks for twelve (12) to eighteen (18) months. City Manager Parker added that the total savings to the City would come to approximately one hundred twenty thousand dollars ($120,000) for one (1) year.

Mayor Gorden asked for questions or comments from the Council. There was some discussion among the Mayor, Council and City Manager regarding the vehicles.

Councilmember Victor Travis moved to approve the budget transfer in the amount of one hundred fifty-eight thousand ten dollars ($158,010) for the replacement of the hydraulic lift arms on the residential collection fleet for the Solid Waste Department and a Resolution authorizing an amendment to the 2010/2011 Operating Budget (Budget Amendment No. 10), providing for the supplemental appropriation of funds in the Solid Waste and Recycling and the Equipment Acquisition and Replacement Fund, and providing an effective date. Councilmember Don Langston seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

14. APPOINTMENT OF KEITH WRIGHT – APPROVED - TO THE PINEYWOODS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was the appointment of Keith Wright to the Pineywoods Groundwater Conservation District.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that in the past, the City Council had appointed Deputy City Manager Keith Wright to the Pineywoods Groundwater Conservation District, as the representative for the City of Lufkin. City Manager Parker added that Deputy City Manager Wright currently was the Chairperson for that Committee. City Manager Parker stated that Staff recommended that the City Council reappoint Deputy City Manager Wright to the Pineywoods Groundwater Conservation District.

Mayor Gorden asked for questions or comments from the Council.

Councilmember Don Langston moved to approve the appointment of Keith Wright to the Pineywoods Groundwater Conservation District. Councilmember Lynn Torres seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

15. 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 the City's Financial Report was in the Council Packet, and that it was early in the fiscal year and currently the financial projections for the City was good. City Manager Parker added that the Sales Tax was slightly down last month for the first time in about six (6) months, but that there had been an audit adjustment that had been part of the reason for the decline. City Manager Parker stated that the remainder of the City's finances looked very positive, and that he would answer any questions that the Council had regarding the Financial Report.

City Manager Parker stated that the City Council had the new CIP Report for the year. City Manager Parker stated that if the Council had any questions on any Project Status that he would answer them. City Manager Parker added that the Zoo Circle Project was moving along well and that the second phase of that project had been started. City Manager Parker stated that Staff had met with the architects on the Civic Center expansion and hoped to be able to go out for bids for the parking lot in January 2011, and the facility in March, 2011. City Manager Parker stated that Staff would give the City Council more information as soon as the City received a firm budget estimate, because the last estimate had exceeded the funding by approximately eight hundred thousand dollars ($800,000). City Manager Parker added that he wanted to give the Council the advance notice that there was shortfall at the present time regarding the funding for that project. Councilmember Don Langston asked that the architect be put on notice to keep the project on budget. City Manager Parker stated that the Building Committee and the Council would have to cut back on a few items, and Staff could set up a time for the Building Committee to look at the project again in January, 2011. City Manager Parker added that part of the shortfall was due to the open patio concept. City Manager Parker reiterated that the Committee would meet again and bring the information back to the City Council before sending the project out for bids. City Manager Parker stated that he would answer any questions the Council had regarding the Project Status.

16. Mayor Jack Gorden recessed the Regular Session at 5:41 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 6:03 p.m.

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 he hoped everyone would have a safe and Merry Christmas. Councilmember Rufus Duncan stated that he was very impressed with Staff about the savings on the Residential Solid Waste vehicles. Councilmember Duncan added that Staff had also gotten extremely good prices on the hydraulic lift arms with pump replacements. City Manager Parker stated that Staff did a very good job in looking at every piece of equipment. Mayor Gorden then commended Mr. Randy Cadwell on the terrific video he had made of the Christmas lights in Lufkin, and also wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

18. There being no further business for consideration, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Jack Gorden

Jack Gorden, Mayor

Renee Thompson

Renee Thompson – City Secretary