

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2012**

On the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012, 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  
Victor Travis  
Robert Shankle  
Lynn Torres  
Sarah Murray  
Paul L. Parker  
Keith Wright  
Bruce Green  
Kara Atwood  
Gerald Williamson  
Ted Lovett  
Belinda Southern  
Rodney Ivy  
Dorothy Wilson  
Steve Floyd  
Chuck Walker  
Barbara Thompson  
Jim Wehmeier  
Dale Allred

Mayor  
Mayor Pro-Tem  
Councilmember, Ward No. 1  
Councilmember, Ward No. 2  
Councilmember, Ward No. 3  
Councilmember, Ward No. 6  
City Manager  
Deputy City Manager  
City Attorney  
City Secretary  
Assistant Police Chief  
Fire Chief  
Finance Director  
Human Resources Director  
Planning Director  
Public Works Director  
City Engineer  
Main Street Director  
Economic Development Director  
Inspection Services Director

being present, and

Rufus Duncan

Councilmember, Ward No. 5

being absent when the following business was transacted.

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by Bro. Steve Killam, St. Paul's United Methodist Church.
2. Mayor Jack Gorden welcomed visitors present.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012 were approved on a motion by Councilmember Lynn Torres and seconded by Councilmember Victor Travis. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

4. **PRESENTATION TO TINO VILLASANA FOR HIS THIRTEEN (13) YEARS OF SERVICE ON THE LUFKIN FIREMEN'S RELIEF & RETIREMENT BOARD OF TRUSTEES.**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item on the agenda was a presentation to Tino Villasana for his thirteen (13) years of dedicated service to the Lufkin Firemen's Relief and Retirement Board of Trustees.

Mayor Gorden recognized members from the Board of Trustees that were present including Stanley New and Lufkin Firefighter Joe Clark. Mayor Gorden continued that Tino Villasana had served on the Lufkin Firemen's Relief and Retirement Board of Trustees for thirteen (13) years and that he had been a valuable member of the Board since its beginning. Mayor Gorden then presented Mr. Villasana with a plaque from the Board of Trustees and the City of Lufkin, along with a State of Texas Flag and letter from Ms. Sherry Walker, Commissioner of the Texas Fire Pension Commission in recognition of Mr. Villasana's efforts. Mr. Villasana expressed his appreciation for the recognition and thanked the Council for their support and service to the community.

**5. PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION BY MAYOR JACK GORDEN DECLARING MARCH 12, 2012 AS "GIRL SCOUTS CENTENNIAL DAY".**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated the next item on the agenda was the presentation of a Proclamation declaring March 12, 2012 as "Girl Scouts Centennial Day" in the City of Lufkin.

Mayor Gorden stated that Ms. Dawn Francis was present as spokesperson for the Girl Scouts and asked her and the Girl Scouts present to come forward to receive the proclamation. Ms. Francis stated that the Girls Scouts were celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and there were approximately three hundred (300) Girls Scouts in Angelina County. Ms. Francis then thanked the City for the proclamation and presentation. Mayor Gorden commended all the Girl Scouts and presented the proclamation that declared March 12, 2012 as "Girl Scouts Centennial Day" in the City of Lufkin.

**TABLED BUSINESS:**

**6. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, BY CHANGING THE ZONING DESIGNATION OF A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS DESCRIBED AS LOTS 1-16 OF BLOCK 4 OF THE HERTY SUBDIVISION AND LOTS 9-11 OF BLOCK 3 OF THE HERTY SUBDIVISION AND MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE 3400 BLOCK OF PAUL AVENUE, 3400 BLOCK OF EDWARDS STREET AND 3501, 3503, 3505 EDWARDS STREET FROM "RESIDENTIAL SMALL SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING" DISTRICT TO "COMMERCIAL" AND CHANGING THE 2001 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE MAP TO "RETAIL" AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY PLANNER TO MAKE SUCH CHANGES ON THE OFFICIAL MAP – APPROVED.**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next agenda item for consideration was to conduct a Public Hearing and consider on First Reading an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Lufkin, Texas, by changing the zoning designation of a certain tract of land within the corporate limits of the City of Lufkin, Texas described as Lots 1-16 of Block 4 of the Herty Subdivision and Lots 9-11 of Block 3 of the Herty Subdivision and more commonly known as the 3400 block of Paul Avenue, 3400 block of Edwards Street and 3501, 3503, 3505 Edwards Street from "Residential Small Single Family Dwelling" district to "Commercial" and changing the 2001 Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map to "Retail" and authorizing the City Planner to make such changes on the Official Map.

City Manager Paul Parker stated this was a request from Polk Oil Co. and that Council had chosen to table the item previously due to concerns from neighbors regarding ingress and egress on the smaller residential streets. City Manager Parker continued that Mr. Eric Rich of Polk Oil Co. had spoken to the residents and the residents had confirmed to Councilmember Robert Shankle that they would not be opposed to the zone change request as long as access was restricted from Edwards Street and Lowe Street, except in an emergency; and the main access points to the property would be from Paul Avenue and Highway 103. Councilmember Robert Shankle confirmed that, yes that was correct.

Mayor Gorden opened the Public Hearing at 5:18 p.m. and asked anyone who wished to speak on the item to please step forward. Mr. Eric Rich, agent for Polk Oil Co., spoke in favor of the request and stated that he had spoken to the neighbors, including Ms. Joreena Hood, a resident who spoke against the request at the previous Council meeting. Mr. Rich continued that the property would in fact have restrictions that limited access as stated previously. Mr. Rich furthered that the proposed business to be located at the property would not be a retail business, such as a truck stop, but a private trucking company. Mr. Rich stated he would be glad to answer any questions. Councilmember Sarah Murray clarified the number of trucks that would be located at the business. Mr. Rich stated that approximately twelve (12) trucks would be at the business. Councilmember Lynn Torres asked if these trucks were eighteen (18) wheeler trucks. Mr. Rich confirmed that they were tractor-trailer trucks and the owner's intent was to relocate his trucking company to the property. Councilmember Don Langston stated that he had driven through the neighborhood and believed the property owner and neighbors had reached a fair compromise.

There being no one further who wished to speak, Mayor Gorden closed the Public Hearing at 5:22 p.m.

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

Councilmember Robert Shankle moved to approve on First Reading an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Lufkin, Texas, by changing the zoning designation of a certain tract of land within the corporate limits of the City of Lufkin, Texas described as Lots 1-16 of Block 4 of the Herty Subdivision and Lots 9-11 of Block 3 of the Herty Subdivision and more commonly known as the 3400 block of Paul Avenue, 3400 block of Edwards Street and 3501, 3503, 3505 Edwards Street from "Residential Small Single Family Dwelling" district to "Commercial" and changing the 2001 Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map to "Retail" and authorizing the City Planner to make such changes on the Official Map. Councilmember Lynn Torres seconded the motion. A unanimous vote was recorded.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

7. **PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS BY CHANGING THE ZONING DESIGNATION OF A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, DESCRIBED AS LOT NO. 1 OF OAK SUBDIVISION, AND LOT NO. 2-A AND 2-B OF OAK SUBDIVISION NO. 2 AND MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 1502 SOUTH JOHN REDDITT DRIVE, 1501 HANKS STREET AND 1503 HANKS STREET FOR A TOTAL OF 1.072 ACRES FROM "NEIGHBORHOOD RETAIL" TO "LOCAL BUSINESS" AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY PLANNER TO MAKE SUCH CHANGES ON THE OFFICIAL MAP – APPROVED.**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated the next item on the agenda was to conduct a Public Hearing and consider on Second Reading an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Lufkin, Texas by changing the zoning designation of a certain tract of land within the corporate limits of the City of Lufkin, Texas, described as Lot No. 1 of Oak Subdivision, and Lot No. 2-A and 2-B of Oak Subdivision No. 2 and more commonly known as 1502 South John Redditt Drive, 1501 Hanks Street and 1503 Hanks Street for a total of 1.072 acres from "Neighborhood Retail" to "Local Business" and authorizing the City Planner to make such changes on the Official Map.

City Manager Paul Parker stated this was the Second Reading of the request by Orion Properties to rezone the stated properties to "Local Business" primarily to increase leasing opportunities. City Manager Parker concluded that Staff and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval.

Mayor Gorden opened the Public Hearing at 5:23 p.m. and asked anyone who wished to speak on the item to please step forward. There being no one who wished to speak, Mayor Gorden closed the Public Hearing at 5:24 p.m.

Councilmember Victor Travis moved to approve on Second Reading an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Lufkin, Texas by changing the zoning designation of a certain tract of land within the corporate limits of the City of Lufkin, Texas, described as Lot No. 1 of Oak Subdivision, and Lot No. 2-A and 2-B of Oak Subdivision No. 2 and more commonly known as 1502 South John Redditt Drive, 1501 Hanks Street and 1503 Hanks Street for a total of 1.072 acres from "Neighborhood Retail" to "Local Business" and authorizing the City Planner to make such changes on the Official Map. Councilmember Don Langston seconded the motion and a unanimous vote was recorded.

8. **PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, BY CHANGING THE ZONING DESIGNATION OF A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, DESCRIBED AS A 28.43 ACRE TRACT OF LAND WITHIN THE A.VARILLA SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 49, LOCATED WEST OF SELLERS, BROCK AND FORD STREETS AND SOUTH OF KURTH DRIVE AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A" OF A DEED OF GIFT RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 2010-00266898, RECORDED APRIL 7, 2010, FROM "HEAVY MANUFACTURING" TO "RESIDENTIAL SMALL SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING" DISTRICT AND CHANGING THE 2001 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE MAP TO "LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL" AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY PLANNER TO MAKE SUCH CHANGES ON THE OFFICIAL MAP – APPROVED.**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was to conduct a Public Hearing and consider on Second Reading an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Lufkin, Texas, by changing the zoning designation of a certain tract of land within the corporate limits of the City of Lufkin, Texas, described as a 28.43 acre tract of land within the A.Varilla Survey, Abstract No. 49, located west of Sellers, Brock and Ford Streets and south of Kurth Drive and more particularly described in Exhibit "A" of a Deed of Gift recorded as document number 2010-00266898, recorded April 7, 2010, from "Heavy Manufacturing" to "Residential Small Single Family Dwelling" district and changing the 2001 Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map to "Low Density Residential" and authorizing the City Planner to make such changes on the Official Map.

City Manager Paul Parker stated this was the Second Reading of the request by the Neighborhood Leadership Council of North Lufkin for a zone change request for the development of residential homes. City Manager Parker stated that the lots would be a minimum of four thousand (4,000) square feet, with a width of forty feet (40') and a minimum depth of one hundred feet (100'). City Manager Parker furthered that Staff and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change from "Heavy Manufacturing" to "Residential Small Single Family Dwelling" and the change on the Future Land Use Map from "Industrial" to "Low Density Residential".

Mayor Gorden opened the Public Hearing at 5:25 p.m. and asked anyone who wished to speak on the item to please step forward. Mr. David Perkins, President and General Manager of Angelina Neches Railroad Authority voiced his concerns in regard to the zone change request. Mr. Perkins stated that Angelina Neches Railroad owned more than half of the property that adjoins the subject property and trains run through this area. Mr. Perkins stated that future plans could cause large trains with hazardous material to travel through this area and that was the concern of the railroad. Mr. Perkins stated that the Neighborhood Leadership Council should be applauded for their efforts to provide affordable housing; however, he was concerned about a residential development being located near the train tracks and a heavy manufacturing area. Mr. Perkins concluded by asking Council to consider this request change thoughtfully. Councilmember Victor Travis questioned whether the railroad traffic was expected to increase and if the track would be extended beyond where it is located now. Mr. Perkins stated that no there were no immediate increases expected; however in the future it could increase, and there were no plans for the track to be extended. Councilmember Travis stated that he did not see an issue with the railroad location and the development. Mr. Perkins stated that he wished to voice the concerns of the railroad for the record.

There being no one further who wished to speak, Mayor Gorden closed the Public Hearing at 5:34 p.m.

Mayor Gorden then asked for comments or motions from the Council. Councilmember Lynn Torres questioned how many lots were proposed on the property. Councilmember Robert Shankle stated there would be fourteen (14) or fifteen (15) lots on Sellers Street and an additional twenty-two (22) lots off McMullen. Councilmember Torres stated that the lots off McMullen were very close to the track and the lots on Sellers Street had a buffer of two (2) areas of water. Councilmember Travis stated that only the lots on McMullen would be close enough to the railroad to be a concern. Councilmember Don Langston stated that it was unusual to reverse zoning from a manufacturing use to a residential use. Councilmember Langston continued that he appreciated Mr. Perkins voicing the concerns of the railroad. Councilmember Langston stated that his main concern was keeping children off the tracks and wished the property was not located by the railroad. Councilmember Langston stated it was not an ideal location and he was concerned, but he would not object to the request.

Councilmember Victor Travis moved to approve on Second Reading an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Lufkin, Texas, by changing the zoning designation of a certain tract of land within the corporate limits of the City of Lufkin, Texas, described as a 28.43 acre tract of land within the A.Varilla Survey, Abstract No. 49, located west of Sellers, Brock and Ford Streets and south of Kurth Drive and more particularly described in Exhibit "A" of a Deed of Gift recorded as document number 2010-00266898, recorded April 7, 2010, from "Heavy Manufacturing" to "Residential Small Single Family Dwelling" district and changing the 2001 Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map to "Low Density Residential" and authorizing the City Planner to make such changes on the Official Map. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion and a unanimous vote was recorded.

**9. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, BY CHANGING THE ZONING DESIGNATION OF A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, DESCRIBED AS LOT NO. 1-A OF THE LOGGINS SUBDIVISION NO. 2A, A 5.00 ACRE TRACT OF LAND ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF DENMAN AVENUE AND APPROXIMATELY 500 FEET EAST OF GARRISON, MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 3630 EAST DENMAN AVENUE FROM "AGRICULTURAL" TO "COMMERCIAL" AND CHANGING THE 2001 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE MAP TO "COMMERCIAL" AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY PLANNER TO MAKE SUCH CHANGES ON THE OFFICIAL MAP – APPROVED.**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated the next item on the agenda was to conduct a Public Hearing and consider on Second Reading an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Lufkin, Texas, by changing the zoning designation of a certain tract of land within the corporate limits of the City of Lufkin, Texas, described as Lot No. 1-A of the Loggins subdivision No. 2A, a 5.00 acre tract of land on the south side of Denman Avenue and approximately 500 feet east of Garrison, more commonly known as 3630 East Denman Avenue from "Agricultural" to "Commercial" and changing the 2001 Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map to "Commercial" and authorizing the City Planner to make such changes on the Official Map.

City Manager Paul Parker stated this property was previously the REO Club that was annexed several years ago. City Manager Parker stated that annexed property is initially zoned as "Agricultural" and the current owner requested the change to "Commercial" in order to increase development opportunities. City Manager Parker concluded that both Staff and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval.

Mayor Gorden opened the Public Hearing at 5:40 p.m. and asked anyone who wished to speak on the item to please step forward. There being no one who wished to speak, Mayor Gorden closed the Public Hearing at 5:41 p.m.

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

Councilmember Don Langston moved to approve on Second Reading an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Lufkin, Texas, by changing the zoning designation of a certain tract of land within the corporate limits of the City of Lufkin, Texas, described as Lot No. 1-A of the Loggins subdivision No. 2A, a 5.00 acre tract of land on the south side of Denman Avenue and approximately 500 feet east of Garrison, more commonly known as 3630 East Denman Avenue from "Agricultural" to "Commercial" and changing the 2001 Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map to "Commercial" and authorizing the City Planner to make such changes on the Official Map. Councilmember Lynn Torres seconded the motion and a unanimous vote was recorded.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**10. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ABANDONMENT, VACATION AND CLOSURE OF A CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND BEING 0.278 ACRE, MORE OR LESS LYING AND SITUATED IN LUFKIN, ANGELINA COUNTY, OUT OF THE J.L. QUINALTY SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 40 OF THE REAL PROPERTY RECORDS OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN AND HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED AS BEING A TWENTY-ONE FOOT (21') ALLEY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF GARRETT'S ADDITION; AND PROVIDING FOR THE CITY MANAGER TO CONVEY BY QUIT CLAIM ALL OF THE CITY'S INTEREST IN SAID ALLEY TO AN ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNER – APPROVED.**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was the First Reading of an Ordinance providing for the terms and conditions of abandonment, vacation and closure of a certain tract or parcel of land being 0.278 acre, more or less lying and situated in Lufkin, Angelina County, out of the J.L. Quinalty Survey, Abstract No. 40 of the real property records of the City of Lufkin and hereinafter described as being a twenty-one foot (21') alley located on the west side of Garrett's Addition; and providing for the City Manager to convey by Quit Claim all of the City's interest in said alley to an abutting property owner.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that the Lufkin Independent School District had requested a twenty-one foot (21') easement for ingress and egress as well as to assist with the remodeling of the Garrett Primary campus. City Manager Parker stated that Staff recommended approval of this item.

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

Councilmember Don Langston moved to approve the First Reading of an Ordinance providing for the terms and conditions of abandonment, vacation and closure of a certain tract or parcel of land being 0.278 acre, more or less lying and situated in Lufkin, Angelina County, out of the J.L. Quinalty Survey, Abstract No. 40 of the real property records of the City of Lufkin and hereinafter described as being a twenty-one foot (21') alley located on the west side of Garrett's Addition; and providing for the City Manager to convey by Quit Claim all of the City's interest in said alley to an abutting property owner. Councilmember Victor Travis seconded the motion. A unanimous vote was recorded.

**11. CONSIDER A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS DESIGNATING THE CITY OF LUFKIN A HEALTHY CITY AND AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHTY-ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$81,000) THROUGH THE COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION IMPLEMENTATION PLAN TRANSFORMING TEXAS PROGRAM – APPROVED.**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated the next agenda item was consideration of a Resolution of the City of Lufkin, Texas designating the City of Lufkin a healthy city and authorize acceptance of a grant in the amount of eighty-one thousand dollars (\$81,000) through the Community Transformation Implementation Plan Transforming Texas Program.

City Manager Paul Parker stated this was acceptance of the grant that would fund the position in the Planning Department approved during the Council Meeting of February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

Deputy City Manager Keith Wright stated that the actual grant amount was seventy-seven thousand dollars (\$77,000)

Mayor Gorden then asked for questions or motions from the Council.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve a Resolution of the City of Lufkin, Texas designating the City of Lufkin a healthy city and authorize acceptance of a grant in the amount of seventy-seven thousand dollars (\$77,000) through the Community Transformation Implementation Plan Transforming Texas Program. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion and a unanimous vote was recorded.

**12. PURCHASE OF NINE (9) PICKUPS FOR VARIOUS CITY OF LUFKIN DEPARTMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FOUR THOUSAND SIXTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND TWENTY-FIVE CENTS (\$164,068.25) FROM PHILPOTT THROUGH THE BUY BOARD – APPROVED.**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated the next item for consideration was approval of the purchase of nine (9) pickups for various City of Lufkin Departments in the amount of one hundred sixty-four thousand sixty-eight dollars and twenty-five cents (\$164,068.25) from Philpott through the Buy Board.

City Manager Paul Parker stated these vehicles were the last purchase out of the 2012 Amortization Fund and they had been grouped into one purchase to reduce the Buy Board Fee. City Manager Parker then highlighted the department and amount of each vehicle being purchased.

Councilmember Don Langston commended Staff for the creation of the Amortization Schedule and Fund and their diligence in monitoring the program. Councilmember Langston stated this effort was a great service to the taxpayers.

Councilmember Don Langston moved to approve the purchase of nine (9) pickups for various City of Lufkin Departments in the amount of one hundred sixty-four thousand sixty-eight dollars and twenty-five cents (\$164,068.25) from Philpott through the Buy Board. Councilmember Lynn Torres seconded the motion and a unanimous vote was recorded.

- 13. 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 stated it was not necessary for Council to recess into Executive Session and moved to the next agenda item.

- 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.**

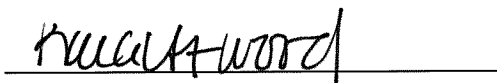
Mayor Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was the discussion of items of community interest, including expressions of thanks, congratulations or condolence; information regarding holiday schedules; honorary recognitions of City officials, employees or other citizens; reminders about upcoming 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.

City Manager Paul Parker highlighted upcoming calendar events and reminded Council of the tour of the Lufkin State Supported Living Center on March 20, 2012 at 10:30 a.m.

- 15.** There being no further business for consideration, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.



Jack Gorden, Mayor



Kara Atwood, City Secretary