

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 21ST DAY OF JUNE, 2011**

On the 21st day of June, 2011, 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
Sarah Murray	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
Gerald Williamson	Asst. Police Chief
Danny Kistner	Fire Chief
Ted Lovett	Interim Fire Chief
Belinda Southern	Finance Director
Dorothy Wilson	Planning Director
Steve Floyd	Public Works Director
Steve Poskey	Street Department, Superintendent
Mike Akridge	Parks & Leisure Services Director
Barbara Thompson	Main Street Director
Jim Wehmeier	Economic Development Director
Dale Allred	Inspection Services Director
Chuck Walker	Public Utilities Director
Ramon Johnson	Water & Sewer Director

being present, when the following business was transacted:

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Randy Green, Christ Congregational Church.
2. Mayor Jack Gorden welcomed visitors present.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 7, 2011, were approved on a motion by Councilmember Lynn Torres, and seconded by Councilmember Robert Shankle. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

NEW BUSINESS:

4. **CANVASS OF 2011 RUNOFF ELECTION FOR THE CITY OF LUFKIN, AND
RESOLUTION - APPROVED - DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE CITY OF
LUFKIN RUNOFF ELECTION OF JUNE 18, 2011**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was to canvass the 2011 Runoff Election for the City of Lufkin, and a Resolution declaring the results of the City of Lufkin Runoff Election of June 18, 2011.

City Manager Paul Parker then called on City Secretary Renee Thompson to give the results of the Election.

City Secretary Renee Thompson stated that the City of Lufkin General Runoff Election was called for June 18, 2011, for the purpose of electing a member to the City Council. Ms. Thompson added that there were no propositions on the ballot, no person made a declaration of write-in candidacy, and two (2) candidates were on the ballot for election to office.

Ms. Thompson stated that the City of Lufkin City Council resolved and ordered that a General Runoff Election be held at the Kurth Memorial Library on June 18, 2011, for the purpose of electing a Councilmember for Ward No. 6. Ms. Thompson added that Early Voting for the election was conducted each weekday, June 6, 7, 10, 13, and 14, 2011, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and June 8 and 9, 2011 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall atrium, with Renee Thompson serving as Early Voting judge. Ms. Thompson then stated that the results of the election were: Early voting paper ballots- Darrel L. McDonald – 4 and Sarah Murray – 18; Early Voting electronic- Darrel L. McDonald – 56 and Sarah Murray 92; Early Voting total- Darrel L. McDonald – 60 and Sarah Murray – 110; Election Day paper ballots- Darrel L. McDonald – 4 and Sarah Murray – 1; Election Day electronic- Darrel L. McDonald – 54 and Sarah Murray – 45; Election Day total- Darrel L. McDonald – 58 and Sarah Murray – 46; Total Votes Cast- Darrel L. McDonald – 118 and Sarah Murray – 156. Ms. Thompson stated that the apparent winner was Sarah Murray with 156 votes.

Mayor Gorden stated that both candidates had worked hard and that it was refreshing and heartening to see people that interested in Lufkin's City Government. Mayor Gorden added that it spoke well of both candidates and that the Council's congratulations went to both Sarah Murray and Darrel McDonald for working so hard.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the canvass of the 2011 Runoff Election for the City of Lufkin, and the Resolution declaring the results of the City of Lufkin Runoff Election of June 18, 2011. Councilmember Don Langston seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

5. ADMINISTER THE OATH OF OFFICE TO COUNCILMEMBER WARD NO. 6 (HONORABLE PAUL WHITE, JUDGE 159TH DISTRICT COURT)

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item on the agenda was to administer the Oath of Office to Councilmember Ward No. 6. (Honorable Paul White, Judge 159th District Court)) Mayor Gorden then turned the meeting over to the Honorable Paul White, Judge 159th District Court to administer the Oath of Office.

The Honorable Paul White, Judge 159th District Court, then administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember Sarah Murray. The Honorable Paul White stated that he watched the election and the way that Ms. Murray and Mr. McDonald had conducted themselves. The Honorable Mr. White added that he was firmly convinced that each of them was seeking the roles of public servant, and to serve rather than to be served. The Honorable Mr. White explained that this was why Lufkin was in good hands and why everyone loved Lufkin and was blessed.

Mayor Gorden then thanked outgoing Councilmember Phil Medford for the work he did with the City Council and for the City of Lufkin for five and one-half (5 ½) years. Mayor Gorden added that Councilmember Medford added a layer to what the Council was doing and that the City Council appreciated it and wished him well.

6. PRESENTATION OF CORPORAL BADGE TO LUFKIN POLICE OFFICER NICHOLAS MALONE BY MAYOR JACK GORDEN

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item on the agenda was a presentation of a Corporal Badge to Lufkin Police Officer Nicholas Malone by Mayor Jack Gorden.

Mayor Gorden then asked Officer Nicholas Malone to come to the front of the Council Chambers to receive his Corporal Badge. Mayor Gorden added that the City had recently added the presentations and ceremonies to the Council Meetings and that it was very appropriate for the City Council and the citizens of Lufkin to recognize the service of the

Policemen. Mayor Gorden stated that Lufkin's Police were probably the best in the State of Texas. Mayor Gorden added that the community was fortunate to have the quality and dedication that each officer put into their jobs. Mayor Gorden then congratulated Corporal Malone and thanked him for his dedication on behalf of the citizens of Lufkin.

7. GRADUATION CEREMONY FOR THE SECOND LUFKIN FIRE DEPARTMENT CITIZEN'S FIRE ACADEMY

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item on the agenda was the Graduation Ceremony for the Second Lufkin Fire Department Citizen's Fire Academy.

City Manager Paul Parker then called on Captain Dustin Ledford to give the background on the Citizen's Fire Academy and then the Mayor would indicate the names and Captain Ledford could then hand out the certificates.

Captain Dustin Ledford stated that the Academy was a twelve (12) week program that was held on Monday nights for approximately four (4) hours. Captain Ledford added that the meetings included a free meal. Captain Ledford explained that the graduates did everything from learning how to search and rescue for victims, cut up cars for vehicle extrication, and went into live fire burn buildings. Captain Ledford furthered that the men and women crawled into a live fire and put it out. Captain Ledford stated that they wore bunker gear and were able to experience a lot of the experiences that Lufkin Firefighters went through on a daily basis. Captain Ledford added that the group had come together as a class and had been a really good group to work with.

Captain Ledford then thanked Mayor Jack Gorden, City Manager Paul Parker and the City Council for allowing the Fire Department the opportunity to recognize the Citizen's Fire Academy Class Two. Captain Ledford then thanked Fire Chief Danny Kistner for introducing the program and allowing the freedom to be creative and try new things. Captain Ledford stated that the Academy would not have been possible without the hard work of some Fire Department personnel. Captain Ledford then thanked Chief Lovett, Captain Ragsdale, Captain Gates, Captain McCool, Lieutenant Rawls, Firefighter Bailey and the crews at Stations Four on "C" Shift, One and Four on "B" Shift, and Station Six on "A" Shift for their hard work and dedication.

Captain Ledford stated that the Academy had wonderful sponsors who sponsored the meals each night, who were Woodland Heights Medical Center, the Lufkin Professional Firefighters Association, Dominoes Pizza, Ralph and Kacoos, Bryan's Smokehouse, Chili's, Downtown Café and Chik-fil-a.

Captain Ledford stated that the men and women seated at the Council Meeting that day began the adventure twelve (12) weeks ago. Captain Ledford added that all of them had different professional backgrounds and all of them had a very different reason for signing up. Captain Ledford continued that it wasn't very far into the Academy that they began to realize that they wouldn't be sitting in a classroom having a PowerPoint presentation read to them and that the free meal each night would not be free, but would have to be earned. Captain Ledford stated that surprising enough the entire class showed back up and kept showing back up, no matter what was thrown at them or how gory and graphic it got. Captain Ledford stated that many of them soon learned that it was a waste of time to fix their hair and that no question was out of bounds, and if they wanted to discuss something, it would be discussed. Captain Ledford explained that he had the special privilege of being with the Citizen's Fire Academy Class Two from start to finish and that on the first night he asked the class to give him two (2) things. Captain Ledford added that the first thing he asked was for them to be willing to step out of their comfort zone and try new things. Captain Ledford stated that the second thing was for them to show up and give him one hundred percent (100%). Captain Ledford added that the class went above and beyond all of his expectations. Captain Ledford stated that they showed up every night with a smile on their face and an attitude that let him know that there was nothing that he couldn't ask them to try. Captain Ledford added that many of them stepped way out of their comfort zone and maybe pushed themselves a little harder than they ever had. Captain Ledford stated that the class was so much fun and that every week he looked forward to Monday night. Captain Ledford then thanked the class for

taking part in the Academy and that it had been an honor to share with the class something that was so important to the men and women of Lufkin Fire. Captain Ledford stated that for them to show such an interest in what the Fire Department did was the greatest show of appreciation you could give them. Captain Ledford stated that each of them would always have a family at Lufkin Fire. Captain Ledford then showed a video of the Lufkin Fire Department Citizen's Fire Academy Class Two demonstrating the different things that were learned during the twelve (12) week program.

Mayor Gorden then thanked Captain Ledford and then recognized the following graduates of the Second Lufkin Fire Department Citizen's Fire Academy: Susannah Jones, Mary L. Harris, Kenneth Flemon, Mikki Stovall, Billy Stovall, Melony Spikes, Rodney Ivy, Ruth G. Shaw, Darrel McDonald, Christine Hargis, Vickey L. Booker, Randy Cadwell, Christie Maddux, Andrea Travis, Demetra Calvin, Andrew W. Ray, Stephanie McCool and Robert Shankle. Captain Ledford then invited the City Council to a celebration to be held at the Fire Administration Building after the Council Meeting that was put together by the Citizen's Fire Academy.

Mayor Gorden stated that on behalf of the Lufkin City Council and the citizens of Lufkin he wanted to thank each one of them for the time they took to learn about the Lufkin Fire Department and the quality of service that they delivered to the citizens of Lufkin. Mayor Gorden added that he heard that it was a great experience and that the Council hoped that the group would spread the word about the quality of the Fire Department and to find different ways to stay interested in their city and looked forward to seeing them more in the future.

Andrea Travis and Vickey L. Booker then gave speeches about what they learned during the Academy and how much they appreciated both the Police Department and the Fire Department. Ms. Booker then challenged the City Council to become members of the next Citizen's Fire Academy. The Second Lufkin Fire Department Citizen's Fire Academy then came forward to present plaques to the instructors of the Fire Academy. Councilmember Robert Shankle stated that he went through the Fire Academy twice. Councilmember Shankle added that it was because of the good instructors. Councilmember Shankle explained that the Academy was a good program for the City of Lufkin to go through and that he now had a different outlook on firefighters and what they did and said, "Great job!!"

Stephanie McCool stated that the Class of 2011 wanted to present the plaques and then read a portion of the Firefighter's Prayer that was printed on the plaques. Ms. McCool then handed out the plaques to the instructors of the Academy and a separate plaque to put in the Fire Administration Building.

8. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE CITY OF LUFKIN WARD REDISTRICTING

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was a Public Hearing regarding the City of Lufkin Ward Redistricting.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that the City of Lufkin was required to redistrict the City's Six (6) Single Member Districts because of the population shift that was identified by the 2010 Census. City Manager Parker explained that to prepare the City for the review process the City Council wanted to make sure it engaged the public. City Manager Parker added that the Council appointed a ten (10) member board to represent the six (6) districts and individuals at large. City Manager Parker stated that from the community the committee met and served very well. City Manager Parker added the Council went through orientation at the first meeting along with the legal requirements and what was involved in the redistricting process. City Manager Parker stated that the Council discussed the primary areas that should be protected. City Manager Parker stated that at the second meeting several options were looked at that all met the requirements of the redistricting laws. City Manager Parker furthered that at the conclusion of the second meeting the Committee was considering two (2) options and wanted to go forth with a Public Hearing. City Manager Parker stated that he had asked Committee Member Mike Parker and Deputy City Manager Keith Wright to look several other options, using the two (2) chosen by the Committee as the primary choices. City Manager Parker explained that Mr. Mike Parker and Deputy City Manager Wright were

going to work on cleaning up lot lines to make it easier for individuals to more readily be able to tell what Ward they were in.

City Manager Parker stated that at the Public Hearing there were several other options presented for consideration, based on that premise. City Manager Parker added that at the conclusion of the Thursday, June 16, 2011, meeting the Redistricting Committee recommended Option 1-B to the City Council out of the five (5) possible options. City Manager Parker explained that Option 1-B was the one (1) that the City Council was having the Public Hearing on during the current City Council Meeting. City Manager Parker stated that if the City Council directed, it was anticipated that the Council would vote at the two (2) City Council Meetings in July 2011 on the Redistricting Plan.

City Manager Parker asked Deputy City Manager Keith Wright to briefly go back and set the stage regarding where the City was with the old boundaries as opposed to the proposed new redistricting boundaries. Deputy City Manager Wright then showed the existing Ward map with the census data from 2000. Deputy City Manager Wright added that by redistricting the City tried to roughly get the same number of people in each Ward. Deputy City Manager Wright explained that by taking the population from the 2010 census, which was thirty-five thousand sixty-seven (35,067), and dividing by the six (6) Wards, it would give approximately five thousand eight hundred forty-five (5,845) people for each Ward. Deputy City Manager Wright stated that the redistricting target was to get within ten percent (10%) of approximately five thousand eight hundred forty-five (5,845) people in each Ward.

Deputy City Manager Wright stated that one (1) thing showed on the map was a hashed area at the bottom, and that this was the areas that had been annexed since 2000, and played a role in the modification of the number of people. Deputy City Manager Wright explained that the deviation was about thirty-one percent (31%) when the new Ward map was made. Deputy City Manager Wright added that in Ward One (1) there would be approximately five thousand two hundred (5,200) people and in Ward Four (4) there was approximately seven thousand (7,000) people, based on the current census. Deputy City Manager Wright explained that this was the problem because there was an approximate thirty-one percent (31%) difference between the two (2) Wards. Deputy City Manager Wright stated that there had to be an option that balanced out several factors, such as the population of each Ward, the minority makeup of each Ward, etc. to meet all of the criteria for redistricting. Deputy City Manager Wright added that it was important that minority populations were not weakened and that voting age in each Ward also had to be considered.

Deputy City Manager Wright stated that many options were considered by the Redistricting Committee that was appointed by the City Council, and the proposed Redistricting Map was the option that was a representation for the new Ward Districts for the City of Lufkin. Deputy City Manager Wright pointed out the area along Loop 287 in Ward Three (3) and explained that the purpose was to clean up some of the lines so that voters could more easily define the Ward that they were in. Deputy City Manager Wright added that some of the Wards were broken up in such a way that it was hard to tell the Ward that citizens would be voting in. Deputy City Manager Wright then showed the main changes in all of the Wards. Deputy City Manager Wright explained that this brought the deviation down to 1.2% to 1.3% deviation. Deputy City Manager Wright stated that the City was well within the ten percent (10%) criteria that the Department of Justice was looking for. Deputy City Manager Wright added that this also gave a large minority Ward, which was Ward One (1). Deputy City Manager Wright stated that Ward Two (2) was also a large minority population. Deputy City Manager Wright added that Ward Three (3) was a slight minority population, and that the City of Lufkin had three (3) Wards with minority majorities. Deputy City Manager Wright stated that Ward Six (6) was near fifty percent (50%) minority, but was a little over fifty percent (50%) Anglo population. Deputy City Manager Wright added that Wards Four (4) and Five (5) were large Anglo populations. Deputy City Manager Wright stated that when looking at the percentages there was a double digit increase in the Hispanic population, single digit increase in the Black population and a single digit decrease in the Anglo population over the ten (10) year period. Deputy City Manager Wright stated that there was some movement of the Black population to the south and backfill behind that with the Hispanic population. Deputy City Manager Wright stated that the Redistricting Committee

felt like the proposed Redistricting Map was the best option and was what was being presented for the Public Hearing.

Mayor Gorden opened the Public Hearing at 5:48 p.m. and asked anyone who wished to speak on item number eight (8) to please step forward. Mayor Gorden added that the Public Hearing was also open for anyone to speak on any other Redistricting Map layout that was appropriate. Speaking concerning the item was:

Dallas Pierre
Don Weir

Mayor Gorden closed the Public Hearing at 5:56 p.m. Mayor Gorden stated that he took note that the Redistricting Committee unanimously chose the proposed Redistricting Map being presented that night. Mayor Gorden added that the Council appreciated the leadership of Mr. Don Weir for the Redistricting Committee and the time that each member spent going over the information and considering the choices that would be the best for the City of Lufkin. Mayor Gorden then closed the Public Hearing at 5:56 p.m.

Mayor Gorden asked for questions or comments from the Council. City Manager Paul Parker stated that anyone interested in having a copy of the proposed Redistricting Map could contact the City Manager's Office. City Manager Parker added that included would be the racial breakdowns of the different Wards and that anyone wishing to obtain a copy could contact the City Manager's office. City Manager Parker stated that the copies could be sent via mail or email or could be picked up at the Lufkin City Hall. There were comments from the Mayor and City Council concerning the Redistricting Committee and the process that the City of Lufkin had used and thanked the City Staff for a job well done.

City Attorney Bruce Green stated that Dr. Dallas Pierre had raised a good point with respect to the litigation that occurred in the 1970's, and that he wanted to comment on the actual legal factors that were considered. City Attorney Green stated that one (1) thing that the City of Lufkin had to do when evaluating the plan, or any option that was considered, was to meet the legal criteria. City Attorney Green added that the City had to look at the United States Constitution. City Attorney Green explained that the United States Supreme Court had responded to redistricting matters in its cases and that the City had to look at those. City Attorney Green stated that the City also had to look at Section Five (5) of the Voting Rights Act to make sure that any plan that was presented would not have a retrogressive effect. City Attorney Green explained that this meant that it would not make it more difficult for any minority group to elect a representative than had been the case back in 2000. City Attorney Green stated that the City also looked at Section Two (2) of the Voting Rights Act which said that once the City had looked at all of the other considerations, no plan that was selected could have a discriminatory effect, even if it was not intended. City Attorney Green stated that the interesting thing about that was back in the 1970's the actual lawsuit that was brought against the City of Lufkin was a Section Two (2) Voting Rights Act case. City Attorney Green added that essentially the court determined that because there was an at large process it had a discriminatory effect. City Attorney Green explained that it wasn't possible for minorities to have a shot at electing a representative. City Attorney Green furthered that from that the six (6) Wards were developed and were divided in such a way that at least in Ward One (1) or Ward Two (2) there was a good opportunity for minorities to elect a representative. City Attorney Green stated that this corrected the Voting Rights Act Section Two (2) discriminatory effect. City Attorney Green added that through the years there had been minority representatives that had been elected. City Attorney Green stated that the City of Lufkin had to look back and make a determination that this would not be affected negatively. City Attorney Green added that whenever the City reviewed that case he made sure that it met that standard as well. City Attorney Green stated that in the City's review of the case, not only did it meet the standard, but there was an additional Ward, or two (2) Wards, that had the prospect of electing a minority representative. City Attorney Green added that now instead of two (2) Wards (Wards One (1) and Ward Two (2)) having the prospect of electing a minority representative, there was actually three (3) Wards that could elect a minority representative, and the fourth Ward out of six (6) was very close. City Attorney Green stated that the City reviewed all of the Wards and the conclusion reached

was that all Wards considered met the legal qualifications and would result in the prospect of electing additional minority representatives in the coming years.

Mayor Gorden then commended the Redistricting Committee and City Staff and commented that it was the first time in the history of the City of Lufkin that the redistricting had been done internally. Mayor Gorden stated that it was City Manager Paul Parker's idea and that many of the thanks went to City Manager Parker for putting the effort together. City Manager Parker stated that the next action would be that at the next two (2) meetings in July 2011, the City would have the First and Second Reading of the Redistricting Ordinance, unless otherwise directed. Mayor Gorden noted that there were several of the Redistricting Committee Members present at the Council Meeting and asked them to accept the Council's thanks for their work on the project.

9. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, - APPROVED - DIRECTING THE PLANNING AND ZONING STAFF TO PROCEED WITH ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY ELIZABETH CONERLY ON APPROXIMATELY 3.09 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED APPROXIMATELY FIVE HUNDRED FEET (500') SOUTHEAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF FULLER SPRINGS AND JOYCE LANE AND BEING DESCRIBED FULLER SPRINGS FARM ACRES, BLOCK 1, LOT 88.3-89.2, ALSO KNOWN AS 1605 FULLER SPRINGS DRIVE AND TO DEVELOP A SERVICE PLAN FOR THE AREA

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lufkin, Texas, directing the Planning and Zoning Staff to proceed with annexation of property owned by Elizabeth Conerly on approximately 3.09 acres of land located approximately five hundred feet (500') southeast of the intersection of Fuller Springs and Joyce Lane and being described Fuller Springs Farm Acres, Block 1, Lot 88.3-89.2, also known as 1605 Fuller Springs Drive and to develop a service plan for the area.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that this was 3.09 acres of land where the owners were requesting annexation to receive City services. City Manager Parker added that the first requirement in the annexation process was to get direction from the City Council to begin the service plan and annexation process. City Manager Parker explained that the item before the City Council was to direct the Staff to begin the annexation process.

Mayor Gorden asked if that area was the only area that needed to be considered. City Manager Parker stated that Staff had looked at the area and that there was a good argument that a lot of the area should be looked at for future annexation. City Manager Parker added that Staff had chose at the present time to only consider the one area because of the desire of the owner and possibly to come back to consider more in the annexation plan. City Manager Parker stated that Staff would be happy to consider more of the area in another annexation plan if the City Council so desired. Mayor Gorden asked for questions or comments from the Council. There was some questions from the City Council concerning the request.

Councilmember Rufus Duncan moved to approve the Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lufkin, Texas, directing the Planning and Zoning Staff to proceed with annexation of property owned by Elizabeth Conerly on approximately 3.09 acres of land located approximately five hundred feet (500') southeast of the intersection of Fuller Springs and Joyce Lane and being described Fuller Springs Farm Acres, Block 1, Lot 88.3-89.2, also known as 1605 Fuller Springs Drive and to develop a service plan for the area. Councilmember Lynn Torres seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

10. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS - APPROVED - AUTHORIZING APPLICATION WITH THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE, FY 2011 EDWARD BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF SIXTEEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-FOUR DOLLARS (\$16,494); AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN IN ALL MATTERS RELATED TO THE GRANT; AND PLEDGING THAT THE CITY OF LUFKIN WILL COMPLY WITH ALL GRANT REQUIREMENTS

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was a Resolution of the City of Lufkin, Texas authorizing application with the U. S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, FY 2011 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program in the amount of sixteen thousand four hundred ninety-four dollars (\$16,494); authorizing the City Manager to act on behalf of the City of Lufkin in all matters related to the Grant; and pledging that the City of Lufkin will comply with all grant requirements.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that this grant had no City match. City Manager Parker added that the Police Department recommended that the City Council accept the grant for the purchase of Autocite Citation devices. City Manager Parker explained that the devices were automatic ticket writing devices instead of the officers having to manually enter the tickets. City Manager Parker stated that it was the City's intent to get one (1) in each patrol unit to expedite the police officer's time and also the court's time. City Manager Parker added that Staff recommended that the City Council accept the grant and authorize the purchase of the Autocite Citation devices.

Mayor Gorden stated that this was another example of the good job of the employees seeking out available grants. Mayor Gorden asked for questions or comments from the Council. There were none.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the Resolution of the City of Lufkin, Texas authorizing application with the U. S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, FY 2011 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program in the amount of sixteen thousand four hundred ninety-four dollars (\$16,494); authorizing the City Manager to act on behalf of the City of Lufkin in all matters related to the Grant; and pledging that the City of Lufkin will comply with all grant requirements. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

11. 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 Council had the reports before them. City Manager Parker added that there were several other items on the agenda and that he would be happy to answer any specific questions. City Manager Parker stated that overall most of the City's projections were on target. City Manager Parker added that other than the concerns that the City had going into the budget year with a deficit, the City was meeting most projections. City Manager Parker stated that one (1) area that the City was not meeting projections was in the Ad Valorem Taxes. City Manager Parker added that there were some miscalculations that would keep the City below the projected budgeted amount.

Councilmember Don Langston asked if the City had received any credit back from the Appraisal District for excess funds that they were holding. City Manager Parker stated that he was not aware of any credit received by the City of Lufkin. City Manager Parker added that the City had just received the new Appraisal District's budget and that it was slightly less than the previous year. City Manager Parker then asked Finance Director Belinda Southern if the City had received any credit from the Appraisal District. Finance Director Belinda Southern stated that she was not aware of any credits from the Appraisal District. Councilmember Langston stated that the City needed to check on the status of the situation and that whenever he was on the Appraisal District Board they had discussed the need to refund excess funds. Councilmember Langston added that this followed State statute and that the Appraisal District had been putting money back into reserve that needed to go back to the entities that were funding the operations.

12. PRESENTATION BY CITY ENGINEER AND PUBLIC UTILITIES DIRECTOR CHUCK WALKER REGARDING ENGINEERING, WATER AND WASTEWATER DEPARTMENTS

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was a presentation by City Engineer and Public Utilities Director Chuck Walker regarding Engineering, Water and Wastewater Departments.

City Engineer and Public Utilities Director Chuck Walker stated that the first thing that he wanted to talk about was the Engineering Department. Mr. Walker added that the Engineering Department had approximately twenty-one (21) different job duties that they performed. Mr. Walker stated that he would only address three (3) of the job duties which were mapping, surveying and engineering design. Mr. Walker stated that within the mapping department there were various layers of data within the GIS System. Mr. Walker explained that they did parcels, street centerlines, wards, police beats, etc. Mr. Walker stated that Engineering also maintained GIS, same layers, partial layers and AutoCAD. Mr. Walker added that Engineering also made maps for the different departments in the City. Mr. Walker explained that every department within the City of Lufkin was represented. Mr. Walker stated that currently in the Engineering Department there were two (2) GIS mapping personnel. Mr. Walker added that by using the hours worked in 2010, the Engineering Department had a cost savings of one hundred twenty-eight thousand dollars (\$128,000) by using its staff. Mr. Walker explained that he had contacted outside sources to determine the cost to hire a consultant to come in and do the mapping. Mr. Walker added that this was the cost savings or the difference between what the Engineering Staff was paid along with benefits and what it would cost to pay a consultant to do the work.

Mr. Walker stated that the City of Lufkin had a two (2) man survey crew. Mr. Walker added that the types of surveys that were done were topographic, construction and miscellaneous types of work. Mr. Walker explained that this would include mapping manholes, continuous water system mapping and setting points for local surveyors. Mr. Walker stated that the survey crew used two (2) different types of survey equipment. Mr. Walker added that the first was a Total Station and the second was a Trimble Global Positioning System. Mr. Walker explained that since the Trimble Global Positioning System had been purchased survey time had been cut in half. Mr. Walker then showed the Council an example of what the systems looked like. Mr. Walker stated that in 2010 the survey crew worked one thousand one hundred forty-three (1,143) hours related to over seventy-six (76) different projects and seven hundred forty-two (742) hours related to GIS mapping of manholes, water valves, water meters and fire hydrants. Mr. Walker explained that using the hours worked the City of Lufkin saved over one hundred twenty-four thousand dollars (\$124,000) by using its own survey crew over hiring an outside firm.

Mr. Walker stated that over the last four (4) years the Engineering Department designed over four hundred five (405) projects and administered over five hundred (500). Mr. Walker stated that the Engineering Department worked with all of the City's other departments. Mr. Walker added that Engineering Design did water and sewer line projects, street reconstruction, designed bridges, site design, parks, buildings and drainage. Mr. Walker stated that over the last five (5) years the Engineering Department had been involved in approximately seventeen million dollars (\$17,000,000) worth of projects. Mr. Walker added that if the engineering was outsourced the estimated engineering cost would be one million seven hundred twenty-two thousand eight hundred dollars (\$1,722,800), with a savings of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) per year.

Mr. Walker stated that by using the Engineering Department for mapping, surveying and designing the total savings per year would be approximately four hundred fifty-two thousand dollars (\$452,000).

Mr. Walker stated that the next department that he wanted to talk about was the Water Production Plant. Mr. Walker stated that the maximum daily production was seventeen million (17,000,000) gallons. Mr. Walker added that the average daily production was seven million five hundred thousand (7,500,000) gallons. Mr. Walker stated that during the year 2010 there was two billion seven hundred fifty million (2,750,000,000) gallons pumped.

Mr. Walker stated that Lufkin had eleven (11) potable water wells and one (1) Abitibi well that feed the current water system. Mr. Walker added that Lufkin has two (2) water plants and the operators perform daily pms on each well. Mr. Walker stated that the operators also read the totalizers for the monthly production report. Mr. Walker then showed pictures of water coming through the plant and going through aerators and was then chlorinated to remove hydrogen sulfide from the water. Mr. Walker explained that after the water was treated it was put into ground storage tanks. Mr. Walker added that the City had four (4) one million (1,000,000) gallon ground storage tanks at Water Plant One (1) and one (1) two million (2,000,000) gallon ground storage tank at Water Plant Two (2).

Mr. Walker stated that all of the City's Water Plant Operators or Mechanics were required to have dual licensing. Mr. Walker added that one (1) was for water production and the other was for wastewater treatment. Mr. Walker explained that the Operator was required to perform at least forty (40) bacteriological samples per month. Mr. Walker added that the tests were to ensure that the chlorine levels met the State Drinking Water Standards and confirm the absence of E. Coli bacteria from the beginning of the system all the way to the ending of the system. Mr. Walker stated that the chlorine residual samples were run every day and then recorded for the State's Disinfection Report.

Mr. Walker stated that the City of Lufkin also had four (4) elevated water tanks. Mr. Walker added that the Water Production Maintenance Crew perform maintenance on most of the City's equipment. Mr. Walker explained that the only thing that maintenance was not performed on was major construction and well repairs.

Mr. Walker stated that the City also had Kurth Lake and the Abitibi water wells. Mr. Walker added that the City of Lufkin exercises and maintains the lake pumps, the river pumps and thirteen (13) wells that were purchased from Abitibi. Mr. Walker explained that there was a lot of maintenance involved because all sites had to be mowed and maintained and all of the fences cleaned.

Mr. Walker stated that the City of Lufkin produced two billion seven hundred million (2,700,000,000) gallons of water. Mr. Walker explained that two billion seven hundred million (2,700,000,000) gallons of water was the same amount as if Lake Sam Rayburn was covered with one inch (1") of water. Mr. Walker added that this amount would also cover Downtown Lufkin with one hundred fifty feet (150') of water. Mr. Walker stated that this was taller than the Angelina Hotel.

Mr. Walker stated that the next department that he wanted to talk about was the Water and Sewer Utilities Department. Mr. Walker stated that in 2010 approximately eight thousand (8,000) linear feet of new water line was laid. Mr. Walker added that fifteen thousand (15,000) feet of sixteen inch (16") water line was laid and five hundred sixty-four (564) leaks were repaired. Mr. Walker stated that two hundred fifty-two (252) meter leaks were repaired and sixty-five (65) water and sewer taps were made. Mr. Walker stated that thirty-six thousand eight hundred sixty-three (36,863) feet of sewer main was televised.

Mr. Walker stated that in the new construction and maintenance the City cleaned six hundred sixteen thousand one hundred (16,100) feet of sewer mains and processed one thousand two hundred eleven (1,211) calls concerning sewer problems. Mr. Walker added that eleven thousand nine hundred forty (11,940) feet of sewer line was pipe burst. Mr. Walker stated that the grease pumped had an effect on the City's Sewer Plant. Mr. Walker stated that the Water and Sewer Department performed twelve (12) major job functions. Mr. Walker added that the job functions were customer service, warehouse, code enforcement, lift station operation, customer service inspection, pipe bursting, new construction, water and sewer repair, camera/tv, water and sewer taps, jet machine and electrical maintenance for the City of Lufkin.

Mr. Walker stated that Code Enforcement inspected and made sure that grease traps were cleaned. Mr. Walker added that they also performed certifications on all of the backflow preventers in the City of Lufkin. Mr. Walker stated that the City had twenty-seven (27) lift stations and three (3) types of lift stations which were self primer pumps, grinder pumps and submersible pumps.

Mr. Walker explained that Customer Service Inspection performed leak inspections and backflow preventer repair and maintenance and flushing. Mr. Walker stated that if there was a dead end line it was flushed so that the water quality was adequate.

Mr. Walker stated that the City had been doing quite a bit of pipe bursting. Mr. Walker explained that pipe bursting was a trenchless technology used to replace existing pipe with minimal disturbance. Mr. Walker added that the process used a pneumatic bursting head, air compressor, pulling cable and wench. Mr. Walker stated that pipe was pulled through an existing pipe so that it would not disturb trees, buildings and streets.

Mr. Walker stated that the construction crew installed a majority of the water and sewer line in the City. Mr. Walker added that the crew also provided assistance for sewer and water repairs when necessary. Mr. Walker stated that the City had two (2) water and sewer repair crews. Mr.

Walker explained that the crews performed line repairs and also performed new construction when needed. Mr. Walker stated that the camera crew was responsible for tv and inspection of lines for breaks, location of services, blockages and location of lines. Mr. Walker stated that the water and tap crew performed all water and sewer taps and performed leak repairs and new construction and fire hydrant repairs. Mr. Walker stated that the jet machine cleans and maintains all City sewer lines as well as provides support for the camera crews and the pipe bursting crews. Mr. Walker explained that the jet machine was used to go in and clean all of the lines so that it could be tv'd and get better video of the line. Mr. Walker stated that the PLC/electrical crew performed City wide electrical repair. Mr. Walker added that they were also doing the electrical work at the Zoo Circle and also performed most of the electrical at the water wells, repair generators, take care of the lake and river station maintenance. Mr. Walker added that all of the programming in the PLC work was being performed.

Mr. Walker stated that Wastewater Treatment Plant flow was eleven million three hundred thousand (11,300,000) gallons per day. Mr. Walker added that the average flow was five million two hundred thousand (5,200,000) gallons per day. Mr. Walker stated that the solids removed were one ton per day. Mr. Walker stated that a conventional waste activated plant was used and whenever sludge came in the plant the micropopulation was used to help remove the food or waste from the water. Mr. Walker explained that whenever there was any disturbance, such as grease being introduced into the waste stream, it caused problems with the bugs, which in turn gave problems in treating the raw sewage. Mr. Walker stated that the Wastewater Treatment Plant received and treated all of Lufkin's residential and industrial sewage. Mr. Walker added that the City had nine (9) industries that were under the pretreatment program. Mr. Walker stated that the Plant also provided tours for the public. Mr. Walker stated that the Plant provided dump services for septic waste haulers registered with the City and that RV's were allowed to pump at no cost. Mr. Walker stated that one (1) of the things that was interesting was that a person would be amazed at what came down the sewer line.

Mr. Walker stated that the Wastewater Treatment Plant Laboratory performed mandated tests required by the State. Mr. Walker added that samples were brought in from the different processes throughout the plant on a daily basis. Mr. Walker explained that the lab was utilized by the operators and the personnel to help keep the plant performing as required. Mr. Walker stated that all analysis was performed by strict guidelines developed by the TCEQ and the EPA. Mr. Walker stated that the lab also performed the BOD and TSS samples brought in from the pretreatment program. Mr. Walker stated that plant operation was performed by TCEQ licensed operators and that the Wastewater Treatment Plant had automated controls for pumping and some of the in plant process monitoring. Mr. Walker added that the PLC/electricians were even trying to do more automation with that process. Mr. Walker stated that the operators were responsible for the quality of the plants effluent by insuring the treatment processes were run efficiently. Mr. Walker stated that daily operation consisted of dissolved oxygen readings, sludge depths were taken on the clarifiers and recorded, operations of the filter press for disposal of the sludges, monitoring raw ph and adjusted chemical feeds. Mr. Walker stated that the City had anaerobic digesters. Mr. Walker stated that maintenance employees were responsible for the repair and pm of all of the equipment. Mr. Walker added that the staff did a lot of cleaning, painting, and building maintenance.

Mr. Walker stated that the Wastewater Treatment Plant performed a lot of different functions and were real participants in City Events. Mr. Walker explained that they took part in the Christmas Parade and the Haunted House. Mr. Walker stated that he would answer any questions that the Council had regarding his presentation.

13. Mayor Jack Gorden recessed the Regular Session at 6:26 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. **APPOINTMENTS – APPROVED - TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was the appointments to boards and commissions.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to make the following appointments to boards and commissions for the City of Lufkin:

- a. Angelina County Appraisal District – reappoint Rufus Duncan;
- b. ARB Members (Angelina County Appraisal District Members) – reappoint Terry Morgan;
- c. Civil Service Commission – postpone appointment;
- d. Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals – reappoint Howard Griffin, Sr., reappoint Mike Hineman, reappoint Trey Burton;
- e. 4-B Economic Development Board – reappoint Bob Brown, replace Trey Henderson with Phil Medford, reappoint Jim Watkins, reappoint Andra Self and appoint Robert Shankle to serve from the City Council;
- f. Firemen's Relief and Retirement Fund Board of Trustees – reappoint Danny Roper, reappoint Stanley New;
- g. Kurth Memorial Library Board – postpone appointment and would give recommendations after they act on it in July;
- h. Lufkin Convention and Visitors Bureau Board – reappoint Victor Patel, reappoint Pierre Cromartie, replace David Miles with Todd Stafford, reappoint Daniel Huerta;
- i. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board – replace Victor Bruce with Vickey Booker, reappoint Sumner Osgood, replace Jeff Taylor with Deanna Ramsey;
- j. Planning and Zoning Commission – reappoint Rocky Thigpen, reappoint Ronnie Robinson, replace Guessipina Bonner with LaFrancis Kelley;
- k. Taxi Cab Committee – reappoint Bill Philmon;
- l. Tree Board – replace R. L. Kuykendall with Sarah Murray; replace Phil Medford with Victor Travis;
- m. Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeals – reappoint Jyce Thomas, reappoint Larry Dubose, reappoint Ed Booth, reappoint Lt. General Orren Whiddon, appoint Guy Shumway as an Alternate
- n. Deep East Texas Council of Government – appointments would not be appointed until January 2012

Mayor Jack Gorden requested an addendum to the motion for the appointment of Councilmember Lynn Torres as the Chairperson for the 4-B Economic Development Board. Mayor Gorden also requested the addendum to the motion for the re-election of Don Langston as Mayor Pro-Tem for another year. Councilmember Rufus Duncan seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

15. 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 stated that Friday, June 24, 2011, at 2:00 p.m. the City would hold a Farewell Party for outgoing Fire Chief Danny Kistner. City Manager Parker added that the City of Lufkin Employee Picnic would take place on Saturday, June 25, 2011, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Ellen Trout Zoo and Park, and encouraged the City Council to attend. City Manager Parker stated that there would be a Firemen's Pension Board Meeting on Wednesday, June 29, 2011, at 2:00 p.m. at the Lufkin City Hall – Room 102. City Manager Parker stated that the Lufkin City Hall would be closed on Monday, July 4th to observe

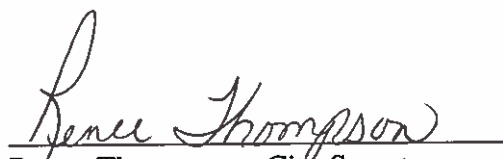
Independence Day. Councilmember Lynn Torres stated that the DETCOG Board would meet on Thursday, June 23, 2011, at 12:00 noon in Nacogdoches.

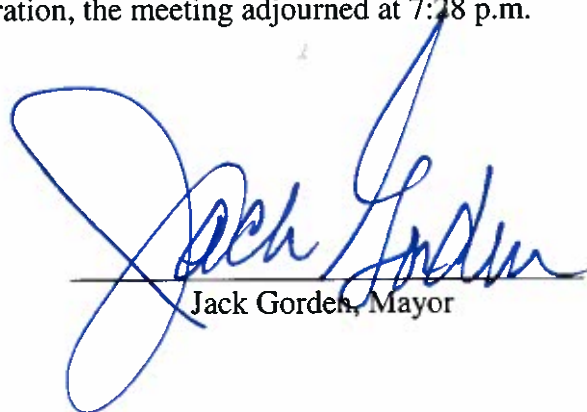
Councilmember Don Langston stated that Mayor Gorden's article regarding I-69 was very informative and gave the City a better perspective of where they were headed. Councilmember Langston added that there had been more done than most people realized and that it was very positive to recognize that fact.

Mayor Gorden stated that the Texas Heart and Stroke Healthy City Recognition Program gave the City of Lufkin a plaque that represented the silver status. Mayor Gorden added that John Brink with Memorial Hospital headed up the committee working on the program and that a gentleman from Austin came to Lufkin to make the presentation and was really bragging on the City of Lufkin and the fact that cities much larger than Lufkin had not been able to obtain that status. Mayor Gorden stated that it validated what everyone knew that Lufkin had a lot of good things going for it. Mayor Gorden added that a lot of individual people worked really hard to help obtain the recognition.

Councilmember Sarah Murray commended Councilmember Robert Shankle for getting Jones Pool open. Councilmember Murray added that this was the only free swimming area in Lufkin. Councilmember Murray stated that Councilmember Shankle worked hard to find lifeguards for the pool. Councilmember Shankle stated that the City had a lot to do with the funding, paying the lifeguards and getting the pool ready and in shape for the summer season.

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


Renee Thompson – City Secretary


Jack Gorden, Mayor