

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 19TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2006**

On the 19th day of September, 2006, 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
R. L. Kuykendall	Councilmember, Ward No. 1
Lynn Torres	Councilmember, Ward No. 3
Don Langston	Councilmember, Ward No. 4
Rufus Duncan, Jr.	Councilmember, Ward No. 5
Phil Medford	Councilmember, Ward No. 6
Paul L. Parker	City Manager
Renee Thompson	City Secretary
Robert Flounoy	City Attorney
Keith Wright	Asst. City Manager
David Koonce	Human Resource Director
Larry Brazil	Police Chief
Scott Marcotte	Asst. Police Chief
Pete Prewitt	Fire Chief
Doug Wood	Finance Director
Steve Floyd	Solid Waste and Recycling Director
Dorothy Wilson	Planning Director
Jim Wehmeier	Economic Development Director
Rhonda McLendon	Municipal Court & Animal Control Director
being present, and	
Rose Faine Boyd	Mayor Pro-Tem

being absent, when the following business was transacted:

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by Reverend Bob Klund, Believers Bible Church.
2. Mayor Jack Gorden welcomed visitors present. Councilmember Lynn Torres recognized LHS students who were present, satisfying their government class requirement.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 5, 2006 were approved on a motion by Councilmember Don Langston, and seconded by Lynn Torres. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

OLD BUSINESS:

4. **PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, - APPROVED - BY CHANGING THE ZONING DESIGNATION OF A CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, DESCRIBED AS TRACT 39 OF THE A. BARRELA SURVEY FROM THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF 'RESIDENTIAL LARGE SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING' TO A "COMMERCIAL" ZONING DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY PLANNER TO MAKE SUCH CHANGES ON THE OFFICIAL MAP**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was a Public Hearing and Second Reading of an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Lufkin,

Texas, by changing the zoning designation of a certain tract or parcel of land within the corporate limits of the City of Lufkin, Texas, described as Tract 39 of the A. Barela Survey from the zoning classification of "Residential Large Single Family Dwelling" to a "Commercial" Zoning District and authorizing the City Planner to make such changes on the Official Map. City Manager Paul Parker stated that this was the second reading of the Ordinance and was a request for a zone change on 20.1 acres of land located on North Timberland Drive and Loop 287. City Manager Parker added that the Planning Staff and the Planning and Zoning Commission both recommended approval of the zone change from "Residential Large" to Commercial and that he would answer any questions that Council had on the issue.

Mayor Gorden then opened the Public Hearing at 5:11 p.m. concerning the Zoning Ordinance. Mayor Gorden asked those attending the Council Meeting if there was anyone who wanted to speak concerning the Zoning Ordinance. Mayor Gorden then closed the Public Hearing at 5:12 p.m.

Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall moved to approve the Second Reading of the Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Lufkin, Texas, by changing the zoning designation of a certain tract or parcel of land within the corporate limits of the City of Lufkin, Texas, described as Tract 39 of the A. Barela Survey from the zoning classification of "Residential Large Single Family Dwelling" to a "Commercial" Zoning District and authorizing the City Planner to make such changes on the Official Map. Councilmember Don Langston seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

5. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, - APPROVED - BY GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A "RESTAURANT WITH A PRIVATE CLUB" WITHIN A "COMMERCIAL" ZONING DISTRICT ON CERTAIN TRACTS OR PARCELS OF LAND WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, DESCRIBED AS PART OF LOT 3, BLOCK 1 OF THE HOME DEPOT SUBDIVISION AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY PLANNER TO MAKE SUCH CHANGES ON THE OFFICIAL MAP

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was a Public Hearing and Second Reading of an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Lufkin, Texas, by granting a Special Use Permit for a "Restaurant with a Private Club" within a "Commercial" Zoning District on certain tracts or parcels of land within the corporate limits of the City of Lufkin, Texas, described as part of Lot 3, Block 1 of the Home Depot Subdivision and authorizing the City Planner to make such changes on the Official Map. City Manager Paul Parker stated that this was a request by Logan's Roadhouse, Inc., which would be located in front of Home Depot, for a "Special Use" Permit to enable the sale of alcoholic beverages in their restaurant. City Manager Parker added that the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Planning Staff recommended the approval of the "Special Use" Permit.

Mayor Gorden then opened the Public Hearing at 5:12 p.m. concerning the Zoning Ordinance. Mayor Gorden asked those attending the Council Meeting if there was anyone who wanted to speak concerning the Zoning Ordinance. Mayor Gorden then closed the Public Hearing at 5:13 p.m.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the Second Reading of the Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Lufkin, Texas, by granting a Special Use Permit for a "Restaurant with a Private Club" within a "Commercial" Zoning District on certain tracts or parcels of land within the corporate limits of the City of Lufkin, Texas, described as part of Lot 3, Block 1 of the Home Depot Subdivision and authorizing the City Planner to make such changes on the Official Map. Councilmember Rufus Duncan seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

6. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, - APPROVED - AND EXTENDING THE BOUNDARIES OF SAID CITY

SO AS TO INCLUDE SAID HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS, AND GRANTING TO SAID TERRITORY AND TO ALL FUTURE INHABITANTS OF SAID PROPERTY ALL OF THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF OTHER CITIZENS AND BINDING SAID FUTURE INHABITANTS BY ALL OF THE ACTS AND ORDINANCES OF THE SAID CITY

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was a Public Hearing and Second Reading of an Ordinance annexing the hereinafter described territory to the City of Lufkin, Texas, and extending the boundaries of said City so as to include said hereinafter described property within the city limits, and granting to said territory and to all future inhabitants of said property all of the rights and privileges of other citizens and binding said future inhabitants by all of the Acts and Ordinances of the said City. City Manager Paul Parker stated that this was a second reading on the proposed annexation of 15.62 acres. City Manager Parker added that the developers were requesting annexation to receive full city services. City Manager Parker explained that the developers were anticipating utilizing this property for single family development. City Manager Parker stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Staff recommended that annexation of the property be approved.

Mayor Gorden then opened the Public Hearing at 5:13 p.m. concerning the Annexation Ordinance. Mayor Gorden asked those attending the Council Meeting if there was anyone who wanted to speak concerning the Annexation Ordinance. Mayor Gorden then closed the Public Hearing at 5: 14 p.m.

Councilmember Rufus Duncan moved to approve the Second Reading of the Ordinance annexing the hereinafter described territory to the City of Lufkin, Texas, and extending the boundaries of said City so as to include said hereinafter described property within the city limits, and granting to said territory and to all future inhabitants of said property all of the rights and privileges of other citizens and binding said future inhabitants by all of the Acts and Ordinances of the said City. Councilmember Don Langston seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

NEW BUSINESS:

7. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, - APPROVED - BEING ORDINANCE NO. 3368, BY AMENDING ARTICLE III TO ADD "AG - AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT" AND AMENDING ARTICLE XIX "SCHEDULE OF PERMITTED USES" TO ADD THE AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT AND ASSOCIATED USES THERETO; REPEALING CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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, being Ordinance No. 3368, by amending Article III to add "Ag - Agricultural District" and amending Article XIX "Schedule of Permitted Uses" to add the Agricultural District and associated uses thereto; repealing conflicting provisions; and providing an effective date. City Manager Paul Parker stated that this was an Agricultural Zone that was proposed by the Staff and the Planning and Zoning Commission for consideration by the City Council. City Manager Parker explained that the zone would allow for transitional zoning until the annexed areas were developed and other zoning types were needed. City Manager Parker added that it would be a "holding zone" for the City but would still allow for development within that area such as single family residences and other uses as allowed. City Manager Parker added that other provisions were spelled out in the Ordinance, such as the use of firearms under certain conditions that were some of the concerns of the residents that would be annexed. City Manager Parker stated that the Planning Staff was present to answer any questions that Council had concerning the proposed Agricultural Ordinance. City Manager Parker added that the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Staff recommended the approval of the proposed district as presented.

Mayor Gorden then opened the Public Hearing at 5:15 p.m. concerning the Zoning Ordinance. Mayor Gorden asked those attending the Council Meeting if there was anyone who wanted to speak concerning the Zoning Ordinance. Mayor Gorden then closed the Public Hearing at 5:16 p.m.

Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall moved to approve First Reading of the Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Lufkin, Texas, being Ordinance No. 3368, by amending Article III to add "Ag - Agricultural District" and amending Article XIX "Schedule of Permitted Uses" to add the Agricultural District and associated uses thereto; repealing conflicting provisions; and providing an effective date. Councilmember Phil Medford seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

8. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, - APPROVED - BY ESTABLISHING ZONING DESIGNATIONS FOR CERTAIN TRACTS OR PARCELS OF LAND ANNEXED BY THE CITY OF LUFKIN AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY PLANNER TO MAKE SUCH CHANGES ON THE OFFICIAL MAP

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was a Public Hearing and First Reading of an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Lufkin, Texas, by establishing zoning designations for certain Tracts or Parcels of Land annexed by the City of Lufkin and authorizing the City Planner to make such changes on the Official Map. City Manager Paul Parker stated that the property being considered in the Zoning Ordinance was the same property that had just been approved on Second Reading for annexation. City Manager Parker explained that the developers were requesting that Council establish a zone that would allow for single family development on the larger lots. City Manager Parker stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Staff recommended that the property be zoned to "Residential Large".

Mayor Gorden then opened the Public Hearing at 5:17 p.m. concerning the Zoning Ordinance. Mayor Gorden asked those attending the Council Meeting if there was anyone who wanted to speak concerning the Zoning Ordinance. Mayor Gorden then closed the Public Hearing at 5:18 p.m.

Councilmember Don Langston moved to approve the First Reading of the Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Lufkin, Texas, by establishing zoning designations for certain Tracts or Parcels of Land annexed by the City of Lufkin and authorizing the City Planner to make such changes on the Official Map. Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

There were some questions and discussion among the City Staff, City Manager and Council Members concerning the land that was located between the city limits and the newly annexed property.

9. RESOLUTION OF THE LUFKIN CITY COUNCIL, - APPROVED - ADOPTING THE ANGELINA COUNTY/CITY OF LUFKIN HAZARD MITIGATION ACTION PLAN

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was a Resolution of the Lufkin City Council, adopting the Angelina County/City of Lufkin Hazard Mitigation Action Plan. City Manager Paul Parker stated that each entity, including the State of Texas, was required to have a Hazard Mitigation Action Plan as part of the Emergency Management Plan. City Manager Parker added that the City Staff had worked on the plan for quite some time and reminded the Council that almost one (1) year ago the City of Lufkin was facing the Hurricane Rita Disaster. City Manager Parker explained that the Hazard Mitigation Action Plan was the type of plan that would outline implementation and actions that would reduce and address such hazards. City Manager Parker stated that the positive aspect of the plan was that it would strengthen the City of Lufkin's eligibility to apply for pre-disaster and post-disaster funding from FEMA. City Manager Parker stated that Staff recommended that the Council approve the Angelina County/City of Lufkin Hazard Mitigation Action Plan.

Councilmember Phil Medford moved to approve the Resolution of the Lufkin City Council, adopting the Angelina County/City of Lufkin Hazard Mitigation Action Plan. Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

10. BID FROM CENTRAL POLY CORP - APPROVED - FOR 23,000 ROLLS OF REFUSE BAGS FOR THE SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was a bid from Central Poly Corp for 23,000 rolls of refuse bags for the Solid Waste Department. City Manager Paul Parker stated that each year, as part of the City's Solid Waste Department's program, the City provides two (2) boxes of refuse bags for the Solid Waste customers. City Manager Parker explained that along with the give-away program, the City of Lufkin also sells the refuse bags. City Manager Parker stated that this year's low bid was three dollars and ninety-three cents (\$3.93) per roll, which was down from last year's bid of five dollars and five cents (\$5.05) per roll, which was in direct relation to the petroleum industry. City Manager Parker stated that Staff recommended that Council award the bid to Central Poly Corp. for twenty three thousand (23,000) rolls at a total cost of ninety thousand three hundred ninety dollars (\$90,390).

There was some discussion among the City Manager and Mayor concerning the refuse bags.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the bid from Central Poly Corp for 23,000 rolls of refuse bags for the Solid Waste Department. Councilmember Rufus Duncan seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

11. BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF ASPHALT HOT MIX AND LIMESTONE - APPROVED - FROM EAST TEXAS ASPHALT COMPANY

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was a bid for the purchase of asphalt hot mix and limestone from East Texas Asphalt Company. City Manager Paul Parker stated that the City of Lufkin annually bids the hot mix asphalt and limestone base. City Manager Parker added that the City was currently purchasing the asphalt at forty-four dollars and fifty cents (\$44.50) per ton for asphalt and noted that the price had escalated considerably since that last bid. City Manager Parker stated that the new bid was limestone at twenty-five dollars and eighty cents (\$25.80) per ton if picked up by City Staff and twenty-eight dollars and thirty cents (\$28.30) per ton if delivered, Type B Hot Mix at fifty-seven dollars (\$57) per ton, Type D Hot Mix at sixty-three dollars (\$63) per ton, and Type F Hot Mix at sixty-six dollars (\$66) per ton. City Manager Parker added that the low bidder was East Texas Asphalt and that Staff recommended that Council approve the low bid for limestone and asphalt as previously stated.

There was some discussion among the City Manager, Staff, Council and Mayor concerning contracting for the asphalt due to the fluctuation of the price of oil.

Councilmember Rufus Duncan moved to approve the bid for the purchase of asphalt hot mix and limestone from East Texas Asphalt Company. Councilmember Don Langston seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

12. BID FROM GOODTIMES WOOD PRODUCTS, INC. - APPROVED - FOR GRINDING AND REMOVING WOOD WASTE AT SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was a bid from GoodTimes Wood Products, Inc. for grinding and removing wood waste at Solid Waste/Recycling. City Manager Paul Parker stated that the Mayor and Council was aware of the Solid Waste Disposal Program that the City of Lufkin has had for several years. City Manager Parker added that the program consisted of receiving wood products, grinding the material and selling the wood chips to avoid landfill costs. City Manager Parker reminded the Council of the fire in June 2006 in which one (1) of the two (2) tub grinders was destroyed. City Manager Parker added that the destruction of the tub grinder, along with a change in staff, prompted the Staff to review the program thoroughly. City Manager

Parker stated that Staff determined that the City of Lufkin could now suspend the Waste Disposal Program. City Manager Parker added that the City could then avoid extensive costs for the repair of the existing tub grinder that was quite worn and would have to be replaced in the next couple of years. City Manager Parker stated that the replacement would cost close to five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000). City Manager Parker added that along with replacing the tub grinder, the City had placed in the City's Amortization Program in the next two (2) years, the replacement of a track loader/dozer and rubber tired front loader to use in the operation. City Manager Parker stated that if Council approved the bid for grinding and removing the wood waste, the purchase of the two (2) pieces of equipment would not be necessary. City Manager Parker added that this would be a sizeable savings to the City. City Manager Parker stated that the Council had also recently approved an eight foot (8') privacy fence that would no longer be necessary if the bid for grinding and removal was approved. City Manager Parker recommended that the City of Lufkin to get out of the wood grinding and selling operation.

City Manager Parker stated that the City received one (1) bid from seven (7) bid packets and from advertising for the grinding and removal of wood waste from the City's Solid Waste/Recycling Facility. City Manager Parker added that the references that were checked on the low bidder revealed that the company had a good record as far as producing. City Manager Parker explained that the company would take care of the thirty-five thousand (35,000) cubic yards that was currently on the yard at a price of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per cubic yard. City Manager Parker stated that in the future, when the City of Lufkin accumulated approximately ten thousand (10,000) cubic yards, the company would come in and grind and remove the waste at one dollar and seventy-five cents (\$1.75) per cubic yard. City Manager Parker explained that the City would move the storage of wood materials out to the old landfill located close to the water plant so that it would be out of the public eye and the City would no longer accept trees and lumber from other entities. City Manager Parker stated that Staff felt that approval of the grinding and removal of wood waste would provide a significant savings to the City of Lufkin. City Manager Parker added that in the Council packets there were estimates of the savings from the Staff. City Manager Parker stated that Staff recommended that Council award the bid to GoodTimes Wood Products, Inc. for the grinding and removal of wood waste from the City's Solid Waste/Recycling Facility at one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per cubic yard for the approximate thirty-five thousand (35,000) cubic yards on site and one dollar and seventy-five cents (\$1.75) per cubic yard for future grinding and removal. City Manager Parker added that if the bid were approved, GoodTimes Wood Products, Inc. would begin the process in the next six (6) to eight (8) weeks.

There was some discussion among Staff, Mayor, and Council Members concerning the bid, time frames for the operation, salvage of current equipment, and the effect on positions within the Solid Waste/Recycling Department.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the bid from GoodTimes Wood Products, Inc. for grinding and removing wood waste at Solid Waste/Recycling. Councilmember Don Langston seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

13. AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FOR \$5,000 - APPROVED - FROM SAM'S CORPORATION FOR A TOUGHBOOK LAPTOP

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was an authorization for the Fire Department to apply for a grant for \$5,000 from Sam's Corporation for a Toughbook Laptop. City Manager Paul Parker stated that Mike Hampson, with Sam's Corporation, in celebration of the "Grand Opening" of Sam's, offered to make available to the City of Lufkin, a five thousand dollar (\$5,000) grant. City Manager Parker explained that Sam's Corporation required the City of Lufkin to first apply for the grant and requested that the funds be used for public safety. City Manager Parker added that the City of Lufkin was trying to put Toughbook laptop computers in all of the City's EMS units.

City Manager Parker stated that Staff recommended that Council allow the Fire Department to apply for a "Grand Opening" grant from Sam's Corporation in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000). City Manager Parker added that the only request from

Mike Hampson was that the City of Lufkin could have the new fire truck parked in front of their facility on the day of the "Grand Opening".

There was some discussion among Staff, Mayor, and Council Members concerning the grant for the laptops.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the authorization for the Fire Department to apply for a grant for \$5,000 from Sam's Corporation for a Toughbook Laptop. Councilmember Rufus Duncan seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

14. Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was a report from Paul Parker, City Manager. City Manager Paul Parker stated that the report represented the eleventh (11th) month of the fiscal year or approximately ninety-two percent (92%) with the exception of Sales and Use Tax which ran one (1) month behind or approximately eighty-three percent (83%). City Manager Parker added that the City of Lufkin was ahead in the Sales and Use Tax because of the way the City books it. City Manager Parker stated that ninety-seven percent (97%) of the revenue had been collected to date. City Manager Parker added that expenditures were at approximately eighty-five percent (85%) of the total available expenditures. City Manager Parker explained that this was after the mid-year adjustment. City Manager Parker stated that the Water/Wastewater Fund was at approximately ninety-two percent (92%) in revenues and approximately eighty-five percent (85%) in expenditures and should come in close to the original estimates.

City Manager Parker stated that the Solid Waste/Recycling Fund would also come in very close to the original estimates. City Manager Parker added that this fund was slightly below anticipated revenue but was near the previous estimates for the current year.

City Manager Parker stated that the Hotel/Motel Fund was better than the initial estimates for the year and has collected approximately ninety-eight percent (98%) of the budget. City Manager Parker added that the Hotel/Motel Fund should exceed the earlier expectations. City Manager Parker explained that this fund received revenue and then dispersed it to various entities and that expenditures would more than likely exceed revenues due to the various ways it was allocated to the entities.

City Manager Parker stated that he would not elaborate on the remainder of the funds, as the reports were in the Council's packets. City Manager Parker explained that all of the funds were doing well and meeting budgets or exceeding anticipated revenues. City Manager Parker added that he would answer any specific questions that Council had concerning any of the funds. City Manager Parker stated that overall the City was meeting or exceeding projected revenue and that Staff was holding expenses below the budgeted figures in all departments.

City Manager Parker stated that he would highlight portions of the Project Status Report. City Manager Parker stated that there were still some ongoing projects. City Manager Parker explained that Staff was working diligently on Whitehouse Phase II (Tulane to Hwy. 59). City Manager Parker added that Staff is diligently working to lay as much asphalt as possible due to the current lower cost of asphalt. City Manager Parker stated that Staff had some funds left over from the overlay program that had enabled them to overlay Gaslight Boulevard. City Manager Parker added that Staff was also working on some drainage issues that should be complete by October 1, 2006.

Councilmember Don Langston asked when the asbestos waterline replacement would begin in Crown Colony. Assistant City Manager Keith Wright stated the project should be started within the month.

Mayor Jack Gorden asked for the status on the automated meter readers. City Manager Parker stated that Staff was having conversations with the consulting firm that were evaluating the City's electrical use for possible ways to save costs. City Manager Parker explained that one of their benefits is that they will go in and fund the installation of the water meter readers because of the generated savings of the system. City Manager Parker added that the revenue typically increases by replacing the older meters and therefore the

City would get better readings. City Manager Parker stated that the City was considering using the company and if it proved to be feasible, Staff would bring back to the Council a contract to complete the replacement of the meters. City Manager Parker added that the City was approximately fifty percent (50%) complete on the replacement, but that had been over a four (4) year period and the City needed to bring the program to a conclusion.

City Manager Parker stated that he had concluded his report unless the Mayor or Council had further questions.

City Manager Parker stated that the City of Lufkin had recently received three (3) awards. City Manager Parker added that all three (3) were very prestigious awards for the City of Lufkin. City Manager Parker stated that the first (1st) award to be highlighted was the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality Total Coliform Rule Program Award. Assistant City Manager Keith Wright explained that the City of Lufkin completes over forty (40) tests per month and the City of Lufkin has not failed any of the tests. Mr. Wright explained that the award was based on the performance of the City in the analysis.

City Manager Parker stated that the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada presented the Award of Financial Reporting Achievement and the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to the Finance Department and the City of Lufkin. City Manager Parker added that this was the fifth (5th) year in a row that the City had received the awards and pointed out that these awards were not given out lightly and a lot of work is done by the Finance Department and all of the City of Lufkin departments. City Manager Parker congratulated the financial staff for continuing its excellence for reporting and for financial records.

Mayor Gorden reminded the Council, the Staff, and those attending the Council Meeting that the Texas State Forest Festival would begin on Wednesday, September 20, 2006. Mayor Gorden added that the Forest Festival was one (1) of the major events in the City of Lufkin and receives a lot of publicity for the City around the state.

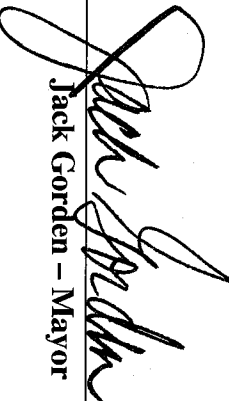
15. Mayor Jack Gorden recessed the Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. to enter into Executive Session.

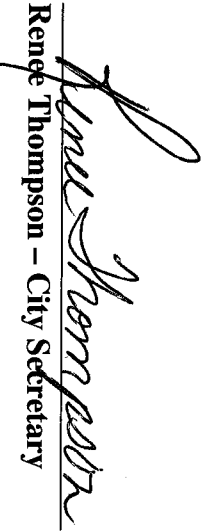
EXECUTIVE SESSION: In accordance with the Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (2) Consultation with City Attorney on any Regular Session Agenda item requiring confidential, attorney/client advices necessitated by the deliberation or discussion of said items (as needed), and real estate, appointment to boards and personnel may be discussed.

Mayor Jack Gorden reconvened the Regular Session at 8:00 p.m.

15. Mayor Jack Gorden stated that Council had their Calendar of Events. City Manager Parker reminded those Council Members that were going to Waxahachie that they would be leaving at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 21, 2006 from City Hall. City Manager Parker also reminded the Council that the City of Lufkin was hosting its Annual Health and Benefits Fair at the Lufkin Piser Garrison Civic Center on Thursday, September 21, 2006 and Friday, September 22, 2006 and that flu shots would be available.

16. There being no further business for consideration, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.


Jack Gorden – Mayor


Renee Thompson – City Secretary