

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 5TH DAY OF JULY, 2011**

On the 5th day of July, 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
Ted Lovett	Interim Fire Chief
Belinda Southern	Finance Director
Dorothy Wilson	Planning Director
Mike Akridge	Parks & Leisure Services Director
Jim Wehmeier	Economic Development Director
Bill Gates	Captain, Fire Department

being present, when the following business was transacted:

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by Deputy City Manager Keith Wright.
2. Mayor Jack Gorden welcomed visitors present.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 21, 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.(a) **URGENT PUBLIC NECESSITY OF EXTENDING THE BURN BAN APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON JUNE 17, 2011. STAFF IS ASKING THAT THE BURN BAN BE EXTENDED - APPROVED - FOR 90 DAYS OR UNTIL LIFTED BY THE COUNCIL**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was the urgent public necessity of extending the burn ban approved by the Mayor on June 17, 2011, and that the burn ban be extended for 90 days or until lifted by the Council

Councilmember Don Langston moved to approve the urgent public necessity of extending the burn ban approved by the Mayor on June 17, 2011, and extend the burn ban by ninety (90) days or until lifted by Council. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

4. **PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE APPORTIONMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, - APPROVED - ESTABLISHING BOUNDARY LINES OF THE ELECTION WARDS, NUMBERING EACH ELECTION WARD, SETTING**

REPRESENTATION FROM EACH ELECTION WARD, REPEALING INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES, PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was a Public Hearing and First Reading of an Ordinance providing for the apportionment of members of the City Council of the City of Lufkin, Texas, establishing boundary lines of the Election Wards, numbering each Election Ward, setting representation from each Election Ward, repealing inconsistent Ordinances, providing a severability clause and an effective date. Mayor Gorden added that a group of citizens, along with City Staff had been working on the Redistricting Plan. Mayor Gorden explained that the City had hired the work done in the past, and that the City Management was to be commended for taking on the job.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that the City Council had appointed a committee of ten (10) individuals when starting the Redistricting Proposal for the City of Lufkin. City Manager Parker added that included in the Redistricting Committee was Don Weir, Trent Ashby, Joe Pase, R. L. Kuykendall, Mike Parker, Guessipina Bonner, Alex Alexander, Ino Reyes, April Early and Mark Hicks. City Manager Parker explained that the committee worked very diligently through several meetings and on June 16, 2011, they held a Public Hearing to consider several options that had been studied and put forth. City Manager Parker stated that the recommended option by the committee was Option No. 1 B, which was now being referred to as the recommended Redistricting Plan for the City of Lufkin. City Manager Parker stated that on June 21, 2011, the City Council also held a Public Hearing to receive input on the proposed Redistricting Plan that came forth from the Citizens Redistricting Committee. City Manager Parker added that the Council then unanimously recommended putting the Redistricting Plan recommendation, classified as No. 1 B, to a formal vote and consideration by the City Council. City Manager Parker stated that Staff recommended that the Council conduct a Public Hearing concerning the proposed Redistricting Plan, and approve the First Reading of the Ordinance approving the proposed Redistricting Plan. City Manager Parker pointed out that there were maps available in the back of the Council Chambers, if anyone wanted to get a copy of the 2010 proposed Redistricting Plan.

Mayor Gorden opened the Public Hearing at 5:16 p.m. and asked anyone who wished to speak on the item to please step forward. There appearing to be no one who wished to speak, Mayor Gorden closed the Public Hearing at 5:17 p.m.

Mayor Gorden asked for questions or comments from the Council.

Councilmember Don Langston moved to approve the First Reading of the Ordinance providing for the apportionment of members of the City Council of the City of Lufkin, Texas, establishing boundary lines of the Election Wards, numbering each Election Ward, setting representation from each Election Ward, repealing inconsistent Ordinances, providing a severability clause and an effective date. Councilmember Lynn Torres seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

5. FIRST PUBLIC HEARING IN CONSIDERATION OF A VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION ON APPROXIMATELY 3.09 ACRES OF LAND APPROXIMATELY FIVE HUNDRED FEET (500') SOUTHEAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF FULLER SPRINGS DRIVE AND JOYCE LANE AND BEING PART OF THE FULLER SPRINGS FARM ACRES SUBDIVISION, BLOCK 1, LOT 88.3 – 89.2, ALSO KNOWN AS 1605 FULLER SPRINGS DRIVE

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was the first Public Hearing in consideration of a voluntary annexation on approximately 3.09 acres of land approximately five hundred feet (500') southeast of the intersection of Fuller Springs Drive and Joyce Lane and being part of the Fuller Springs Farm Acres Subdivision, Block 1, Lot 88.3 – 89.2, also known as 1605 Fuller Springs Drive.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that the current item and the following item were both Public Hearings regarding the same annexation request. City Manager Parker explained that the reason that the two (2) Public Hearings were taking place in the same meeting was that the law allowed it, and that there would have had to have been a Special Called Meeting of

the Lufkin City Council to meet the State Law if the Public Hearings were not held on the same night. City Manager Parker added that the annexation request was for 3.09 acres of land, commonly known as 1605 Fuller Springs Drive. City Manager Parker stated that the applicant met all of the requirements for a voluntary annexation, because the area was adjacent to the City, had fewer than three (3) qualified voters residing there and that the petition was made by the owner. City Manager Parker added that in fact, there were only two (2) qualified voters living at the residence. City Manager Parker stated that the owner wanted City services, such as water and sewer, provided to the residence. City Manager Parker then recommended that the City Council hold the first of two (2) Public Hearings for the annexation request.

Mayor Gorden opened the Public Hearing at 5:19 p.m. and asked anyone who wished to speak on the item to please step forward. There appearing to be no one who wished to speak, Mayor Gorden closed the Public Hearing at 5:20 p.m.

6. SECOND PUBLIC HEARING IN CONSIDERATION OF A VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION ON APPROXIMATELY 3.09 ACRES OF LAND APPROXIMATELY FIVE HUNDRED FEET (500') SOUTHEAST OF THE CORNER OF FULLER SPRINGS DRIVE AND JOYCE LANE AND BEING PART OF THE FULLER SPRINGS FARM ACRES SUBDIVISION, BLOCK 1, LOT 88.3 – 89.2, ALSO KNOWN AS 1605 FULLER SPRINGS DRIVE

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was the second Public Hearing in consideration of a voluntary annexation on approximately 3.09 acres of land approximately five hundred feet (500') southeast of the corner of Fuller Springs Drive and Joyce Lane and being part of the Fuller Springs Farm Acres Subdivision, Block 1, Lot 88.3 – 89.2, also known as 1605 Fuller Springs Drive

City Manager Paul Parker stated that the item was the second of the two (2) Public Hearings on the annexation request that was discussed in item five (5).

Mayor Gorden opened the Public Hearing at 5:20 p.m. and asked anyone who wished to speak on the item to please step forward. There appearing to be no one who wished to speak, Mayor Gorden closed the Public Hearing at 5:21 p.m.

Mayor Gorden asked for questions or comments from the Council.

7. BID FROM NAFECO/WILSON FIRE AND RESCUE FOR BUNKER GEAR IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED FORTY-NINE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY-NINE AND SIXTY CENTS (\$149,999.60) AND A RESOLUTION REGARDING A FINANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LUFKIN AND GOVERNMENT CAPITAL CORPORATION – APPROVED - FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROCURING BUNKER GEAR FOR THE LUFKIN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was a bid from NAFECO/Wilson Fire and Rescue for bunker gear in the amount of one hundred forty-nine thousand nine hundred ninety-nine and sixty cents (\$149,999.60) and a Resolution regarding a Finance Agreement between the City of Lufkin and Government Capital Corporation for the purpose of procuring bunker gear for the Lufkin Fire Department.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that the Texas Commission on Fire Protection adopted the standards for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) two (2) years earlier, based on the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1851. City Manager Parker explained that the requirement was that all of the personal protection gear, which included the fire fighters coats, pants, helmets, gloves, hoods and boots, had to be replaced every ten (10) years and also be subjected to a yearly inspection and repairs made to any tears or worn spots within the bunker gear. City Manager Parker stated that last year the City purchased seventeen (17) sets of bunker gear to begin the replacement that was needed for the entire department, which were seventy-nine (79) complete sets. City Manager Parker added that Captain Bill Gates and Chief Lovett had been working with the concept of going out for a Request for Proposal (RFP) to have all of the equipment replaced at one (1) time. City Manager Parker explained that they then would go out for a cleaning contract. City Manager Parker stated that by doing this, Captain Gates and Chief Lovett had a recommended proposal to present to the Council

to go out for RFP's and purchase, through a lease/purchase arrangement, sixty-two (62) sets of coats and pants, and seventy-nine (79) helmets and boots. City Manager Parker explained that the difference was the seventeen (17) coats and pants that had been purchased the previous year. City Manager Parker stated that this would give the Fire Department seventy-nine (79) full sets of PPE. City Manager Parker added that the City had to have a cleaning contract that was not part of lease/purchase price. City Manager Parker stated that the RFP's were received and that Wilson Fire and Rescue was the lowest bidder. City Manager Parker explained that whenever the City had purchased the seventeen (17) coats and pants the previous year, it had been from Wilson Fire and Rescue. City Manager Parker added that Wilson Fire and Rescue also had the maintenance agreement on the seventeen (17) units that were purchased the previous year. City Manager Parker stated that Wilson Fire and Rescue sold Lion Apparel Firefighting gear and that the total care price was one hundred seventy dollars (\$170) per year for each set of coats and pants purchased. City Manager Parker explained that the contract would continue for the seventeen (17) units that were previously purchased. City Manager Parker added that the contract for the new sixty-two (62) sets, if approved by the City Council, would be ten thousand five hundred forty dollars (\$10,540). City Manager Parker stated that based on an interest rate of 3.5% over a five (5) year period, the total cost would be in the amount of one hundred forty-nine thousand nine hundred ninety-nine dollars and sixty cents (\$149,999.60). City Manager Parker added that the equipment would be one hundred forty thousand one hundred ninety-two dollars (\$140,192), and interest over a five year period would be nine thousand eight hundred seven dollars and sixty cents (\$9,807.60). City Manager Parker stated that Captain Gates and Chief Ted Lovett were present at the meeting to answer any questions that the Council had regarding the item. City Manager Parker stated that Staff recommended that the City Council enter into the agreement for the lease/purchase of the sixty-two (62) sets of complete bunker gear and the boots and helmets of the other seventeen (17) sets.

There was then discussion among the City Manager, Mayor, Council and Staff regarding the maintenance and cleaning of the equipment and gear.

Councilmember Rufus Duncan moved to approve the bid from NAFECO/Wilson Fire and Rescue for bunker gear in the amount of one hundred forty-nine thousand nine hundred ninety-nine and sixty cents (\$149,999.60) and a Resolution regarding a Finance Agreement between the City of Lufkin and Government Capital Corporation for the purpose of procuring bunker gear for the Lufkin Fire Department. Councilmember Lynn Torres seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

8. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2010/2011 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 32), - APPROVED - PROVIDING FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS IN THE GENERAL FUND CONSTRUCTION FUND, THE 2010 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND; THE 1999 WATER WASTEWATER CIP PROJECTS FUND, THE 2009 WATER/SEWER CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION FUND, AND THE WATER AND WASTEWATER DEPRECIATION FUND; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was a Resolution authorizing an amendment to the 2010/2011 Operating Budget (Budget Amendment No. 32), providing for the supplemental appropriation of funds in the General Fund Construction Fund, the 2010 Capital Improvements Fund; the 1999 Water Wastewater CIP Projects Fund, the 2009 Water/Sewer Certificates of Obligation Fund, and the Water and Wastewater Depreciation Fund; and providing an effective date.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that each year when the City began the budget process the different funding mechanisms were looked at, and at the end of the year there was money often left in the projects that were completed. City Manager Parker stated that in each budget area for a project, such as the Fire Engine #7 replacement, the money not obligated was then rolled back into the fund balance. City Manager Parker added that there were several projects listed for the Council to consider, with the only exception being the SECO Grant for the Fire Station #1 upgrade. City Manager Parker explained that this project was revenue neutral, and was a grant that had never been budgeted. City Manager Parker stated that the proposed Budget Amendment put the funds in for the SECO Grant Project.

City Manager Parker stated that the remainder of the projects, such as the Morris Frank Park Parking Lot Project, the Digester Rebuild Project, Water and Sewer Lines on Rayburn Project and others were all projects that had been completed and the proposed Budget Amendment would roll the money into respective fund balances. City Manager Parker added that the money could not be reused until the City Council authorized the funds on a future project. City Manager Parker then recommended that the City Council approve the Budget Amendment.

Mayor Gorden asked for questions or comments from the Council. There were none.

Councilmember Don Langston moved to approve the Resolution authorizing an amendment to the 2010/2011 Operating Budget (Budget Amendment No. 32), providing for the supplemental appropriation of funds in the General Fund Construction Fund, the 2010 Capital Improvements Fund; the 1999 Water Wastewater CIP Projects Fund, the 2009 Water/Sewer Certificates of Obligation Fund, and the Water and Wastewater Depreciation Fund; and providing an effective date. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

9. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2010/2011 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 33), - APPROVED - PROVIDING FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS IN THE 1999 WATER WASTEWATER CIP PROJECTS FUND AND THE 2009 WATER/SEWER CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION FUND; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was a Resolution authorizing an amendment to the 2010/2011 Operating Budget (Budget Amendment No. 33), providing for the supplemental appropriation of funds in the 1999 Water Wastewater CIP Projects Fund and the 2009 Water/Sewer Certificates of Obligation Fund; and providing an effective date.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that this item was very similar to the last item. City Manager Parker added that the 1999 Wastewater CIP was now completed, and that there was a residual balance of fifty-three thousand two hundred thirty-seven dollars (\$53,237) left in that fund. City Manager Parker then recommended that the City Council close out the fund and transfer the balance to the 2009 Water/Sewer Certificates of Obligation Fund, where there were several projects that had been authorized that were still underway or were yet to be bid. City Manager Parker explained that the action would close out the 1999 Water Wastewater CIP Projects Fund and would roll the remaining fifty-three thousand two hundred thirty-seven dollars (\$53,237) into the 2009 Water/Sewer Certificates of Obligation Fund. City Manager Parker stated that Staff recommended that the City Council approve the Budget Amendment.

Mayor Gorden asked for questions or comments from the Council. There were none.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the Resolution authorizing an amendment to the 2010/2011 Operating Budget (Budget Amendment No. 33), providing for the supplemental appropriation of funds in the 1999 Water Wastewater CIP Projects Fund and the 2009 Water/Sewer Certificates of Obligation Fund; and providing an effective date. Councilmember Don Langston seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

10. BID FROM COX CONTRACTORS IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$105,000) FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION BUILDING FAÇADE RENOVATION AND A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2010/2011 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 34), - APPROVED - PROVIDING FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS IN THE GENERAL FUND CONSTRUCTION FUND AND THE INSURANCE LOSS FUND; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was a bid from Cox Contractors in the amount of one hundred five thousand dollars (\$105,000) for the Parks and Recreation Building Façade Renovation and a Resolution authorizing an amendment to the 2010/2011 Operating Budget (Budget Amendment No. 34), providing for the supplemental

appropriation of funds in the General Fund Construction Fund and the Insurance Loss Fund; and providing an effective date.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that the Council was aware that earlier in the year the Parks and Recreation Building suffered damage from straight line winds. City Manager Parker added that the facility was located at 125 North First Street. City Manager Parker explained that the front façade (brick) fell off of the building. City Manager Parker stated that in accordance with the concept that the City was trying to promote in the Downtown area, the Council had discussed restoring the facility to a more 1930 vintage look, instead of the current exterior. City Manager Parker added that it would help promote the redevelopment of the Downtown area if the City would do likewise, since the City had began the program of providing grants to others. City Manager Parker stated that the City of Lufkin retained the services of Roger Sanders Architect and Design, L.L.C., and Roger had worked diligently to try to find pictures of the original façade. City Manager Parker added that after much searching, one (1) picture was located of the 1930's design of the building. City Manager Parker stated that Mr. Sanders recreated the look and that the picture was in the handout that the City Council had it in their packets. City Manager Parker added that the façade design was an attractive look back to that period. City Manager Parker stated that the City received sixty-seven thousand one hundred seventy-eight dollars and sixty-four cents (\$67,178.64) from the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool. City Manager Parker explained that the new design required workers to go inside, which opened up some asbestos removal problems that ran the cost up a little more. City Manager Parker stated that Cox Contractors had bid one hundred five thousand dollars (\$105,000) for the renovation, with the work to be completed within sixty (60) consecutive calendar days. City Manager Parker added that the asbestos removal and testing was bid at an additional twenty-two thousand dollars (\$22,000). City Manager Parker stated that the total project cost for the architectural costs, asbestos abatement, and construction was one hundred twenty-seven thousand dollars (\$127,000). City Manager Parker explained that the Budget Amendment would transfer sixty-seven thousand one hundred seventy-eight thousand dollars and sixty-four cents (\$67,178.64), that was received from the insurance, into the Capital Improvements Program. City Manager Parker stated that the City had set up General Fund dollars to reduce some Capital Projects and had a fund balance. City Manager Parker added that the balance of that fund could be used without having to come out of the normal operation funds. City Manager Parker stated that Staff recommended that the City Council approve Budget Amendment No. 34, appropriating one hundred twenty-seven thousand dollars (\$127,000), and award the bid to Cox Contractors in the amount of one hundred five thousand dollars (\$105,000).

Mayor Gorden asked for questions or comments from the Council. There were some questions and discussion regarding the bid and the project among the City Council and City Manager.

Councilmember Rufus Duncan moved to approve the bid from Cox Contractors in the amount of one hundred five thousand dollars (\$105,000) for the Parks and Recreation Building Façade Renovation and a Resolution authorizing an amendment to the 2010/2011 Operating Budget (Budget Amendment No. 34), providing for the supplemental appropriation of funds in the General Fund Construction Fund and the Insurance Loss Fund; and providing an effective date. Councilmember Lynn Torres seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

11. RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF LUFKIN, WITH THE OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM, - APPROVED - TO REPLACE THE EXISTING BRIDGE AT MOCCASIN CREEK AND DANIEL MCCALL DRIVE

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was a Resolution supporting an application by the City of Lufkin, with the Off-System Bridge Replacement Program, to replace the existing bridge at Moccasin Creek and Daniel McCall Drive.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that the Texas Department of Transportation had an Off-System Bridge Replacement Program that had a ten percent (10%) local match requirement. City Manager Parker added that TxDOT had been looking at the possibility of replacing the Moccasin Creek and Daniel McCall Bridge for some time, and believed that they could get it qualified for the Off-System Bridge Replacement Program. City Manager Parker stated that

for the City's ten percent (10%) match, Staff was suggesting that TxDOT use the Carrol Avenue Bridge Project that the Council approved in the Capital Improvements Program last year. City Manager Parker explained that the project was already funded, but the City had not started the design or the construction at the present time. City Manager Parker furthered that by doing this, if TxDOT approved it, the funds that would normally be spent on Carrol Street would be the ten percent (10%) match for the City. City Manager Parker stated that TxDOT would then go ahead and replace the Moccasin Creek and Daniel McCall Bridge and the City would replace the Carrol Street Bridge. City Manager Parker stated that Staff recommended that the City Council allow the City to apply for a waiver from the Texas Department of Transportation that would allow the Carrol Avenue Bridge replacement to serve as the City's match for the Moccasin Creek and Daniel McCall Bridge Off-System Bridge Replacement Program.

Mayor Gorden asked for questions or comments from the Council. There were none.

Councilmember Don Langston moved to approve the Resolution supporting an application by the City of Lufkin, with the Off-System Bridge Replacement Program, to replace the existing bridge at Moccasin Creek and Daniel McCall Drive. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

12. Mayor Jack Gorden recessed the Regular Session at 5:36 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 5:58 p.m.

13. **APPOINTMENTS TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AND THE CITY OF LUFKIN FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration were the appointments to the Civil Service Commission and the City of Lufkin Finance Committee.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the appointment of Jule Fenley to the Civil Service Commission and Councilmember Victor Travis to the City of Lufkin Finance Committee. Councilmember Don Langston seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

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 stated that the First Friday Luncheon would be held on Friday, July 8, 2011, at the Pitser Garrison Civic Center with the Texas Country Reporter Bob Phillips being the guest speaker.

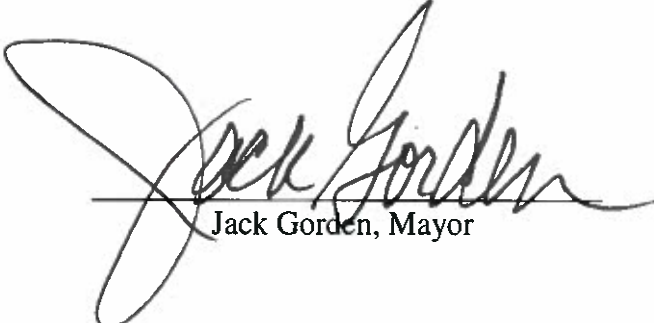
City Manager Paul Parker stated that the City was ready to begin the budget review process and asked the City Council to look at their calendars and give their thoughts on how they wanted to go about it. City Manager Parker added that there was the option of having a Budget Workshop at the end of the next City Council Meeting that would be held on July 19, 2011, or if the Council wanted a longer and more extended meeting, Staff was receptive to however the Council wanted to go forward. City Manager Parker stated that Staff was open to have the Workshop on any day that the Council chose, and to go into as much detail as the Council wanted to go through in the preliminary budget process. City Manager Parker added that the Budget Workshop would take awhile, even with the abbreviated version and that Staff would go through the budget and highlight it, and if the Council had additional needs for discussion then Staff could set up additional meetings as needed. The Council then concurred to have the Budget Workshop at the end of the next City Council Meeting that would be held on July 19, 2011.

Mayor Gorden stated that on Thursday, July 7, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. there would be a dinner honoring outgoing City Councilmember Phil Medford at Ralph and Kacoos Restaurant.

Councilmember Robert Shankle stated that the "Lufkin Pro Day" Banquet would be held on Friday, July 8, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at the Ellen Trout Zoo Educational Building. Councilmember Shankle added that the "Lufkin Pro Day" Family Fun Day would be held the following day, July 9, 2011, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Jones Park and invited everyone to attend.

15. There being no further business for consideration, the meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.


Renee Thompson – City Secretary


Jack Gorden, Mayor