MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 1st DAY OF APRIL, 2008.

On the 1st day of April, 2008, 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
Rose Faine Boyd	Mayor Pro Tem
R. L. Kuykendall	Councilmember, Ward No. 1
Lynn Torres	Councilmember, Ward No. 3
Don Langston	Councilmember, Ward No. 4
Rufus Duncan	Councilmember, Ward No. 5
Phil Medford	Councilmember, Ward No. 6
Paul L. Parker	City Manager
Keith Wright	Assistant City Manager
Bob Flournoy	City Attorney
Renee Thompson	City Secretary
Larry Brazil	Police Chief
Doug Wood	Finance Director
David Koonce	Human Resource Director
Barbara Thompson	Main Street Director
Steve Poskey	Street Department Superintendent
Steve Floyd	Solid Waste and Recycling Director
Lynn Winthrop	Recycling Coordinator
Sue Randleman	Library Director
Chuck Walker	City Engineer
Dale Allred	Inspection Services Director
Dorothy Wilson	Planning Director
Jim Wehmeier	Economic Development Director
Bill Cameron	City Webmaster
Sally Alvis	Library Board

being present, when the following business was transacted:

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by Reverend William Ricks, First Missionary Baptist Church.

2. Mayor Jack Gorden welcomed visitors present. Mayor Gorden gave a special welcome to the Boy Scouts from Troop 518. Councilmember Lynn Torres welcomed LISD students who were present satisfying their government class requirement.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

   Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 18, 2008 were approved on a motion by Councilmember Lynn Torres, and seconded by Councilmember Rose Faine Boyd. 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 AND AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN DESIGNATION OF A CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, DESCRIBED AS A 3.99 ACRE PORTION OF BLOCK 1, LOT 2.66 OF THE VARILLA SUBDIVISION #2 FROM THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF "RESIDENTIAL LARGE SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING" TO A "LIGHT MANUFACTURING" ZONING DISTRICT AND AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN**

DESIGNATION FROM "COMMERCIAL" TO "INDUSTRIAL" 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 and amending the Future Land Use Plan Designation of a certain tract or parcel of land within the corporate limits of the City of Lufkin, Texas, described as a 3.99 acre portion of Block 1, Lot 2.66 of the Varilla Subdivision #2 from the zoning classification of "Residential Large Single-Family Dwelling" to a "Light Manufacturing" Zoning District and amending the Future Land Use Plan Designation from "Commercial" to "Industrial" and authorizing the City Planner to make such changes on the Official Map.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that unless there were specific questions, there was no new information to report on this item.

Mayor Gorden opened the Public Hearing at 5:10 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 5:11 p.m.

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

Councilmember Don Langston moved to approve the Second Reading of the Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Lufkin, Texas, by changing the zoning designation and amending the Future Land Use Plan Designation of a certain tract or parcel of land within the corporate limits of the City of Lufkin, Texas, described as a 3.99 acre portion of Block 1, Lot 2.66 of the Varilla Subdivision #2 from the zoning classification of "Residential Large Single-Family Dwelling" to a "Light Manufacturing" Zoning District and amending the Future Land Use Plan Designation from "Commercial" to "Industrial" and authorizing the City Planner to make such changes on the Official Map. Councilmember Lynn Torres seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

5. **PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE AND THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2001 OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, - APPROVED - BY ESTABLISHING ZONING AND FUTURE LAND USE PLAN 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 Second Reading of an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance and the Comprehensive Plan 2001 of the City of Lufkin, Texas, by establishing zoning and Future Land Use Plan 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 this item was in conjunction with the previous item and Staff stood ready to answer any questions that Council might have.

Mayor Gorden opened the Public Hearing at 5:12 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 5:13 p.m. Mayor Gorden stated that both these tracts were represented by Mr. Mike Parker, on behalf of the owner, Allen Loggins.

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

Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall moved to approve the Second Reading of the Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance and the Comprehensive Plan 2001 of the City of Lufkin, Texas, by establishing zoning and Future Land Use Plan 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 Rufus Duncan seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

NEW BUSINESS:

6. **PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, - APPROVED - BY CHANGING THE ZONING DESIGNATION AND AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN DESIGNATION OF A CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, DESCRIBED AS TRACT 3 OF THE P. C. ABNEY SURVEY; LOT 1 OF BLOCK 45 AND LOT 1 OF BLOCK 46 OF THE LUFKIN LAND AND LUMBER CO. #2 LOCATED NEAR WHIPPOORWILL DRIVE AND LOOP 287 FROM THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF "RESIDENTIAL LARGE SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING" TO A "COMMERCIAL" ZONING DISTRICT AND AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN DESIGNATION FROM "RETAIL" TO "COMMERCIAL" 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 consider on First Reading an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Lufkin, Texas, by changing the zoning designation and amending the Future Land Use Plan designation of a certain tract or parcel of land within the corporate limits of the City of Lufkin, Texas, described as Tract 3 of the P. C. Abney Survey; Lot 1 of Block 45 and Lot 1 of Block 46 of the Lufkin Land and Lumber Co. #2 located near Whippoorwill Drive and Loop 287 from the zoning classification of "Residential Large Single-Family Dwelling" to a "Commercial" Zoning District and amending the Future Land Use Plan designation from "Retail" to "Commercial" and authorizing the City Planner to make such changes on the Official Map.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that the applicant, Mr. Nathan Gann, was requesting a change of zoning from "Residential Large Single-Family Dwelling" to a "Commercial" zoning for future commercial development, but a specific use had not been mentioned. City Manager Parker continued that the area was located at the end of Whippoorwill Drive and surrounded by residentially zoned property and also located near Denman Avenue Baptist Church. City Manager Parker furthered that the area as a whole was commercially oriented and the Planning Commission and Staff recommended approval of the change in zoning to "Commercial" with a Future Land Use Plan classification of "Commercial".

Mayor Gorden opened the Public Hearing at 5:15 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 5:16 p.m.

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

Councilmember Don Langston moved to approve the First Reading of the Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Lufkin, Texas, by changing the zoning designation and amending the Future Land Use Plan designation of a certain tract or parcel of land within the corporate limits of the City of Lufkin, Texas, described as Tract 3 of the P. C. Abney Survey; Lot 1 of Block 45 and Lot 1 of Block 46 of the Lufkin Land and Lumber Co. #2 located near Whippoorwill Drive and Loop 287 from the zoning classification of "Residential Large Single-Family Dwelling" to a "Commercial" Zoning District and amending the Future Land Use Plan designation from "Retail" to "Commercial" and authorizing the City Planner to make such changes on the Official Map. Councilmember Rose Faine Boyd seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

7. **PRESENTATION OF KURTH MEMORIAL LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FROM SALLY ALVIS**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was a presentation of Kurth Memorial Library Annual Report by the Board of Trustees from Sally Alvis. Mayor Gorden then turned the meeting over to Sally Alvis.

Ms. Alvis stated that it was a privilege to come before Council to report on a place that she was very passionate about, the Kurth Memorial Library. Ms. Alvis continued that interest in the Library had increased due to the commitments of the City of Lufkin, the Friends of the

Library, and the Library Board. Ms. Alvis stated that she was representing the Library Board and that the report detailed the year ending September 30th, 2007. Ms. Alvis continued that during the 2006/2007 year, patron visits were down from the previous year, but new and renewing patron counts had increased to nine thousand nine hundred forty-seven (9,947) which was an increase of eight percent (8%) from the previous year. Ms. Alvis furthered that growth also came from non-book circulation, or DVD and video collection, and also stated that the Library's thirty (30) plus public access computers were in constant use. Ms. Alvis stated that requests for assistance from a Reference Librarian were down due to patrons being able to find needed information via the internet. Ms. Alvis then thanked the Friends of the Library for their continued financial support and manpower. Ms. Alvis continued that the Friends of the Library were helping to weed the current collection so that it could grow and the Friends also secured donations of books for the Library which were a huge resource and savings for the Library. Ms. Alvis furthered that excess donated books and those weeded from the collection went into the Friends Book Sale and that a large portion of the proceeds from the sale were turned over to the Board for the purchase of Library materials. Ms. Alvis then stated that the Friends had established a county wide Literacy Advisory Committee that works in tandem with the Library Director on book and resource selection for the Library. Ms. Alvis continued that the Friends and the Board held an Annual Gala at the Library and the 2007 Gala netted about twelve thousand dollars ($12,000) and the 2008 Gala cleared more than that amount, but would be reported on by the current Board. Ms. Alvis encouraged everyone to attend the next Gala. Ms. Alvis then stated that the Library was currently in the midst of a four hundred fifty thousand dollar ($450,000) collection campaign, and that the goal was to create a collection of seventy thousand (70,000) items with an approximate age of fifteen (15) years. Ms. Alvis continued that the initial one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars ($125,000) provided by the City Council was a good beginning and that requests to foundations and corporation for additional funds were being made. Ms. Alvis furthered that numerous years ago, the Kurth Memorial Library was granted mineral rights on property sold, and now drilling was being conducted on this property, and regular royalty checks were now being received, with the initial payment being approximately fifty thousand dollars ($50,000). Ms. Alvis continued that the Board hoped these payments would continue and could be used to further the collection. Ms. Alvis continued that the Board hoped to increase reading enthusiasm in children and that Sharon Kruk headed the program that partnered with the school district to bring children to the Library. Ms. Alvis then stated that the Board was also actively involved in the hiring of the new Library Director, Sue Randleman, and that Ms. Randleman was doing a masterful job of inspiring staff, creating programming and developing the collection. Ms. Alvis closed by stating the Library was in full swing and that it was her pleasure to have served on the board.

Mayor Jack Gorden thanked Ms. Alvis for her presentation and encouraged everyone to visit the Kurth Memorial Library.

8. **CERTIFICATION FROM CITY SECRETARY CANCELING THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION SCHEDULED FOR MAY 10, 2008 TO ELECT CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR WARDS NUMBER FIVE (5) AND SIX (6) AND FIRST READING OF THE ORDINANCE DECLARING UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES IN THE MAY 10, 2008 GENERAL ELECTION, - APPROVED - ELECTED TO OFFICE; CANCELING THE ELECTION; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was the Certification from City Secretary canceling the Municipal Election scheduled for May 10, 2008 to elect City Council Members for Wards Number Five (5) and Six (6) and First Reading of the Ordinance declaring unopposed candidates in the May 10, 2008 General Election, elected to office; canceling the election; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that Council members Rufus Duncan, Jr. and Phil Medford both filed for re-election and were unopposed, and in accordance with State Law, this Ordinance would cancel the election and confirm the appointment of both Councilmember Duncan and Councilmember Medford to the City Council for another three (3) year term.

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

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the Certification from City Secretary canceling the Municipal Election scheduled for May 10, 2008 to elect City Council Members for Wards Number Five (5) and Six (6) and First Reading of the Ordinance declaring unopposed candidates in the May 10, 2008 General Election, elected to office; canceling the election; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date. Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

9. **JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LUFKIN AND THE LUFKIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT - APPROVED**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was a Joint Election Agreement between the City of Lufkin and the Lufkin Independent School District.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that this was an attempt to consolidate elections for the convenience of voters and this was a renewal of the initial agreement.

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

Councilmember Rose Faine Boyd moved to approve the Joint Election Agreement between the City of Lufkin and the Lufkin Independent School District. Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

10. **AUTHORIZING THE LUFKIN POLICE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THE 2008 CLICK IT OR TICKET GRANT – APPROVED - FUNDED SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was authorizing the Lufkin Police Department to apply for the 2008 "Click It or Ticket" Grant funded Selective Traffic Enforcement Program.

City Manager Paul Parker stated this was a renewal of a grant that the City had received for the past several years and that this grant would fund the cost of overtime for police officers to increase patrols for seatbelt violations during the Memorial Day holiday period from May 19th through June 1st, 2008.

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

Councilmember Rose Faine Boyd moved to approve to authorize the Lufkin Police Department to apply for the 2008 Click It or Ticket Grant funded Selective Traffic Enforcement Program. Councilmember Phil Medford seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

11. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2007/2008 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 21), PROVIDING FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS IN THE SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING FUND; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF FORTY (40) FOUR (4) YARD DUMPSTERS, FIVE (5) SIX (6) YARD DUMPSTERS, AND TWELVE (12) EIGHT (8) YARD DUMPSTERS – APPROVED - THROUGH THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASING COOPERATIVE (HGAC) FROM ROLL OFFS USA**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was Resolution authorizing an Amendment to the 2007/2008 Operating Budget (Budget Amendment No. 21), providing for the supplemental appropriation of funds in the Solid Waste/Recycling Fund; and providing an effective date and authorizing the purchase of forty (40) four (4) yard dumpsters, five (5) six (6) yard dumpsters, and twelve (12) eight (8) yard dumpsters through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (HGAC) from Roll Offs USA.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that Council had previously authorized the implementation of the Commercial Solid Waste Dumpster program in order to improve the aesthetics of commercial dumpsters. City Manager Parker continued that during the implementation of this program, Staff discovered that approximately one hundred seventy thousand dollars

($170,000) of dumpster charges had not been billed as well as numerous dumpsters that were not in the system. City Manager Parker furthered that due to the discovery of these dumpsters, an additional fifty-seven (57) dumpsters would need to be purchased for a total cost of thirty four thousand eight hundred twenty-five dollars and sixty-one cents ($34,825.61) through the HGAC program. City Manager Parker stated that the additional revenue discovered would more than offset the cost of the dumpsters. City Manager Parker continued that approximately forty (40) owners of commercial dumpsters had not responded to requests from Staff to participate in the program, and efforts to contact those owners had ceased. City Manager continued that these dumpsters would be changed out and rental charges assessed.

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

Councilmember Rufus Duncan moved to approve the Resolution authorizing an Amendment to the 2007/2008 Operating Budget (Budget Amendment No. 21), providing for the supplemental appropriation of funds in the Solid Waste/Recycling Fund; and providing an effective date and authorizing the purchase of forty (40) four (4) yard dumpsters, five (5) six (6) yard dumpsters, and twelve (12) eight (8) yard dumpsters through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (HGAC) from Roll Offs USA. Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

12. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2007/2008 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 22), PROVIDING FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS IN THE SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING FUND; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF NINE THOUSAND (9,000) GRAY RESIDENTIAL CARTS AND THREE THOUSAND (3,000) BLUE RECYCLING CARTS – APPROVED - THROUGH THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASING COOPERATIVE (HGAC) FROM CASCADE ENGINEERING**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was a Resolution authorizing an Amendment to the 2007/2008 Operating Budget (Budget Amendment No. 22), providing for the supplemental appropriation of funds in the Solid Waste/Recycling Fund; and providing an effective date and authorizing the purchase of nine thousand (9,000) gray residential carts and three thousand (3,000) blue recycling carts through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (HGAC) from Cascade Engineering.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that this program was designed to reduce contamination in recycle carts, prevent overflow litter from being strewn and lower the number of calls for special pickups. City Manager Parker then requested that Solid Waste Director Steve Floyd come forward to speak on this item. Director Floyd stated that this was information that was presented at a previous budget retreat, and the program would have been implemented sooner; however, the Commercial Dumpster Program took longer than planned. Director Floyd then directed attention to power point slides showing the difference in the size of the carts and stated that another benefit of the larger carts was their resistance to wind, whereas the smaller carts were almost always blown over. Director Floyd then showed slides showing everyday problems that the Solid Waste Department encountered including the over filling of carts and recycle cart contamination. Director Floyd continued that a timetable had been created for the change out of these carts and was expected to take at least four (4) months, but the exact time would not be known until the program was started. Director Floyd furthered that the cart replacement program would be completed prior to instituting the Voluntary Residential Recycling program. Director Floyd continued that this program aimed to alleviate the contamination of recycling material; and that one (1) contaminated recycle cart could ruin an entire truckload of recyclables, and then the entire load had to be taken to the Landfill for disposal instead of being recycled. City Manager Parker stated that individuals who wished to keep the smaller carts, such as the elderly or persons who did not generate a lot of waste would be allowed to do so. City Manager Parker directed attention to a sample letter that would be sent to residents as well as a sample sticker that would be placed on carts with information on requesting special pickups and recycling. City Manager Parker also stated that should residents want an additional cart, they could obtain one for an additional five dollar ($5.00) charge, and there was no limit on the number of carts. Director Floyd added that the old carts were being auctioned to other cities. Councilmember Don

Langston questioned what the difference in cost was between manufacturers. Director Floyd stated that there was little or no difference in cost.

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

Councilmember Rose Faine Boyd moved to approve the Resolution authorizing an Amendment to the 2007/2008 Operating Budget (Budget Amendment No. 22), providing for the supplemental appropriation of funds in the Solid Waste/Recycling Fund; and providing an effective date and authorizing the purchase of nine thousand (9,000) gray residential carts and three thousand (3,000) blue recycling carts through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (HGAC) from Cascade Engineering. Councilmember Lynn Torres seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

13. **<u>ABATEMENT REQUEST FROM GARY KLOS – APPROVED - FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE TO THE ANGELINA HOTEL, 101 SOUTH SHEPHERD STREET, LUFKIN, TEXAS</u>**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was an abatement request from Gary Klos for improvements to be made to the Angelina Hotel, 101 South Shepherd Street, Lufkin, Texas.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that Mr. Klos was in the process of purchasing the Angelina Hotel and wished to renovate the building for use as a senior non-assisted living facility. City Manager Parker continued that the building was currently valued at four hundred thirty-three thousand eight hundred six dollars ($433,806) and Mr. Klos anticipated completing one million five hundred thousand dollars ($1,500,000) in improvements. City Manager Parker continued that only the value of the renovations would eligible for tax abatements as shown in the schedule provided in the packet and after the ten (10) year period, the entire value of the property would be placed on the tax roll. City Manager Parker stated that Staff recommended approval of this tax abatement request. Councilmember Rufus Duncan questioned what the length of the abatement period would be if the building was not located in the downtown area. City Manager Parker replied that there were currently no abatements available to non-industrial projects located outside the downtown area. Mayor Jack Gorden stated that 4B Board had met earlier and unanimously approved the tax abatement request. Councilmember Lynn Torres stated that it would be great project and looked forward to the renovation.

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

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the abatement request from Gary Klos for improvements to be made to the Angelina Hotel, 101 South Shepherd Street, Lufkin, Texas. Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

14. **<u>TEXAS FOREST COUNTRY RETIREMENT MARKETING INITIATIVE-APPROVED - IN THE AMOUNT OF TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS ($10,000)</u>**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was a Texas Forest Country Retirement Marketing Initiative in the amount of ten thousand dollars ($10,000).

City Manager Paul Parker stated that this funding was included in the current fiscal year budget with the stipulation that Council approve the expenditure each year and that both the 4B Board and Staff recommended approval of the expenditure of funds towards the Marketing Initiative.

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

Councilmember Don Langston moved to approve the Texas Forest Country Retirement Marketing Initiative in the amount of ten thousand dollars ($10,000). Councilmember Rufus Duncan seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

15. **<u>DEMOLITION OF STRUCTURES – APPROVED - ON THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES: - APPROVED - 302 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, 2009 CAIRO, 422 ENGLEWOOD DRIVE, 1203 JANE STREET, 2908 MINNIE LOU, 2910 MINNIE LOU, 413 DAVIS STREET, 802 K MORGAN AVENUE, AND 308 SYBIL DRIVE</u>**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was demolition of structures on the following properties: 302 Magnolia Avenue, 2009 Cairo, 422 Englewood Drive, 1203 Jane Street, 2908 Minnie Lou, 2910 Minnie Lou, 413 Davis Street, 802 K Morgan Avenue, and 308 Sybil Drive.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that these structures have been in the process for several months and that Staff had followed all necessary legal steps and recommended approval of the demolition of these structures.

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

Councilmember R. L. Kuykendall moved to approve the demolition of structures on the following properties: 302 Magnolia Avenue, 2009 Cairo, 422 Englewood Drive, 1203 Jane Street, 2908 Minnie Lou, 2910 Minnie Lou, 413 Davis Street, 802 K Morgan Avenue, and 308 Sybil Drive. Rose Faine Boyd seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

16. Mayor Jack Gorden recessed the Regular Session at 5:50 p.m. to enter into Executive Session.

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

Mayor Jack Gorden reconvened the Regular Session at 6:55 p.m.

17. **<u>CALENDAR NOTATIONS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND CITY MANAGER</u>**

City Manager Paul Parker reminded Council of the First Friday luncheon to be held on April 4^{th}, 2008 at noon at Crown Colony. Mayor Gorden noted that the Cassells Boykin Park kick off dinner would be held Thursday evening at the Red Barn. City Manager Parker reminded Council of the Strategic Planning Meeting that would be held on Tuesday, April 8^{th}, at the Kurth Memorial Library, with breakfast beginning at 8:30 a.m. City Attorney Bob Flournoy reminded Council of the "Justice is Served" dinner to be held on Tuesday, April 15^{th} at the Civic Center, which benefits the Angelina Alliance for Children.

18. There being no further business for consideration, the meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Jack Gorden

Jack Gorden, Mayor

Renee Thompson

Renee Thompson – City Secretary