

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 15th DAY OF APRIL, 2008.**

On the 15th 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.
Rose Faine Boyd
R. L. Kuykendall
Lynn Torres
Don Langston
Phil Medford
Paul L. Parker
Bob Flournoy
Renee Thompson
David Koonce
Scott Marcotte
Don Hannabas
Barbara Thompson
Chuck Walker
Dale Allred
Dorothy Wilson
Jim Wehmeier
Bill Cameron
Victor Bruce
Richard Ivy

Mayor
Mayor Pro Tem
Councilmember, Ward No. 1
Councilmember, Ward No. 3
Councilmember, Ward No. 4
Councilmember, Ward No. 6
City Manager
City Attorney
City Secretary
Human Resource Director
Asst. Police Chief
Parks & Leisure Services Director
Main Street Director
City Engineer
Inspection Services Director
Planning Director
Economic Development Director
City Webmaster
Park's Board
TxDOT

being present, and

Rufus Duncan
Keith Wright

Councilmember, Ward No. 5
Assistant City Manager

being absent, when the following business was transacted:

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Eli Borden, Central Church of Christ.
2. Mayor Jack Gorden welcomed visitors present. Councilmember Lynn Torres welcomed a LISD student who was present satisfying her government class requirement. Mayor Gorden then noted that the week of April 13th through 19th was National Telecommunicators Week and read a statement of recognition for the City of Lufkin Dispatchers commending them for their efforts and expressing a debt of gratitude to them for the community. Mayor Gorden then asked Assistant Police Chief Scott Marcotte to convey the message to the City of Lufkin's Dispatchers for the services they provide to Lufkin.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 1, 2008 were approved on a motion by Councilmember Rose Faine Boyd, and seconded by Councilmember 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 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 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 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 this was the Second Reading and that the Council had previously gone through the Ordinance in detail. City Manager Parker added that the applicant, Nathan Gann, was requesting a change from a "Residential Large Single-Family Dwelling" to a classification of "Commercial" and that the Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff recommended that Council approve the request.

Mayor Gorden opened the Public Hearing at 5:07 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 5:08 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 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 R. L. Kuykendall seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

5. SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE DECLARING UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES IN THE MAY 10, 2008 GENERAL ELECTION, ELECTED TO OFFICE; - APPROVED - CANCELING THE ELECTION; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was the Second Reading of an 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 the Ordinance requested to cancel the May 10, 2008 City of Lufkin election and declare Rufus Duncan, Jr. and Phil Medford elected to their respective wards.

Councilmember Don Langston moved to approve the Second 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 Lynn Torres seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

Mayor Gorden congratulated Councilmember Rufus Duncan, Jr. and Councilmember Phil Medford and thanked them for their service to the City of Lufkin

NEW BUSINESS:

6. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, - APPROVED - AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 4007; AND AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN BY AMENDING TITLE VII ("TRAFFIC CODE") PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION OF THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PROVIDE "SCOFFLAW SERVICES"; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 427 AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PROVIDE SUCH SERVICE

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was the First Reading an Ordinance of the City of Lufkin, Texas, amending Ordinance No. 4007; and amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lufkin by amending Title VII ("Traffic Code") providing for authorization of the Texas Department of Transportation to provide "Scofflaw Services"; repealing Ordinance No. 427 and all other Ordinances in conflict herewith and providing an effective date; and approval of a contract with the Texas Department of Transportation to provide such service.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that the "Scofflaw" allowed the City of Lufkin to hold the vehicle registrations until fines were paid for anyone that had a traffic enforcement device (red light cameras) violation. City Manager Parker added that additionally it would bring the Ordinance in compliance with all State Law requirements. City Manager Parker explained that all fees associated with the "Scofflaw Services" provided by TxDOT would be incurred by "Traffipax".

Councilmember Don Langston asked if the Ordinance was necessary for the City to be in compliance. City Manager Parker stated it was in the new law and was one (1) more tool to allow the City of Lufkin to collect revenues from the violators.

Councilmember Phil Medford inquired what the City of Lufkin currently had to enforcement payment of the fines. City Manager Parker stated that the City basically had no method of enforcing the payments for the fines. City Manager Parker explained that the way the law was currently written the red light violations were a civil offense instead of a criminal one. City Manager Parker added that best back up for the penalty would be to deny vehicle registration until the fines were paid. City Manager Parker stated that the City could not enforce the violation with warrants or criminal arrests. City Manager Parker added that without the Ordinance the City did not have teeth in its collection policy. City Manager Parker stated that there was currently approximately seventy-five percent (75%) compliance with the red light fines, but that was somewhat misleading until the City had a history of the payments. City Manager Parker stated that the Ordinance would be the City's largest leverage for payments.

Mayor Gorden asked about the fee that was being paid Traffipax. City Manager Parker explained that there was a fee to the State that came out of each fine.

Assistant Police Chief Scott Marcotte stated that TxDOT required the fee to place the flag on the vehicle to prohibit it from being registered and that it was part of the City of Lufkin's original agreement for Traffipax to incur the cost to be able to flag the vehicles. Asst. Chief Marcotte added that the "Scofflaw" put teeth into the City's Traffic Light violations for people that would choose not to pay. Mayor Gorden asked if it were up to the City to choose to enforce the fines in that matter. Chief Marcotte stated that it was not a requirement of the State but gave the Police Department and the City a way to enforce the Ordinance.

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

Councilmember Phil Medford asked if there would be a timeline on the action or if time was sensitive. City Manager Parker stated that the only time sensitive issue would be for those renewing their registration during any lapse in time for the decision of the City Council. City Manager Parker explained the Ordinance would just put another tool in the hands of the City as the cameras were already in place and there were fines being issued. City Manager Parker added that the Ordinance would just make sure that the fines were paid.

Councilmember Rose Faine Boyd inquired if the Ordinance only applied to the Red Light Violations. City Manager Parker explained that it only applied to that violation. City Manager Parker added that there were other methods of enforcing other types of violations. Assistant Chief Marcotte stated that on State violations the City had the Omni System in place to assist with enforcement of paying of fines. Assistant Chief Marcotte added that citizens were unable to renew their driver's license in the event that they did not pay their fines for these types of violations. Assistant Chief Marcotte stated that with the "Scofflaw" the people choosing not to pay their fines could use the appeal process.

Councilmember Don Langston stated that he was under the impression that the City had already enacted this law. City Manager Parker stated that Staff also originally thought that the law was enacted but that TxDOT required a separate agreement and that in the original Ordinance the City of Lufkin did not specifically authorize the "Scofflaw". Assistant Chief Marcotte added that there was specific language that the State wanted in the Ordinance that was not in the original Ordinance. Councilmember Langston stated that technically there could be a breach of contract if the City did not agree to pass the Ordinance.

Councilmember Lynn Torres stated that if the City had made the commitment to install the Red Light Cameras then the City should also make the commitment to enforce the fines and moved to approve the First Reading of the Ordinance of the City of Lufkin, Texas, amending Ordinance No. 4007; and amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lufkin by amending Title VII ("Traffic Code") providing for authorization of the Texas Department of Transportation to provide "Scofflaw Services"; repealing Ordinance No. 427 and all other Ordinances in conflict herewith and providing an effective date; and approval of a contract with the Texas Department of Transportation to provide such service. Councilmember Rose Faine Boyd seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

7. AUTHORIZING THE DEEP EAST TEXAS TRAIL AND ROUTE ACCESS COALITION (DETRAC) TO APPLY FOR A GRANT THROUGH TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE – APPROVED - ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE TRAIL SYSTEM AT KIT MCCONNICO PARK

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was authorizing the Deep East Texas Trail and Route Access Coalition (DETRAC) to apply for a grant through Texas Parks and Wildlife on behalf of the City of Lufkin, for further development of the trail system at Kit McConnico Park.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that the City of Lufkin had a previous partnership with DETTRAC during the building of the Lone Star Mountain Bike Trail at Kit McConnico Park. City Manager Parker added that the partnership had been a good one and that DETTRAC had assisted in the maintenance and operations of that trail. City Manager Parker stated that the grant would extend the existing trail by approximately two (2) miles. City Manager Parker added that the request was to allow DETTRAC to apply for the grant through the City of Lufkin for seventy-four thousand seven hundred thirty dollars (\$74,730). City Manager Parker explained that the grant was an eighty/twenty (80/20) match, with fifty-nine thousand seven hundred eighty-four dollars (\$59,784) being grant funds and fourteen thousand nine hundred forty-six dollars (\$14,946) in a local match from DETTRAC. DETTRAC proposed to use "in kind" labor for a portion of the match, with cash for the remainder of the twenty percent (20%) match. City Manager Parker added that DETTRAC was willing to take the responsibility for the match and added that this would be a great extension to the trail. City Manager Parker stated that the Staff and Parks Board recommended that the Council authorize the application of the grant to extend the trail at Kit McConnico Park.

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that DETTRAC had already done great work on the trail and asked if there was anyone who wished to speak concerning the grant or trail. David Steiner, President of DETTRAC stated that he wanted to thank the Mayor and Council for their consideration. Mr. Steiner added that on behalf of DETTRAC and others that use the trail, he requested the Council's authorization to extend the trail and to apply to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for the grant. Mayor Gorden then thanked Mr. Steiner and DETTRAC for assisting the City of Lufkin in becoming known as a "Trail City".

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

Councilmember Rose Faine Boyd moved to approve authorizing the Deep East Texas Trail and Route Access Coalition (DETRAC) to apply for a grant through Texas Parks and Wildlife on behalf of the City of Lufkin, for further development of the trail system at Kit McConnico Park. Councilmember Lynn Torres seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

8. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A “SPEED ZONE” ON HIGHWAY 59 SOUTH – APPROVED - AT SIXTY (60) MILES PER HOUR

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was the First Reading an Ordinance establishing a “Speed Zone” on Highway 59 South at sixty (60) miles per hour.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that the Texas Department of Transportation had completed a traffic analysis along U.S. Hwy 59 from the newly annexed area of the City of Lufkin to the old City limits. City Manager Parker added that TxDOT was requesting that the City lower the speed limit from seventy miles per hour (70 mph) to sixty miles per hour (60 mph), which was consistent with the remainder of the city limits as drivers approached the City of Lufkin. City Manager Parker then asked if there was anyone present from TxDOT that could explain the concept of the request. City Manager Parker explained that it was his understanding that TxDOT was trying to make the speed consistent from Lufkin to Diboll.

Richard Ivy, Texas Department of Transportation, stated that TxDOT’s study was from Lufkin’s old city limits to the new city limits. Mr. Ivy stated that the speed limit would be sixty miles per hour (60 mph) to Burke. Mr. Ivy added that the Mayor of Burke had recently requested that TxDOT study Burke and raise the speed limit in Burke to sixty miles per hour (60 mph) making the area consistent from Lufkin all the way to Diboll, Texas. Mr. Ivy stated that the study of Burke was not completed at that time.

Councilmember Don Langston stated that he had received numerous telephone calls from people living in that area regarding the proposed change. Councilmember Langston added that those people were adamantly against the City of Lufkin lowering the speed limit. Councilmember Langston stated that obviously those people were regular patrons of that part of town. Councilmember Langston asked what the reason was that TxDOT request to lower the speed limit in that area and added that the speed limit had been seventy miles per hour (70 mph) for years.

Mr. Ivy agreed that the speed limit had been seventy miles per hour (70 mph) for years but the area was outside the city limits of Lufkin. Mr. Ivy explained that TxDOT’s guidelines suggested that the speed limit should be a maximum of sixty-five miles per hour (65 mph) inside any corporate city limits. Mr. Ivy stated that TxDOT then suggested the speed limit be sixty miles per hour (60 mph) so that it would be consistent with the remainder of the area.

Councilmember Lynn Torres asked if perhaps the reason was also to make the transition coming into the City easier as the speed limit entering further into the City was forty-five miles per hour (45 mph).

Councilmember Langston stated that he was just looking for justification for lowering the speed limit and that just because it was in the city limits and on a lonesome stretch of road was no justification.

Mr. Ivy stated that this was a very short section of the highway. Mr. Ivy explained that the Burke city limits had recently been increased and was now closer to Lufkin making the section of highway shorter between the two (2) cities.

Councilmember Langston inquired if TxDOT would raise the speed limit to seventy miles per hour (70 mph) if the mayor of Burke made that request.

Mr. Ivy stated that the maximum would be sixty-five miles per hour (65 mph). Mr. Ivy added that TxDOT had considered changing the speed limit in Lufkin to sixty-five miles per

hour (65 mph) but had opted to go to the sixty miles per hour (60 mph) speed limit to make the area more consistent.

Mayor Gorden asked if the area could be sixty-five miles per hour (65 mph) and inquired if the City of Burke would agree to that speed limit.

Mr. Ivy stated that had not been discussed, and that their Commission had established that the speed limit would be sixty miles per hour (60 mph) between Lufkin and Burke. Mayor Gorden stated that he was not familiar with their Commission. City Manager Parker stated that Mr. Ivy was explaining that the State had agreed to lower the speed limit by a minute order, which was the way their Commission passed items, similar to the way the City of Lufkin passed Ordinances.

Mr. Ivy stated that the Mayor and Council could look at TxDOT's design file which might possibly explain their decisions and reasoning. The Council declined. Mr. Ivy stated that between the City of Lufkin and the City of Burke was approximately a one-half (1/2) mile section. Mr. Ivy added that if that area was left at seventy miles per hour (70 mph) the speed limit would only be for that one-half (1/2) mile. Mr. Ivy stated that this was one (1) of TxDOT's justifications for changing the speed limit.

Mayor Gorden asked if it would be possible to leave the speed limit at seventy miles per hour (70 mph) inside the city limits of Lufkin. Mr. Ivy stated that if the City did not agree to TxDOT's recommendation that they would consider lowering it to either sixty (60) or sixty-five (65) miles per hour.

Councilmember Don Langston then suggested that the Council table the item. Councilmember Langston stated that if the City Council did not have a say in the decision that he did not understand why it was being discussed.

Mr. Ivy clarified that he didn't mean to imply that the City of Lufkin did not have a say in the matter. Mr. Ivy added that if TxDOT's studies indicated that the speed limit should be sixty miles per hour (60 mph) and the City of Lufkin insisted that the speed limit be sixty-five (65) or seventy (70) miles per hour then Austin would likely intervene and look at both TxDOT's study and the City of Lufkin's justification and then make a decision.

Councilmember Langston stated that the only justification that Mr. Ivy had made was not based on the speed of traffic, but on the fact that the City of Lufkin had extended their city limits. Councilmember Langston added that there had been no other development or change in the highway configuration, intersections, or lights that would affect speed in that area.

Mr. Ivy stated that the previous justification for a change in the speed limit was the same whenever the city limits was extended.

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

Councilmember Don Langston stated that he did not see any data that supported the change in the speed limit and moved to deny the First Reading an Ordinance establishing a "Speed Zone" on Highway 59 South at sixty (60) miles per hour. The motion died for lack of a second.

Councilmember Phil Medford commented that he did see some wisdom in the uniformity of speed in the area and was not sure of the benefit of the speed limit being seventy miles per hour (70 mph) for only one-half (1/2) mile. Councilmember Medford then moved to table First Reading an Ordinance establishing a "Speed Zone" on Highway 59 South at sixty (60) miles per hour. Councilmember Don Langston seconded the motion. The following vote was recorded:

Aye: Mayor Jack Gorden, Council Members R.L. Kuykendall, Phil Medford, Lynn Torres and Don Langston

Nay: Council Member Rose Faine Boyd

The motion carried with five (5) affirmative votes.

9. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2007/2008 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 23), - APPROVED - PROVIDING FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS IN THE WATER WASTEWATER FUND; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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. 23), providing for the supplemental appropriation of funds in the Water Wastewater fund; and providing an effective date.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that the City of Lufkin had contacted Mr. Ron Freeman, with Freeman and Corbett, to give the City legal advice on water related issues. City Manager Parker explained that the Resolution was to set up a budget to pay for the services.

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

Councilmember Don Langston moved to approve the Resolution authorizing an amendment to the 2007/2008 Operating Budget (Budget Amendment No. 23), providing for the supplemental appropriation of funds in the Water Wastewater fund; and providing an effective date. Councilmember Phil Medford seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

10. MODIFICATIONS - APPROVED - TO THE CITY OF LUFKIN FINANCIAL POLICY

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was the modifications to the City of Lufkin Financial Policy

City Manager Paul Parker stated that at the recent City Council Planning Retreat, the City Council discussed the reserve in the General Fund and that the reserve was twenty-five percent (25%) of the operating year. City Manager Parker explained that the amount fluctuated on occasion due to grants or other programs increasing the budget throughout the year. City Manager Parker stated that the request for the amendment to the current City of Lufkin Financial Policy stated that the target would be set for October 1st or whenever the budget was adopted each year and would continue as the reserve amount for the remainder of the budget year.

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

Councilmember Rose Faine Boyd moved to approve the modifications to the City of Lufkin Financial Policy. Councilmember Lynn Torres 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 the City Manager's Report.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that the Mayor and Council had recently gone through the financials at the City Council Planning Retreat and that he would not go through the Financial Status Report unless the Mayor or Council had a question regarding the financials. City Manager Parker added that the Mayor and Council also had the Project Status Report. City Manager Parker stated that he wanted to highlight the Whitehouse Extension Project. City Manager Parker explained that the City was working to coordinate with TxDOT during the closing of the bridge at Daniel McCall or Whitehouse. City Manager Parker added that the plans were to close the bridge on May 5th, 2008 for approximately two (2) to three (3) weeks. City Manager Parker stated that as part of that process the frontage roads would also be closed. City Manager Parker stated that the City of Lufkin would be working on the portion of Whitehouse at the entry into Wal-Mart that was nearest the old hotel during the same time as TxDOT because Daniel McCall and the frontage road would also be down during that time. City Manager Parker added that the City hoped to be in and out as quickly as possible on that project. City Manager Parker stated that the remainder of the work that

the City would be doing would then be out of the traffic flow. City Manager Parker stated that the entry area behind UFO Pizza would be open during that time and that there would be signage so that traffic can exit from Wal-Mart through the recently rebuilt road to Whitehouse and also from Daniel McCall to FM 819. City Manager Parker explained that most of the traffic would then travel on Daniel McCall by Angelina College but there was no way around this happening. City Manager Parker added that during this time the only two (2) entrances and exits would be the first one near Tractor Supply and behind UFO Pizza. City Manager Parker stated that this would be a tremendous inconvenience for several weeks but there was no way around it due to the project requiring these changes. City Manager Parker added that in many ways it was best to get that portion of the project completed and out of the way so that the remainder of the year there would be smooth traffic flow in this area. City Manager Parker stated that it would take approximately two (2) months to complete the section.

City Manager Parker stated that the Street Department had patched some of the utility cuts with asphalt on Lotus Lane with the hopes to allow the project to continue to progress.

City Manager Parker then stated that he would answer any questions that the Council had regarding any of the other building project taking place in the City.

Mayor Jack Gorden then reminded everyone of the upcoming Downtown Hoedown and Robert Earl Keen Concert that would take place on Friday, April 18, and Saturday, April 19, 2008, and encouraged everyone to attend.

12. Mayor Jack Gorden recessed the Regular Session at 5:38 p.m. to enter into Executive Session.

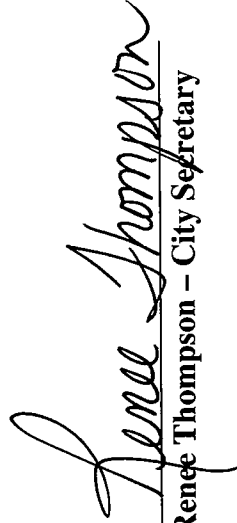
EXECUTIVE SESSION: In accordance with the Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (2) Consultation with City Attorney on any Regular Session Agenda item requiring confidential, attorney/client advices necessitated by the deliberation or discussion of said items (as needed), and real estate, demolition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

Mayor Jack Gorden reconvened the Regular Session at 5:54 p.m.

13. CALENDAR NOTATIONS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND CITY MANAGER

City Manager Paul Parker stated that the Council had their Calendar of Events and Mayor Gorden again reminded the Council of the Hoedown Parade that would be held on Saturday, April 19, 2008 in Downtown Lufkin. Mayor Gorden added that there would be a fire truck for the Council to ride on in the parade. City Manager Paul Parker stated that the Council should arrive around 10:00 a.m. and that the parade was schedule to begin at 10:30 a.m.

14. There being no further business for consideration, the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.


Renee Thompson – City Secretary


Jack Gorden, Mayor