

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 2ND DAY OF AUGUST, 2011**

On the 2nd day of August, 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
Steve Floyd	Public Works Director
Barbara Thompson	Main Street Director
Jim Wehmeier	Economic Development Director
Dale Allred	Inspection Services Director
Chuck Walker	Public Utilities Director
Rhonda McLendon	Animal Control Director
Robbin Crawford	Senior Accountant

being present, when the following business was transacted:

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by Father Francis O'Dowd, St. Patrick Catholic Church.
2. Mayor Jack Gorden welcomed visitors present.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 19, 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. **PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, - APPROVED - BY GRANTING A "SPECIAL USE PERMIT" FOR A PARKING LOT WITHIN A "RESIDENTIAL LARGE SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING" ZONING DISTRICT ON CERTAIN TRACTS OR PARCELS OF LAND WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, BEING 129 AND 133 ZEAGLER AVENUE, LOTS 4 AND 5, BLOCK 6 OF THE ZEAGLER, COCHRAN AND ALBRITTON'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF LUFKIN AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY PLANNER TO MAKE SUCH CHANGES ON THE OFFICIAL MAP AND CHANGE THE DESIGNATION OF THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN OF THE 2001 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO "MIXED USE"**

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 granting a "Special Use Permit" for a parking lot within a "Residential Large Single Family Dwelling" Zoning District on certain tracts or parcels of land within the corporate limits of the City of Lufkin, Texas, being 129 and 133 Zeagler Avenue, Lots 4 and 5, Block 6 of the Zeagler, Cochran and Albritton's Addition to the City of Lufkin and authorizing the City Planner to make such changes on the Official Map and change the designation of the Future Land Use Plan of the 2001 Comprehensive Plan to "Mixed Use".

City Manager Paul Parker stated that Pineywoods Community Academy was anticipating adding a High School to their school. City Manager Parker added that the Academy wanted to provide additional parking spaces for the high school students attending school at the grade levels that were being developed. City Manager Parker stated that Pineywoods Community Academy had obtained lots with the understanding that they would build forty-eight (48) parking spaces for the students in the high school grades. City Manager Parker added that a parking lot required a "Special Use Permit" from the City because it was in a "Residential Large Single Family Dwelling" Zone. City Manager Parker stated that the area was a mix of residential and service oriented buildings such as the Boys and Girls Club, Library, Park and offices for industrial. City Manager Parker added that the two buildings that were currently on the site would be removed. City Manager Parker stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the request and recommended that the City Council approve the "Special Use Permit", as well as to change the Future Land Use Map from "Low Density Residential" to "Public/Semi-public."

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. Speaking concerning the item was:

Joe Douglas

Mayor Gorden closed the Public Hearing at 5:13 p.m.

Mayor Gorden asked for questions or comments from the Council. There was discussion among the Mayor, Council and Staff regarding the requirements for the Ordinance.

Councilmember Don Langston moved to approve the First Reading of the Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Lufkin, Texas, by granting a "Special Use Permit" for a parking lot within a "Residential Large Single Family Dwelling" Zoning District on certain tracts or parcels of land within the corporate limits of the City of Lufkin, Texas, being 129 and 133 Zeagler Avenue, Lots 4 and 5, Block 6 of the Zeagler, Cochran and Albritton's Addition to the City of Lufkin and authorizing the City Planner to make such changes on the Official Map and change the designation of the Future Land Use Plan of the 2001 Comprehensive Plan to "Mixed Use". Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

5. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST 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 the Public Hearing and First 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. Mayor Gorden stated that the Council had already had a couple of Public Hearings on the annexation.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that the proposed annexation of a 3.09 acre tract was initiated by the owner to obtain full municipal services. City Manager Parker added that the common address for the property was 1605 Fuller Springs Drive. City Manager Parker then recommended that the City Council approve the annexation.

Mayor Jack 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 Lynn Torres moved to approve the First 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 Victor Travis seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

6. BID FOR THE KIT MCCONNICO TRUNK MAIN REPLACEMENT TO INSITUFORM – APPROVED - IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED FORTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$142,000)

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was a bid for the Kit McConnico Trunk Main Replacement to Insituform in the amount of one hundred forty-two thousand dollars (\$142,000).

City Manager Paul Parker stated that this was a portion of the Kit McConnico Trunk Main Replacement. City Manager Parker added that approximately two years ago the City had a bond issue in the amount of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) to meet part of the Texas Commission on Environmental Equality (TCEQ) requirements for the improvements to the City's sewer system. City Manager Parker explained that this was a portion of that project that had been identified through the HDR/Claunch and Miller Study.

City Manager Parker stated that the first part of the project was a "cured in place" process where resin saturated felt sock made of polyester is pulled into the existing pipe, inverted by air pressure and steam cured to form a jointless and corrosion resistant replacement pipe. City Manager Parker added that this made a liner inside the pipe that stopped infiltration and cracks within the pipe. City Manager Parker stated that this could be done when the capacity was not diminished.

City Manager Parker added that the process would be used on two (2) sections of pipe. City Manager Parker explained that one (1) section was for a twelve inch (12") pipe in the amount of three thousand one hundred twenty-five (3,125) linear feet, and the other was a fifteen inch (15") pipe in the amount of two hundred ninety (290) linear feet. City Manager Parker stated that the apparent low bidder was Insituform in the amount of one hundred forty-two thousand dollars (\$142,000). City Manager Parker added that Staff recommended that the City Council award the bid to Insituform in the amount of one hundred forty-two thousand dollars (\$142,000).

Mayor Gorden asked for questions or comments from the Council. There was discussion among the Mayor, Council and City Manager regarding the project and its warranty.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the bid for the Kit McConnico Trunk Main Replacement to Insituform in the amount of one hundred forty-two thousand dollars (\$142,000). Councilmember Victor Travis seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

7. BID FOR THE CENTRAL I/I PROJECT I ON RAGUET STREET TO COBURN'S SUPPLY – APPROVED - IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SIXTEEN DOLLARS AND SIXTY CENTS (\$109,516.60)

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was a bid for the Central I/I Project I on Raguet Street to Coburn's Supply in the amount of one hundred nine thousand five hundred sixteen dollars and sixty cents (\$109,516.60).

City Manager Paul Parker stated that this was one (1) of the projects identified in the City's Sanitary Sewer Study. City Manager Parker added that the original budget for the project was in the amount of one million two hundred fifty-five thousand eight hundred sixty dollars (\$1,255,860). City Manager Parker explained that this was a portion of the project. City Manager Parker stated that the Council had requested that Staff would begin doing "in house" jobs, instead of contracting them out, a couple of years earlier and this was another project being done "in house". City Manager Parker added that this had turned out to be a tremendous savings for the City of Lufkin and that Staff would be able to do all of the planned projects, plus additional projects, with the money that was in the initial bond issue. City Manager Parker stated that this project was part of the Central I/I Project I for the pipe material that would then be installed by City Staff. City Manager Parker added that a second project would be brought to the Council for manhole repairs that would be bid to an outside consultant. City Manager Parker reiterated that the City would have significant savings in the total project, once the second part was also bid out. City Manager Parker stated that Staff recommended that the pipe be purchased from Coburn Supply in the amount of one hundred nine thousand five hundred sixteen dollars and sixty cents (\$109,516.60).

Mayor Gorden asked for questions or comments from the Council. There was discussion among the Staff and City Council regarding the project.

Councilmember Don Langston moved to approve the bid for the Central I/I Project I on Raguet Street to Coburn's Supply in the amount of one hundred nine thousand five hundred sixteen dollars and sixty cents (\$109,516.60). Councilmember Victor Travis seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

8. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2010/2011 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 36), - APPROVED - PROVIDING FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS IN THE GENERAL, HOTEL/MOTEL TAX, SPECIAL RECREATION, ZOO BUILDING, COURT SECURITY/TECHNOLOGY, ANIMAL CONTROL-KURTH GRANT, ANIMAL CONTROL-ANIMAL ATTIC, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, LUFKIN CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU, GENERAL FUND CONSTRUCTION, WATER AND SEWER RENEWAL AND REPLACEMENT, GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT SERVICE, WATER/WASTEWATER, SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING AND EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION AND REPLACEMENT FUNDS; 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. 36), providing for the supplemental appropriation of funds in the General, Hotel/Motel Tax, Special Recreation, Zoo Building, Court Security/Technology, Animal Control-Kurth Grant, Animal Control-Animal Attic, Economic Development, Lufkin Convention and Visitors Bureau, General Fund Construction, Water and Sewer Renewal and Replacement, General Obligation Debt Service, Water/Wastewater, Solid Waste and Recycling and Equipment Acquisition and Replacement Funds; and providing an effective date.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that each year the City goes through the budget process. City Manager Parker added that part of the process was to sit down with each Department Head to determine the needs for the upcoming year and also the expenditures in the current budget. City Manager Parker added that adjustments were made in the Mid-Year Budget Amendment that was currently before the City Council. City Manager Parker stated that additional funds were allocated for items, such as fuel, which exceeded the original budget. City Manager Parker added that money was removed from other funds that were under spent. City Manager Parker explained that this process helped to balance the budget for the next year's budget purposes.

City Manager Parker stated that this report was the Mid-Year Budget Amendment and it affected almost every department in the City. City Manager Parker added that instead of going through each line item he would answer any questions that the City Council had regarding the amendment. City Manager Parker noted that most of the changes were either for individuals who had retired and there was no budget item for retirement or areas such as fuel costs.

Mayor Gorden asked for questions or comments from the Council. There was discussion among the Mayor, City Council and City Manager regarding the amendment.

Councilmember Rufus Duncan moved to approve the Resolution authorizing an amendment to the 2010/2011 Operating Budget (Budget Amendment No. 36), providing for the supplemental appropriation of funds in the General, Hotel/Motel Tax, Special Recreation, Zoo Building, Court Security/Technology, Animal Control-Kurth Grant, Animal Control-Animal Attic, Economic Development, Lufkin Convention and Visitors Bureau, General Fund Construction, Water and Sewer Renewal and Replacement, General Obligation Debt Service, Water/Wastewater, Solid Waste and Recycling and Equipment Acquisition and Replacement Funds; and providing an effective date. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

9. FUNDS FROM THE DEEP EAST TEXAS REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL IN THE AMOUNT OF FIFTEEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$15,465) TO PURCHASE CARDIO/FITNESS EQUIPMENT AND RES Q JACK VEHICLE STABILIZATION EQUIPMENT FOR THE CITY OF LUFKIN FIRE DEPARTMENT AND A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2010/2011 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 37), - APPROVED - PROVIDING FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS IN THE GENERAL FUND; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was the funds from the Deep East Texas Regional Advisory Council in the amount of fifteen thousand four hundred sixty-five dollars (\$15,465) to purchase cardio/fitness equipment and Res Q Jack vehicle stabilization equipment for the City of Lufkin Fire Department and a Resolution authorizing an amendment to the 2010/2011 Operating Budget (Budget Amendment No. 37), providing for the supplemental appropriation of funds in the General Fund; and providing an effective date.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that the Fire Department received a grant in the amount of fifteen thousand four hundred sixty-five dollars (\$15,465) from the Deep East Texas Regional Advisory Council (DETRAC). City Manager Parker added that the Fire Department recommended that the funds be used to purchase cardio/fitness equipment for the Fire Stations and for a Res Q Jack vehicle stabilization equipment. City Manager Parker explained that the Res Q Jack stabilized vehicles that were on their side or turned over and kept the vehicles from turning over further. City Manager Parker stated that the grant did not require a match from the City and were funds given to the City with no required funds from the City involved. City Manager Parker stated that Staff recommended that the City Council authorize the purchase of the equipment and accept the grant in the amount of fifteen thousand four hundred sixty-five dollars (\$15,465).

Mayor Gorden asked for questions or comments from the Council. There was discussion among the Mayor, Council and the City Manager regarding the grant.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the funds from the Deep East Texas Regional Advisory Council in the amount of fifteen thousand four hundred sixty-five dollars (\$15,465) to purchase cardio/fitness equipment and Res Q Jack vehicle stabilization equipment for the City of Lufkin Fire Department and a Resolution authorizing an amendment to the 2010/2011 Operating Budget (Budget Amendment No. 37), providing for the supplemental appropriation of funds in the General Fund; and providing an effective date. Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

10. UTILIZE THE DEEP EAST TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT 911 PROGRAM'S 2009 BUDGET FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY-FOUR THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE DOLLARS (\$34,181) FOR THE CITY OF LUFKIN POLICE DEPARTMENT AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2010/2011 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 38), - APPROVED - PROVIDING FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS IN THE GENERAL FUND; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was to utilize the Deep East Texas Council of Government 911 Program's 2009 budget funds in the amount of thirty-four thousand one hundred eighty-one dollars (\$34,181) for the City of Lufkin Police Department and approve a Resolution authorizing an amendment to the 2010/2011 Operating Budget (Budget Amendment No. 38), providing for the supplemental appropriation of funds in the General Fund; and providing an effective date.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that this grant also had no required match from the City of Lufkin. City Manager Parker added that Police Chief Marcotte was suggesting a breakdown of the equipment into two (2) Autocite Devices (electronic ticket machines), twenty-four (24) driver's license swipe readers, ten (10) tasers and associated equipment, radio equipment (antennas and holders) and three (3) workstation chairs for Communications Staff for a total amount of thirty-four thousand eight hundred sixty-five dollars (\$34,865). City Manager Parker stated that Staff recommended that the City Council accept the grant and authorize the expenditures.

Mayor Gorden asked for questions or comments from the Council. There was discussion among the Mayor, Council and City Manager regarding the equipment.

Councilmember Don Langston moved to utilize the Deep East Texas Council of Government 911 Program's 2009 budget funds in the amount of thirty-four thousand one hundred eighty-one dollars (\$34,181) for the City of Lufkin Police Department and approve a Resolution authorizing an amendment to the 2010/2011 Operating Budget (Budget Amendment No. 38), providing for the supplemental appropriation of funds in the General Fund; and providing an effective date. Councilmember Lynn Torres seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

11. APPOINTMENT OF A FAIR HOUSING / EQUAL OPPORTUNITY / SECTION 504 STANDARDS OFFICER – APPROVED - FOR THE CITY OF LUFKIN

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was the appointment of a Fair Housing / Equal Opportunity / Section 504 Standards Officer for the City of Lufkin.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that this was a program that was primarily used for federal grant requirements and required that the City designate a Fair Housing Officer. City Manager Parker explained that the City had a standing Ordinance that allowed the Mayor to appoint the Officer, but required the City Council to confirm the appointment. City Manager Parker stated that Staff recommended that Kara Atwood be appointed as the Fair Housing Officer since Ms. Atwood handles the Housing Program for the tornado relief. City Manager Parker added that the position was basically for federal grants, but would also help investigate any discrimination or federal lawsuits regarding housing discrimination in the City of Lufkin.

Mayor Gorden asked for questions or comments from the Council. There was discussion among the Council and Mayor concerning the appointment.

Councilmember Victor Travis moved to approve the appointment of a Fair Housing / Equal Opportunity / Section 504 Standards Officer for the City of Lufkin. Councilmember Sarah Murray seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

12. RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NOMINATION OF SP 339 FOR FOREST HIGHWAY DESIGNATION – APPROVED - FROM LP 287 TO LP 36 IN THE CITY OF LUFKIN.

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was a Resolution supporting the nomination of SP 339 for Forest Highway designation from LP 287 to LP 36 in the City of Lufkin.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that the National Forests and Grasslands building was recently built on Raguet Street. City Manager Parker added that this qualified funding for Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to improve Raguet Street (State Spur 33) from Old Mill Road (State Loop 36) to Loop 287. City Manager Parker stated that the work would greatly improve Raguet Street, but that the City of Lufkin would have some associated costs, but did not know how much cost this would involve. City Manager Parker added that there were some water and sewer utilities that could have to be relocated, but that the scope of the project had not been defined enough to make an estimate on the cost. City Manager Parker stated that Staff thought the costs would be nominal compared to the improvements that would be received. City Manager Parker added that those improvements would be done "in house" with City Staff. City Manager Parker stated that his understanding was that the project would be between a three million dollar (\$3,000,000) and three million five hundred thousand dollar (\$3,500,000) project. City Manager Parker added that TxDOT had received notification that it was likely that the project would be approved. City Manager Parker stated that TxDOT was requesting that the City of Lufkin pass a Resolution supporting the improvements to Raguet Street.

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

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the Resolution supporting the nomination of SP 339 for Forest Highway designation from LP 287 to LP 36 in the City of Lufkin. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

13. ANNOUNCEMENT THAT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED FY 2011-2012 BUDGET WOULD BE CONDUCTED ON AUGUST 16, 2011, AT 5:00 P.M. IN THE LUFKIN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LOCATED AT 300 EAST SHEPHERD STREET, LUFKIN, TEXAS

Mayor Jack Gorden then announced that a Public Hearing on the Proposed FY 2011-2012 Budget would be conducted on August 16, 2011, at 5:00 p.m. in the Lufkin City Council Chambers, located at 300 East Shepherd Street, Lufkin, Texas.

14. Mayor Jack Gorden recessed the Regular Session at 5:35 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 6:15 p.m.

15. INCENTIVE REQUEST – APPROVED - FOR PROJECT AMERICAN

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was an incentive request for Project American.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that the City Council discussed Economic Development incentives for Project American in the Executive Session as authorized by law. City Manager Parker added that the item was before the Council if it was desired that incentives be offered.

Mayor Gorden asked for questions or comments from the Council.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the incentive request for Project American, as discussed in Executive Session. Councilmember Don Langston seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

**16. APPOINTMENTS TO THE KURTH MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD – APPROVED
- OF DIRECTORS**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was the appointments to the Kurth Memorial Library Board of Directors.

Councilmember Lynn Torres stated that she moved to accept the four (4) individuals who were nominated to serve on the Kurth Memorial Library Board. Councilmember Torres added that the nominations were Kristi Gay, Mary Goodwin, James Head and Walter Borgfeld. Councilmember Rufus Duncan seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

13. 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.

Mayor Gorden stated that the Council would talk about the calendar appointments, adjourn and then immediately begin the Work Session.

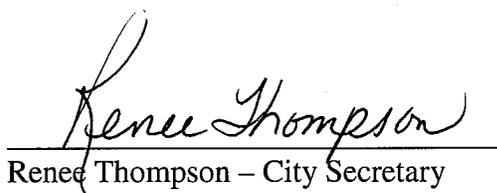
City Manager Paul Parker stated that the First Friday Luncheon would be held on Friday, August 5, 2011 at 12:00 noon at Crown Colony. City Manager Parker added that the remainder of the items were standard meetings. City Secretary Renee Thompson stated that City Council pictures would be made at the next City Council Meeting that would be held on August 16, 2011. Mrs. Thompson added that the pictures would be taken at 4:30 p.m. that day. Councilmember Don Langston stated that the Lufkin's Bistro would be held on Saturday, October 1, 2011, in Downtown Lufkin and added that it was a wonderful event. City Manager Parker stated that tickets would be going on sale very soon at the Lufkin Convention and Visitors Bureau for thirty dollars (\$30) per person.

City Manager Parker stated that the Lufkin Daily News had a new City Reporter. City Manager Parker added that his name was Steve Knight and welcomed him to the Council Meeting and also to Lufkin.

14. There being no further business for consideration, the meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.



Jack Gorden, Mayor



Renee Thompson – City Secretary