

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS HELD ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2010**

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2010, 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.  
Don Langston  
Victor Travis  
Robert Shankle  
Lynn Torres  
Phil Medford  
Paul L. Parker  
Keith Wright  
Bruce Green  
Renee Thompson  
Rodney Ivy  
Scott Marcotte  
Gerald Williamson  
Danny Kistner  
Doug Wood  
Dorothy Wilson  
Steve Floyd  
Steve Poskey  
Barbara Thompson  
Jim Wehmeier  
Dale Allred  
Gorden Henley  
Charlotte Henley  
Jim Maddy

Mayor  
Mayor Pro-Tem  
Councilmember, Ward No. 1  
Councilmember, Ward No. 2  
Councilmember, Ward No. 3  
Councilmember, Ward No. 6  
City Manager  
Deputy City Manager  
City Attorney  
City Secretary  
Human Resource Director  
Police Chief  
Asst. Police Chief  
Fire Chief  
Finance Director  
Planning Director  
Public Works Director  
Street Department, Superintendent  
Main Street Director  
Economic Development Director  
Inspection Services Director  
Ellen Trout Zoo Director  
Ellen Trout Zoo  
President & CEO, Assoc. of Zoos  
& Aquariums

being present, and

Rufus Duncan

Councilmember, Ward No. 5

being absent, when the following business was transacted:

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mike Hall, Lufkin Family Worship Center, PCCG.
2. Mayor Jack Gorden welcomed visitors present. Mayor Gorden then welcomed David Radke, Stacy Garcia, Art Callahan, Jim Owens and Joe Evans, who were all members of the 2010/2011 Leadership Lufkin Class.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 19, 2010 were approved on a motion by Councilmember Lynn Torres, and seconded by Councilmember Robert Shankle. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

4. **ALL MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF "CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2010", - APPROVED - INCLUDING THE ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS AND PROVIDING FOR THE REDEMPTION OF THE BONDS BEING REFUNDED**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was all matters incident and related to the issuance and sale of "City of Lufkin, Texas, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2010", including the adoption of an Ordinance authorizing the issuance of such bonds and providing for the redemption of the bonds being refunded.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that this was the refinancing issue that the Council authorized the Staff to go forth with at the last City Council Meeting. City Manager Parker added that the positive news was that the City refinanced some existing debt at a rate of 2.3902%, which saved the City of Lufkin nearly one million dollars (\$1,000,000) of tax debt that would take the burden off of the citizens of Lufkin. City Manager Parker stated that Staff recommended that the City Council approve the issuance of the twelve million one hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$12,130,000) of refinanced bonds.

Mayor Gorden asked for questions or comments from the Council.

Councilmember Don Langston moved to adopt the Ordinance authorizing the issuance of twelve million one hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$12,130,000) "City of Lufkin, Texas General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2010" and approving and authorizing the execution of a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement and a Purchase Agreement and approving authorizing the distribution of an Official Statement in relation to such Bonds. Councilmember Phil Medford seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

**5. ALL MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF "CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, TAX AND WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM (LIMITED PLEDGE) REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2010", - APPROVED - INCLUDING THE ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was the all matters incident and related to the issuance and sale of "City of Lufkin, Texas, Tax and Waterworks and Sewer System (Limited Pledge) Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2010", including the adoption of an Ordinance authorizing the issuance of such certificates of obligation.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that these were new bonds that the City was able to finance in the amount of nine million one hundred forty-five thousand dollars (\$9,145,000) at a rate of 3.4474%. City Manager Parker added that this was an excellent rate, and that the City was able to issue the bond with no rate increase to the tax payers of Lufkin. City Manager Parker then recommended that the Council approve the Ordinance for the issuance of Certificates of Obligation.

Mayor Gorden asked for questions or comments from the Council.

Councilmember Don Langston moved to adopt the Ordinance authorizing the issuance of nine million one hundred forty-five thousand dollars (\$9,145,000) "City of Lufkin, Texas, Tax and Waterworks and Sewer System (Limited Pledge) Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2010" and approving and authorizing the execution of a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement and a Purchase Agreement and approving and authorizing the distribution of an Official Statement in relation to such Certificates. Councilmember Lynn Torres seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

**6. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, - APPROVED - BY GRANTING A "SPECIAL USE" PERMIT FOR AN INDOOR COMMERCIAL RECREATION FACILITY WITHIN A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, #3553 ZONING DISTRICT ON CERTAIN TRACTS OR PARCELS OF LAND WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, BEING 1.109 ACRES OF THE NEAL AND MARY ANN NARANJO SUBDIVISION, REVISED, LOT 2, ANGELINA COUNTY, TEXAS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY PLANNER TO MAKE SUCH CHANGES ON THE OFFICIAL MAP**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was a Public Hearing and Second Reading of an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Lufkin, Texas, by granting a “Special Use” permit for an indoor commercial recreation facility within a Planned Unit Development, #3553 Zoning District on certain tracts or parcels of land within the corporate limits of the City of Lufkin, Texas, being 1.109 acres of the Neal and Mary Ann Naranjo Subdivision, revised, Lot 2, Angelina County, Texas and authorizing the City Planner to make such changes on the Official Map.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that this was the Second Reading on a proposed “Special Use” permit for a museum that would house natural history artifacts. City Manager Parker added that at the last Council Meeting Mr. Naranjo was present and displayed several of the artifacts. City Manager Parker stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Staff recommended that the City Council approve the “Special Use” permit for the Indoor Commercial Recreation Facility.

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 Gorden asked for questions or comments from the Council.

Councilmember Phil Medford moved to approve the Second Reading of the Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Lufkin, Texas, by granting a “Special Use” permit for an indoor commercial recreation facility within a Planned Unit Development, #3553 Zoning District on certain tracts or parcels of land within the corporate limits of the City of Lufkin, Texas, being 1.109 acres of the Neal and Mary Ann Naranjo Subdivision, revised, Lot 2, Angelina County, Texas and authorizing the City Planner to make such changes on the Official Map. Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **7. ACCREDITATION PRESENTATION BY JIM MADDY, ASSOCIATION OF ZOOS AND AQUARIUMS (AZA) PRESIDENT AND CEO**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was an accreditation presentation by Jim Maddy, Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) President and CEO.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that the Ellen Trout Zoo Staff worked numerous hours in preparation for the accreditation by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. City Manager Parker added that the Zoo Staff hosted the review and made the suggested changes that came forth from the review. City Manager Parker explained that receiving the accreditation was a major accomplishment, and that for a city the size of Lufkin to have such an outstanding facility and for it to be accredited was an exceptional achievement for the Zoo, its staff and for the City of Lufkin as a whole.

Mayor Gorden then welcomed members of “the Friends of the Zoo” Organization and thanked them for their hard work and support.

Jim Maddy, President and CEO of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums stated that the accreditation of the Ellen Trout Zoo was a very significant achievement, and that the City of Lufkin had benefitted from the world class facility for a long time. Mr. Maddy added that the standard went up each year, and that it was a tribute to the Staff of the Zoo, leadership of the community, the taxpayers and the “Friends of the Zoo”. Mr. Maddy then explained the process of accreditation. Mr. Maddy also gave information and notes made by the inspection team regarding the Ellen Trout Zoo. Mr. Maddy added that there were approximately two thousand five hundred (2500) organizations that held license from the U S Department of Agriculture to display wildlife and other exotic animals to the public. Mr. Maddy stated that only two hundred twenty-three (223) zoos and aquariums in North America met the standards of animal care and welfare. Mr. Maddy complimented Zoo Director Gorden Henley and stated that Mr. Henley was a leader in the zoo profession. Mr. Maddy pointed out that Mr. Henley had served as an accreditation inspector, lead inspection teams, reviewed

grant applications, served on the animal welfare committee, and served as a leader in the anti-venom work. Mr. Maddy stated that Mr. Henley also worked to assist in setting policy in the United States in the handling of confiscated animals. Mr. Maddy then presented Mr. Henley and the Ellen Trout Zoo with the accreditation plaque, and congratulated Mr. Henley, the Ellen Trout Zoo and the City of Lufkin for its hard work and accomplishment.

Ellen Trout Zoo Director Gorden Henley thanked Mr. Maddy for the presentation and thanked the City Council, the "Friends of the Zoo, the Zoo Staff and the people of Lufkin for assisting in making possible the accreditation of the Zoo. Mayor Gorden thanked Mr. Maddy for coming to Lufkin to make the presentation.

**8. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 3961 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS. - APPROVED - ADOPTING RULES AND REGULATIONS HEREIN SET FORTH ESTABLISHING CERTAIN FLOOD PREVENTION AND MITIGATION MEASURES; PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE CITIZENS OF LUFKIN; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION; CONTAINING A SAVINGS CLAUSE, A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was a First Reading of an Ordinance amending Ordinance 3961 of the City Council of the City of Lufkin, Texas, adopting rules and regulations herein set forth establishing certain flood prevention and mitigation measures; providing for the protection of the health and safety of the citizens of Lufkin; providing a penalty for violation; containing a savings clause, a severability clause and a repealer clause; providing for publication, codification, and an effective date; and containing other provisions relating to the subject.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that this was the Ordinance that the Council had recently passed adopting the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps. City Manager Parker explained that the previous Ordinance was adopted and listed the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) was for the City of Lufkin, Texas, Angelina County, but the Ordinance should have read that the FIS was for Angelina County, Texas and Incorporated Areas. City Manager Parker furthered that the City had to change the language in the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) to state Angelina County, Texas and Incorporated Areas.

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

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the First Reading of the Ordinance amending Ordinance 3961 of the City Council of the City of Lufkin, Texas, adopting rules and regulations herein set forth establishing certain flood prevention and mitigation measures; providing for the protection of the health and safety of the citizens of Lufkin; providing a penalty for violation; containing a savings clause, a severability clause and a repealer clause; providing for publication, codification, and an effective date; and containing other provisions relating to the subject. Councilmember Victor Travis seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

**9. BID FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PHASE II OF THE LUFKIN BUSINESS PARK - APPROVED - TO LANGSTON CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THIRTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$1,413,888)**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was the bid for the construction of Phase II of the Lufkin Business Park to Langston Construction in the amount of one million four hundred thirteen thousand eight hundred eighty-eight dollars (\$1,413,888).

Councilmember Don Langston asked to be recused from discussion and voting on the item. Mayor Gorden requested that this be duly noted by City Secretary Renee Thompson.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that Phase I had not been bid at this time, and was the construction of the detention basin and the reconstruction of Moffett Road. City Manager Parker added that Phase I would occur at a later date. City Manager Parker explained that Phase II was the first part of the project that had gone out for bids. City Manager Parker stated that Phase II of the Lufkin Business Park would consist of ten thousand five hundred seventy-eight (10,578) square yards of concrete pavement, five thousand fifteen (5,015) linear feet of curb and gutter, two thousand two hundred fifty (2,250) linear feet of water pipe, one thousand one hundred twenty-five (1,125) linear feet of gravity sewer pipe, storm drain catch basins, junction boxes, placement riprap protection, construction of primary and secondary entrance monument signs and landscaping. City Manager Parker furthered that the City of Lufkin received a grant through the Economic Development Administration (EDA) in the amount of four million dollars (\$4,000,000) for the development of the Lufkin Business Park. City Manager Parker added that this was the first contractual portion of the EDA Grant except for the administration and engineering cost that was related to the wetland credits. City Manager Parker explained that three hundred eighty-nine thousand nine hundred dollars (\$389,900) was the cost for engineering services and one hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$120,000) was the cost of the Wetland Credit permits. City Manager Parker stated that the bid before the City Council was for one million four hundred thirteen thousand eight hundred eighty-eight dollars (\$1,413,888) for the Phase II portion of the project. City Manager Parker added that the City received ten (10) bids for the construction with the apparent low bidder being Langston Construction in the amount of one million four hundred thirteen thousand eight hundred eighty-eight dollars (\$1,413,888). City Manager Parker stated that Klotz and Associates, the City's engineering design firm, along with City Staff, reviewed the bids and recommended to award the bid to Langston Construction for the Phase II Project for the improvements to the Lufkin Business Park, in the amount of one million four hundred thirteen thousand eight hundred eighty-eight dollars (\$1,413,888).

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

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the bid for the construction of Phase II of the Lufkin Business Park to Langston Construction in the amount of one million four hundred thirteen thousand eight hundred eighty-eight dollars (\$1,413,888). Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

**10. BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) 14-16 YARD DUMP TRUCKS AND ONE (1) HOT-MIX PATCH TRUCK FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT, TWO (2) SPECIAL COLLECTION REAR LOADERS FOR THE SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT AND ONE (1) VAC/JET TRUCK FOR THE WATER/SEWER UTILITIES DEPARTMENT - APPROVED - THROUGH H-GAC AND BUYBOARD FROM RUSH PETERBILT IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHT HUNDRED FIVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FOUR DOLLARS (\$805,984)**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was the bid for the purchase of two (2) 14-16 yard dump trucks and one (1) hot-mix patch truck for the Street Department, two (2) special collection rear loaders for the Solid Waste Department and one (1) vac/jet truck for the Water/Sewer Utilities Department through H-GAC and BuyBoard from Rush Peterbilt in the amount of eight hundred five thousand nine hundred eighty-four dollars (\$805,984).

City Manager Paul Parker stated that each year as Staff went through the budget there was consideration given to the Amortization Program, which was designed to replace vehicles as they deteriorate and become worn out. City Manager Parker added that the current year was one (1) of the larger replacement years. City Manager Parker explained that each year as the equipment came up to be replaced, the Fleet Maintenance Department reviewed the maintenance records and mileage to determine if the vehicles or equipment really needed replacing. City Manager Parker furthered that the replacement of some of the vehicles and equipment had previously been extended because their condition did not justify the replacement at the time. City Manager Parker explained that the purchase of the vehicles was combined to allow for a reduction of administrative fees from HGAC. City Manager Parker stated that this would be the first of two (2) major allocations, and that there would then be a Police Department package that would consist of several Police vehicles to be

purchased at a later time. City Manager Parker added that this bid included several of the City's larger pieces of equipment which included, two (2) 14-16 yard dump trucks for the Street Department at one hundred fourteen thousand six hundred six dollars (\$114,606) each, two (2) Special Collection rear loaders for the Solid Waste Department at one hundred thirty-seven thousand nine hundred ninety-nine dollars (\$137,999) each, one (1) Vac/Jet Truck for the Water/Sewer Utilities Department at one hundred fifty-nine thousand seven hundred eight dollars (\$159,708) and one (1) Hot Mix Patch Truck for the Street Department at one hundred forty-one thousand sixty-six dollars (\$141,066). City Manager Parker stated that the purchases came to a total amount of eight hundred five thousand nine hundred eighty-four dollars (\$805,984). City Manager Parker added that Staff recommended that the City Council approve the purchase of the vehicles. City Manager Parker stated that all of the vehicles were budgeted and were within the amount allocated in that budget.

Mayor Gorden asked for questions or comments from the Council.

Councilmember Phil Medford moved to approve the bid for the purchase of two (2) 14-16 yard dump trucks and one (1) hot-mix patch truck for the Street Department, two (2) special collection rear loaders for the Solid Waste Department and one (1) vac/jet truck for the Water/Sewer Utilities Department through H-GAC and BuyBoard from Rush Peterbilt in the amount of eight hundred five thousand nine hundred eighty-four dollars (\$805,984). Councilmember Robert Shankle seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

**11. AWARD FROM THE TEXAS INTRASTATE FIRE MUTUAL AID SYSTEM (TIFMAS) GRANT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - APPROVED - OF A TYPE 6 ENGINE, VALUE NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000) AND A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2010/2011 OPERATING BUDGET (BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 3), PROVIDING FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS IN THE EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION AND REPLACEMENT FUND; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was an award from the Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) Grant Assistance Program of a Type 6 Engine, value not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) and a Resolution authorizing an amendment to the 2010/2011 Operating Budget (Budget Amendment No. 3), providing for the supplemental appropriation of funds in the Equipment Acquisition and Replacement Fund; and providing an effective date.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that the City of Lufkin Fire Department had been actively seeking grants and had been very successful. City Manager Parker explained that for this particular grant the Texas Forest Service would have oversight of the grant program and would select, purchase and deliver a fire engine to Lufkin. City Manager Parker furthered that in lieu of providing the funds in the amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) and the City purchasing the vehicle; the Texas Forest Service would purchase the vehicle and deliver it to the Fire Department. City Manager Parker stated that the unit would replace an existing "brush truck" that the City currently had, and that vehicle would be placed in the City auction. City Manager Parker stated that this would provide a better "brush truck" for fighting grass fires. City Manager Parker added that there would be a "mutual aid" stipulation with the Texas Forest Service to assist in fighting wild land/grass fires as part of the agreement. City Manager Parker stated that Staff recommended that the City Council accept the fire truck with an approximate value of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).

Mayor Gorden asked for questions or comments from the Council. There was some discussion among the Council and Staff regarding the grant program and agreement that went along with the grant. Mayor Gorden commended the Fire Department for seeking out grants for the City of Lufkin.

Councilmember Lynn Torres moved to approve the award from the Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) Grant Assistance Program of a Type 6 Engine, value not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) and a Resolution authorizing an amendment to the 2010/2011 Operating Budget (Budget Amendment No. 3), providing for the

supplemental appropriation of funds in the Equipment Acquisition and Replacement Fund; and providing an effective date. Councilmember Victor Travis seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

**12. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF RURAL AFFAIRS FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACT AS THE CITY'S EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE - APPROVED - IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was a Resolution of the City of Lufkin, Texas, authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Program Application to the Texas Department of Rural Affairs for the Community Development Fund; and authorizing the Mayor to act as the City's Executive Officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the City's participation in the Community Development Program.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that the City of Lufkin traditionally applied for funds from the Texas Department of Rural Affairs for the CDBG "Block" Grant (Discretionary Grant). City Manager Parker added that the City was currently completing the project that was funded by the last grant received. City Manager Parker stated that the City was currently applying for funding that would be for the reconstruction of Lubbock Street between Paul Avenue and Knight Avenue. City Manager Parker explained that this project was one thousand six hundred thirty (1,630) linear feet and would consist of reclaiming, reshaping, regarding and compacting the existing pavement and subgrade, replacing culverts, installation and priming of new base, placement of asphalt, construction of sixteen (16) driveway turnouts, provided required stormwater pollution prevention erosion control measures and site dress up. City Manager Parker stated that the total grant would be in the amount of two hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$275,000), with no required City match. City Manager Parker added that Staff recommended that the City Council authorize Staff to apply for the funding.

Mayor Gorden asked for questions or comments from the Council.

Councilmember Robert Shankle moved to approve the Resolution of the City of Lufkin, Texas, authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Program Application to the Texas Department of Rural Affairs for the Community Development Fund; and authorizing the Mayor to act as the City's Executive Officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the City's participation in the Community Development Program. Councilmember Victor Travis seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

**13. THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS AND THE LUFKIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, TEXAS INVESTMENT POLICY - APPROVED**

Mayor Jack Gorden stated that the next item for consideration was the City of Lufkin, Texas and the Lufkin Economic Development Corporation, Texas Investment Policy.

City Manager Paul Parker stated that this Investment Policy needed to also include the Lufkin Convention and Visitors Bureau. City Manager Parker explained that the City invested money for the Lufkin Economic Development Corporation and the Lufkin Convention and Visitors Bureau, and that all three followed the same investment policy. City Manager Parker stated that Staff recommended that the Council approve the Investment Policy and requested that the motion also include the Lufkin Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Mayor Gorden asked for questions or comments from the Council. There was some discussion among the Mayor, City Manager and Council concerning the item.



Councilmember Don Langston moved to approve the City of Lufkin, Texas, the Lufkin Economic Development Corporation, Texas, and the Lufkin Convention and Visitors Bureau Investment Policy. Councilmember Lynn Torres seconded the motion. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

14. Mayor Jack Gorden stated that there was no need for an Executive Session that evening.

**15. 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 commended Main Street Director Barbara Thompson and other City of Lufkin departments for the hard work put into making the Halloween festivities a success in the Downtown area of Lufkin.

City Manager Parker stated that Friday, November 5, 2010 at 12:00 noon would be the First Friday Luncheon with Judge Paul White as the guest speaker. City Manager Parker then reminded everyone that there would be an "Open House" at the Kurth Memorial Library on Saturday, November 6, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. City Manager Parker stated that there would be a "Ribbon Cutting" and "Open House" for "Harold's House" Angelina Alliance for Children, Inc. on Tuesday, November 9, 2010. City Manager Parker added that the "Ribbon Cutting" would occur at 4:00 p.m., and that there would be a come and go "Open House" from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. at 109 Temple Boulevard. City Manager Parker stated that the Lufkin Landscape Task Force was hosting "A Taste of Argentina" on Saturday, November 13, 2010, beginning at 6:30 p.m. City Manager Parker requested that any Councilmember interested in attending the event contact City Secretary Renee Thompson. City Manager Parker stated that the remainder of the meetings were standard City related meetings and were on the calendar furnished to the Council.

City Manager Parker stated that the City Council and Staff were invited to the Ellen Trout Zoo Education Building immediately following the Council Meeting for a reception honoring the accreditation of the Ellen Trout Zoo.

Main Street Director Barbara Thompson then thanked the Wastewater Treatment Plant employees and volunteers for their support and help with the Nightmare Alley Haunted House and Halloween Street Party.

14. There being no further business for consideration, the meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

  
Renee Thompson – City Secretary

  
Jack Gorden, Mayor