

Regular meeting with the following present: Mayor Horace Fincher; Aldermen Louis Trouart, Gerry Elias, Mark Bowen, Juan J. Garcia, Erik Dahler; City Secretary Josie Campa; City Attorney Tom Cate; Director of Public Works Alfredo Aguinaga; Police Chief Richard Priest.

Visitors: Jack McFarland, Charles Bushart, Alice Perez, Julie Dunnavant, Elaine Perales, Elisa Perales, Bertha Haass, Debbie Garcia, Julio Inocencio, Sylvia Carrizales, Jesse Guajardo, Stephanie Martinez, Valdemar Martinez, Guadalupe Martinez, Albert Salinas, Daniel Gamez.

APPROVE MINUTES & APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

City Secretary Josie Campa added bills from Tom Cate-\$1387.11 for legal fees and Troy Martin \$385.00 for building inspections, and removed the bill from the Lytle Veterinary Clinic. Alderman Elias made the motion that Council approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 11th and payment of the bills, as presented. Seconded by Alderman Garcia. Passed unanimously.

HEAR FROM THE CITIZENS

Charles Bushart introduced himself to the Council and audience and asked questions concerning the Post Office parking lot's speed limit and the testing of the city's drinking water. Mr. Bushart also told Council that Alderman Trouart needs to be recognized for his years of service to the city. Mayor Fincher told Mr. Bushart that the post office is federal property and that he will talk to the Postmaster about this matter. The Mayor told Mr. Bushart the city has its drinking water tested every month. The Mayor also said that Mr. Trouart would be recognized when his term is up.

JACK MCFARLAND

A. TIRES ON FENCE (REPLACE FENCE)

B. GREEN WATER FROM NEIGHBORS

A. Mr. McFarland told Council that once the tires are removed from his neighbors property his fence will not hold cattle. Aldermen Dahler and Elias said they would look into this matter again.

B. Jack McFarland asked Council for a progress report on the problem with gray water from his neighbors, and said the water coming onto his property from his neighbors is now green. Mayor Fincher asked Aldermen Elias and Dahler to look into this matter one more time.

ALBERT SALINAS-CONSIDER STREET DIVIDERS ON CURVES AND SIDEWALKS

Albert Salinas told Council he is concerned about street curves not having dividers in the center and suggested city put "turtles" on curves to try and keep traffic in their prospective lanes. Mr. Salinas told Council he doesn't feel there are enough sidewalks along city streets and asked if this was a money issue. Mayor Fincher told Mr. Salinas that concrete sidewalks are expensive and that each year Council sets aside money for street paving, but no side walks.

BERTHA HAASS -CONSIDER SPEED LIMITS IN COAL MINE

Bertha Haass asked Council to consider reducing the speed limit in Coal Mine from 30 to 20. She said she knows the speed limit is set by State Code, but that the set-up of Coal Mine with short streets and sharp turns should call for a slower speed limit. City Attorney Tom Cate told the Mayor and Council that the State Highway Department could do a study; if requested by the Mayor. Council agreed to have Mayor write TX DOT to have this matter studied.

CONSIDER TERMS FOR EMERGENCY EXIT IN COAL MINE

Alderman Elias told Council he had given the City Attorney what Mr. Estrada had mentioned to him in negotiating the emergency exit from Coal Mine. Mr. Cate told Council that the draft will be ready the next day for review by Council and Mr. Estrada. Mayor Fincher told Council that the City will also need a letter from the Coal Mine Cemetery road committee giving permission to use their road for this exit. Council discussed items needed for the agreement with Mr. Estrada. Citizens from the Coal Mine area raised questions about their input in this agreement. After discussion Alderman Dahler made the motion that Council approve the terms of the agreement with Mr. Estrada, as stated by Alderman Elias and Garcia and upon Mr. Estrada's approval. Seconded by Alderman Garcia. Passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION: AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF A 2003/2004 (PY) TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF RURAL COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (ORCA) FOR FUNDING UNDER THE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (TCDP) AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACT AS THE CITY'S EXECUTIVE OFFICE AND AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF A 2003/2004 (PY) TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION

Mayor Fincher recommended to Council that the City not participate in 2003-

2004 grant cycle. Alderman Dahler made the motion that the City not participate in the 2003-2004 grant cycle. Seconded by Alderman Elias. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER HIRING EMPLOYEE (S) FOR PUBLIC WORKS' DEPARTMENT

No action taken on this item.

CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF DANIEL GAMEZ

Chief Priest recommended to Council that Daniel Gamez be hired as a regular employee and be given full benefits and a \$100.00 per month salary increase. Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council accept the Police Chief's recommendation and Daniel Gamez be hired as a regular employee and be given full benefits and \$100.00 per month salary increase. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF ALICE PEREZ

Alderman Dahler made the motion that Council consider Item #20 first before Item #11. Seconded by Alderman Elias. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER CHANGE TO CODE OF ORDINANCE TO ALLOW CITY SECRETARY TO TAKE DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST EMPLOYEES

Council discussed giving the City Secretary the power to discipline employees under her supervision. After discussion, Alderman Dahler made the motion that the Section 2.202(h) of the City's Code of Ordinances be amended to read "to exercise administrative supervision over all employees under his/her direct supervision, including heads of departments created by Council or that may hereafter created." Seconded by Alderman Elias. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF ALICE PEREZ & CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF ALFREDO AGUINAGA

Alderman Elias made the motion that Council have items #11 consider employment status of Alice Perez and #12 consider employment status of Alfredo Aguinaga handled internally, as they both fall under the category addressed in the previous item. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO MOBILE HOME COMMISSION

City Secretary Josie Campa told Council that Kala Barthram is willing to serve on the Mobile Home Commission. Alderman Elias made the motion that Council appoint Kala Barthram to serve on the Mobile Home Commission. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION JUDGE

City Secretary Josie Campa told Council that Donna Hendrick has agreed to serve as Election Judge. Alderman Garcia made the motion that Council appoint Donna Hendrick Election Judge for the City's General Election on May 4th. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF PROCLAMATION AUTHORIZING APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACT AS THE CITY'S EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH

Alderman Dahler made the motion that Council adopt the proclamation authorizing April as Fair Housing Month. Seconded by Alderman Garcia. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF LEASE AGREEMENT WITH REX MAYHEW ON SEWER PLANT AND WELL SITE PROPERTIES

Mayor told Council there is a question on this item and asked them to hold off on this agreement, until these questions are answered. After discussion, Alderman Elias made the motion that the City enter into this agreement with Mr. Mayhew, contingent on the question of health hazard being answered to allow for this. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Discussion. Alderman Elias rescinded his motion, and Alderman Trouart agreed. Mayor Fincher told Council he would look into this matter some more and get back to them.

Council took a short break at 7:40 p.m. and reconvened at 7:52 p.m.

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF LITTER ABATEMENT ORDINANCE CONCERNING JUNK VEHICLES AND TIRES

City Attorney Tom Cate gave Council an ordinance on Junk Vehicles and said he feels that tires are covered in Section 8.110 of City's present code. Alderman Dahler suggested Council look at the penalty provision of the ordinance. After discussion Alderman Dahler made the motion that Council study the ordinance presented by the City Attorney. Seconded by Alderman Elias. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER REBUILDING OF COMMUNITY CENTER SIGN

Mayor Fincher told Council that the Community Center sign on Main Street had been knocked down by the March 19th storm and said he had a man that told him he would clear bricks and rebuild the sign with the lettering for \$550.00. The Mayor told Council that the Woman's Club is asking to add to the sign and perhaps can donate \$200.00 toward this project. After discussion, Alderman Garcia made the motion that Council allocate \$600.00

for rebuilding of sign for Community Center. Seconded by Alderman Elias. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER PROBLEMS WITH SIREN

Mayor Fincher told Council he had someone work on the sirens the past week and that they have been unable to get all three (3) sirens to work. He told Council that it is important to have the sirens working for disaster preparedness and estimated it would probably cost another \$3,000.00 to get them repaired. Council discussed having the sirens set up by radio controls and monies needed for this project. Alderman Elias made the motion that Council allocate \$5,000.00 for the siren system to be repaired. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES AS PER SECTION 2.053 OF THE ELECTION CODE ALLOWING CITY TO DECLARE EACH UNAPPOSED CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE ELECTED

Alderman Elias made the motion that Council adopt Ordinance #267 declaring the unopposed candidates for office elected. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT

Director of Public Works Alfredo Aguinaga reported on the following items:

1. Joey Segura has started working for the city;
2. new shed at sewer plant will have to be raised about two feet for equipment to fit;
3. park was cleaned for Easter Egg Hunt;
4. replaced a lot of signs after storm;
5. have fixed water leaks and sewer stoppages;
6. swings and seesaw repainted at Coal Mine Park;
7. tables and benches at park were resealed;
8. gazebo at park touched up for Easter event;
9. sent back Titan meter for new sewer plant, as it is not needed;
10. overflow line at new sewer plant has been installed;
11. CPS still looking at electricity for pumps at sewer plant;
12. trimmed trees;
13. sewer line at center was repaired after it bursted due to foundation shifting;
14. sewer samples have been better;
15. water samples this month were good;
16. training will be given for operating lift station pump; and
17. he talked to John Warren from Mircocomm about sirens being radio controlled.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Priest reviewed his written report with Council.

The Chief reported that the warrant round-up was a success and netted the city about \$5,000.00.

Chief Priest told Council that weather related items have taken up a lot of the department's time over the past few weeks.

The Chief told Council that one of the officers had a fender bender with one of the police units and he is getting estimates on the repairs to the Fire Stations door.

Chief Priest told Council he had attended a Law Enforcement work session to check on new products and get information from other police chiefs.

The Chief told Council he would work at setting up another warrant round-up.

CITY SECRETARY'S REPORT

City Secretary Josie Campa added the following items to go with her written report:

1. 63 dogs were vaccinated at City's annual vaccination clinic;
2. sixteen people have signed up for tire cleanup with over 230 tires so far;
3. received material for vector control and will be studying to have four guys test to allow City to fog for mosquitos; and
4. cleaned out storage room at annex to allow for the Christmas decorations to be stored there; and
5. will start holding workshops to redo the Christmas decorations with rope lights.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Fincher told Council he met with TX Dot representatives and Lytle business owners concerning access roads.

The Mayor told Council that the warrant round-up was very successful.

The Mayor reported to Council that E.M.S. and Fire Department personnel and County officers worked with city crew and police department during and after the storms.

Mayor Fincher told Council that the center has sunk some more and it is

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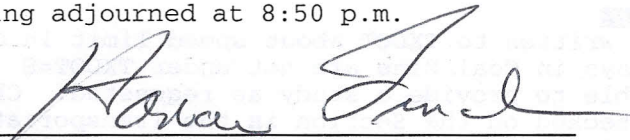
going to have to be looked at again.

The Mayor told Council that the Easter egg hunt was a success again this year.

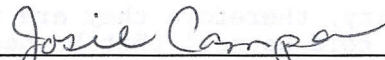
The Mayor asked City Attorney Tom Cate for a status report on the Ramos lawsuit. The City Attorney told Council he would start work on this case again.

Mayor Fincher told Council they will be losing Alderman Trouart from the Council and thanked Mr. Trouart for his service to the City.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.



Mayor



City Secretary