



**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
CITY OF LYTLE CITY COUNCIL
MAY 30, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ruben Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM

ROLL CALL

Mayor Ruben Gonzalez, Alderman Miguel Aguirre, Alderman Richard Hughes, Alderman David Emery, Alderman Michael Rodriguez, and Alderman Matthew Martinez were present.

Staff Present: City Administrator Zachary Meadows, City Secretary Paola Rios, Finance Director LaNet Hester, Animal Control Director Daniel Garcia, Library Director Cassandra Cortez, and City Attorney Molly Solis were present. Interim Public Works Director and Police Chief Richard Priest were absent.

Visitors: Adalia Gonzalez, and Casey Homer were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG

Led by Mayor Ruben Gonzalez

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

- a. No citizens to be heard.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Consider Approval of Payment of Bills
 - i. Alderman Michael Rodriguez made the motion, seconded by Alderman David Emery to approve the item. A vote was taken (5:0 all ayes) the motion carried by all present.

OPEN SESSION – TAKE ACTION OF PAYMENTS OF BILLS

- a. Mayor asked council if item b from Open Session could be moved to be the last item of the agenda.
 - i. Alderman David Emery made the motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Rodriguez to move Item b to from Open Session to the bottom. A vote was taken (5:0 all ayes) the motion carried by all present.
- b. Consideration And Possible Action Concerning Resolution Number #24-20, a Resolution of the City of Lytle, Texas, Finding that AEP Texas Inc.'s Requested Increase to its Electric Transmission and Distribution Rates and Charges Within the City Should be Denied; Finding that the City's Reasonable Rate Case Expenses Shall be

Reimbursed by the Company; Finding that the Meeting in which this Resolution is Passed is Open to the Public as Required by Law; Requiring Reimbursement of Cities' Rate Case Expenses; Finding that the Meeting at which this Resolution is Passed is Open to the Public as Required by Law; Requiring Notice of this Resolution to the Company and Legal Counsel.

- i. Alderman David Emery made the motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Rodriguez to approve the item. After further discussion, a vote was taken (5:0 all ayes) the motion carried by all present.
- c. Update and Possible Action Concerning Water Well #2
 - i. City Administrator Zachary Meadows talked to council and told them he did not have an update Edwards did want to come down after the city received the video from the initial attempt and felt that Edwards wanted to send down a high-definition camera, and they came down since the last meeting but we have not receive anything back from them. Everything that Edwards has done has been at no cost to the city.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- a. LaNet Hester reviewed her Finance Report in a power point presentation.
- b. Paola Rios reviewed her City Secretary's Report in a power point presentation.
- c. Zachary Meadows reviewed his City Administrator's Report in a power point presentation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Council went into executive session at 7:17 p.m.

City Council reconvened at 8:37 p.m.

- a. Discuss Development Vested Rights Statutory Requirements and Legal Opinion
 - i. Council took no Action on this item.
 - ii. Casey Homer talked to city council regarding the following item. Both Mr. Harris and he were a bit surprised that this item was on the agenda, and they were not notified. He stated that he has been working on this project which includes two properties that are included with the Ordinance 217 and he has been working with the city for the past two and a half years and he's seen them not only neighbors but development partners as the city grows and both are interests are aligned with providing quality attainable housing alternatives in Lytle. They have gone through certain steps above and beyond the requirements of the codes and ordinances that they have been preparing for the last stages. He states he feels somewhat adversarial to see the item on the agenda without a phone call or any kind of notice whatsoever. A resolution would be proposed to go back in time 27 years to reverse zoning on specific properties. He read midway form the page of Ordinance 217 to council that was signed on August 11, 1997 and he also had the notice of the agenda when it was published. He had a couple of questions that he wanted to ask council and to have on record. First question was, What are the procedural defects being alleged and how it's being documented? Why was he and Mr. Harris not notified that this was being proposed? He stated he would be very curious to cite any other instances where the city has identified ordinances that they believe did not follow a certain process and went back multiple decades to reverse. In light of the B2 allowable use changes with this proposed resolution being two and a half years into this and just under two million dollars in cause to be at this stage, in light of the recent changes, a series of events has happened more recently that he understands and agrees with the needs to clean up some of the ordinances as it relates to Manufactured Homes. He felt like the city and them were partners and he would like to have a better relationship with the city. He asked that this item be withdrawn during the open session to avoid any future liabilities or conflicts on both sides. This is a

project that they have worked on for so many years, there is a lot of documentation they have to protect themselves and they will do that at any means necessary. They have spent a lot of money into this market, and they want to provide a good housing alternative.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Thanked PD for taking care of our school events as school was finishing up.
2. Thanked PD for a situation that happened over the weekend with the railroad carts blocking one of the intersections. Coming up with a Plan B for emergency purposes.
3. Thanked Paola and PD with the Outreach Fair that we had and the Senior Luncheon and the staff for helping out.
4. Thanked David Emery for representing the city while the mayor was out with the Littleton family.
5. Congratulated Mrs. Smith on her retirement and thanked Paola for the proclamation.
6. Congratulations to the 2024 Graduates. They had a business owner in the local area who decided to give 9 \$1,000 scholarships and then one lucky person had an envelope that said a new car which was a Ford Bronco. He is already committed for next year to be able to help our community.
7. Today's post regarding the trash, it will be picked up in the morning.
8. Vehicles here and at Grandberg were broken into, majority of the vehicles were left unlocked.
9. Council, please pass priorities to Zack to get them ready to be prioritized on our next meeting.
10. Please give the disclosure forms to Paola.
11. In June, we will have the San Antonio Rescue Team come out and do training here in Lytle at our water tower.
12. Emery had a question last night's meeting at the Community Center where Wilson County Police and our PD were down in front of the ice cream shop, was there a bailout? Alderman Matthew Martinez stated that Wilson County was doing a transfer and there was a bike that didn't stop. Come to find out he just couldn't hear so they asked Lytle to assist with the stop.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman David Emery made the motion, seconded by Alderman Richard Hughes to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m. A vote was taken (5:0 all ayes) the motion carried by all present.

ATTEST:


Signature

Ruben Gonzalez / Mayor
Name / Title

6/10/24
Date


Signature

Paola L. Rios / City Secretary
Name / Title

6/10/24
Date