Minutes of Regular Meeting held July 13, 2009

Regular meeting with the following present: Mayor Mark Bowen; Aldermen Jerry Stone, Ward Sanders, Kevin Keith, Rudy Hernandez, Sam Cortez; City Secretary Josie Campa; Police Chief Richard Priest; Director of Public Works James McGrath; City Attorney Tom Cate.

Visitors: Matt Dear, Jim Becker, Ron Fowler, Andy Rendon, Victoria Flores, Randall Flores, Rene Navarro, Johnathan Bowen, Ernie Kroeger, Chuck Bayne, Susette Fowler; Mr. and Mrs Andrew Kent, Kelly Haney, Karen Blair, Aisa Marcum, Mark Fender, Robin Fender, Ralph and Edna DeLeon, Paul Neal, Debbie Barbee, Scott Wilcox, Barry Calhoun, Monica and Emilio Salazar, Harry Rice, Hector Barrera, Jolinda Richards, Julio Inocencio, Wayne Herl, William Welch, Larry Contreras, Donna Hendrick, Michelle Smith, Bobby Roberts, Bobbie Lassiter, Dorothy Fender, Sam Parks, Kevin and Yolanda Dear, Guadalupe Moreno, Ernest and Faith Hernandez, Sara Payne, Webb Berry, Jacob Grothues.

APPROVE MINUTES AND APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS
Alderman Hernandez made the motion that Council approve the minutes of the regular meeting, June 8th and the special meeting on June 15th, and payment of the bills, as presented. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously.

HEAR FROM CITIZENS
Mayor Mark Bowen told everyone that banners for the Lytle I.S.D. band and State track winner Brandon Lacy had been hung that morning. He said the banner for the band was to celebrate winning Sweepstakes for the first time in thirty-seven (37) years. The Mayor told everyone Brandon Lacy had won the 800 meter run at State.

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE TO MARK FENDER, LYTLE I.S.D. BAND DIRECTOR
Mayor Bowen presented a plaque to Lytle Band Director, Mark Fender from the City of Lytle for Mr. Fender’s accomplishments and years of service and dedication to the city, school district and youth of the city.

PRESENTATION BY H.E.B. MANAGER LARRY CONTRERAS
Larry Contreras, H.E.B. Manager, gave a short presentation to Council and the audience, and agreed that everyone feels a larger store is needed for Lytle.

CONSIDER IMPROVEMENTS TO BALL ROAD
Mayor Bowen told Council that he had talked to Hector Barrera about street improvements to Ball Road. The Mayor told Council Mr. Barrera had submitted a proposal for paving Ball Road... Hector Barrera explained his proposal to Council and said that all the material on the side of the road would have to be removed prior to topping the road and the spoils would have to be reworked for proper drainage. After more discussion, the Mayor told Council that he would have the city’s engineer come out and look at this area, and then maybe by the next meeting Council could consider this item. Alderman Hernandez asked if the City had the money available for this project. City Secretary
CONSIDER IMPROVEMENTS TO BALL ROAD (cont.)
Josie Campa told Council that $50,000.00 had been set aside for street capital improvements. After more discussion, Mayor Bowen said no action was needed at this meeting.

CONSIDER IMPROVEMENT TO CR 6710
Mayor Bowen told Council that he had the Police Chief take some pictures of CR 6710 and showed the slides to Council. The Mayor explained each slide that showed how much repair is needed by this road. City Secretary Josie Campa told Council that she and the Mayor had visited with Medina County Commissioner Beverly Keller concerning CR 6710. She said the Commissioner had said the county crew could do the work if the city would pay for the materials, and that the materials would cost about $25,000.00. This estimate was for the strip of CR 6710 from FM 2790 to just beyond the last house in Lake Shore. Police Chief Richard Priest told Council that speed limits are not posted on this road at this time, but Commissioner Keller has ordered signs. He said since this road is not in the city, so if Lytle police work traffic and write tickets they will have to file them in JP court in Castroville. Alderman Hernandez made the motion that Council consider CR 6710 improvements in the new fiscal year budget. Seconded by Alderman Stone.

CONSIDER LAKE SHORE ESTATES’ RESIDENTS BEING TAXED BY MEDINA COUNTY ESD #4
City Secretary Josie Campa told Council that the residents in Lake Shore Estates are being charged ESD taxes by Medina County, and that at the time the ESD people had asked Council to include the city in this district, Lake Shore was in the process of being annexed into the city. She told Council she asked the City Attorney to check on this matter. City Attorney Tom Cate told Council that he is checking on this and has been told that the files on this election can't be found. Mr. Cate told Council he would continue to look into this matter.

CONSIDER UPDATE FROM CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS COMMITTEE
Kelly Haney gave Council an update on the festival held in June. She thanked Mayor Mark Bowen and Police Chief Richard Priest for sitting on the dunk tank. She told Council that $708.05 was made at the festival even though it was very hot. Mrs. Haney told Council about the raffle being held and when the drawing would be held. She said the committee would be co-sponsoring a festival after the Homecoming Parade, and that new Lytle and Gabe Garcia bumper stickers are being sold. She then gave each of the Council members one of the new bumper stickers and thanked all the sponsors. Donna Hendrick thanked Council for the use of the city employees at the festival. Kelly Haney then invited Council members to “Christmas in July” being held on July 28th at the Community Center, and said written invitations would be mailed.

CONSIDER HIRING PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES
Director of Public Works James McGrath told Council that fifty-one (51) applications had been received for the two public works' positions. He asked Council to hire Derek Foraker at $9.00 per hour due to this experience and Jacob Grothues at $8.00 an hour after they successfully complete their background checks, physicals and drug screening. Alderman Hernandez made the motion that Council hire the above mentioned as per Director James McGrath’s recommendation. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER "BUY AMERICAN" RESOLUTION
City Secretary Josie Campa told Council that the material they were given had been dropped off at the City Hall, when she was out of the office, and that she had not talked to the person that had brought this material. After a short discussion, Council agreed to take no action until these people make a presentation to Council.

CONSIDER ORDINANCE UPDATING CURRENT WATER CONSERVATION ORDINANCE
City Attorney Tom Cate told Council he did not have the new ordinance ready for this meeting.

CONSIDER ORDINANCE UPDATING CURRENT FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE
City Secretary Josie Campa asked Council to review the new ordinance for the floodplain. No action was taken on this item.
CONSIDER HOLIDAYS FOR LIBRARY
Council discussed the holidays for the library employees briefly. Alderman Hernandez made the motion that Council let the library advisory board manage the holidays and the city just give them parameters. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Discussion. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF PROPOSED WIRELESS INTERNET POLICY AND COMPUTER AND INTERNET USE POLICY FOR LIBRARY
Alderman Hernandez made the motion that Council accept the policies presented by the Library Advisory Board. Seconded by Alderman Sanders. Passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS’ REPORT
Director of Public Works James McGrath reported the following:
1 - 213 work orders were completed in past month;
2 - 3 new water meters were installed;
3 - 1 angle stop was repaired;
4 - 5 service leaks were fixed;
5 - 1 main line leak was fixed;
6 - 4 customer service lines were fixed;
7 - 1 call was made to some using water in the middle of the day;
8 - 4 sewer stoppages were fixed;
9 - crew flushed out sewer line on Eliza Street;
10 - manholes were checked out;
11 - 1 gas meter was removed;
12 - 1 gas meter was replaced; and
13 - will be trying to fix a water main leak in Coal Mine that goes across the railroad tracks and will have to work with the railroad’s schedule to fix this leak.

POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT
Police Chief Richard Priest reviewed his written report with Council.
The Chief told Council about the policy for the Animal Control Officer to use the city vehicle.
The Chief told Council the deadline for accepting bids on the old police car is July 20th and this will be on the next agenda.
The Chief told Council that he had put out an e-mail to try and find a vehicle for Animal Control.

CITY SECRETARY’S REPORT
City Secretary Josie Campa reviewed her written report with Council.

MAYOR’S REPORT
Mayor Bowen told Council that Best Western is still coming to Lytle.
The Mayor asked everyone to conserve water.
Mayor Bowen told Council he is working on getting the Gidley house painted and having some repairs made on this house.
The Mayor said he is also working on the N. Somerset Street property being cleared of the buildings.
Mayor Bowen told Council that he has talked to the KFW engineers about contacting Whataburger.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Mayor Bowen

Josie Campa
City Secretary