

Minutes of Public Hearing held August 11, 2008

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

Visitors: Victor Diaz, Matt Dear, Richard and Olga Sharer, Christina Barberie, Christopher Bowen, Mr. and Mrs. Zachary Kircus, Bobbie Lassiter, Lionel Salinas, Wayne and Kristi Vaughn, Rudy Ruiz, Philip Ruiz, Karla Granberg, Betty Kroeger, Beau Perry, Beverly McCune, Ernest Kroeger, Kasey Priest, Sam Parks, Brad Boyd, Bobbie Roberts, Richard Hughes.

Mayor Bowen opened the public hearing at 6:30 p.m.

Philip Ruiz explained the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program. Mr. Ruiz gave the income qualifications for each of the three counties Lytle is in. Mr. Ruiz explained what this program is designed for HUD money to be used for in cities and counties under 150,000 in population.

Mr. Ruiz told Council and the people present of the uses that are not eligible for monies in this program, and explained the different programs the HUD money funds.

Mr. Ruiz told Council of the new requirements of this grant program.

Mr. Ruiz explained the scoring for this grant program and said the Regional Review Committee has been done away with and explained the new method. Mr. Ruiz told Council of the projects that are considered priorities.

Mr. Ruiz asked what some of the things people think should be considered for a grant project for Lytle in this grant cycle.

Several projects were name by people in attendance. There were as follows:

- 1-stop light on Somerset Street;
- 2-drainage improvements;
- 3-utilities on the other side of IH 35;
- 4-traffic flow plan;
- 5-development of old town area;
- 6-a town square
- 7-improvements to City Park;
- 8-baseball diamonds;
- 9-cleaning of old buildings; and
- 10-added recreational facilities.

The public hearing was closed at 6:53 p.m.