Minutes of Regular Meeting held June 14, 2010

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

Visitors: Sonya Harvey, Christopher Bowen, Chuck Bayne, Jim Becker, Sam Parks, Ernest Kroeger, Betty Kroeger, John McGinnis, Bobby Roberts, Jr., Brad Boyd.

Mayor Bowen opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Bowen welcomed Ruble Farmer to the Council.

APPROVE MINUTES & APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS
Alderman Stone made the motion that Council approve the minutes of the regular meeting held May 10th and the special meeting held May 17th and payment of the bills, as presented. Seconded by Alderman Keith. Passed unanimously.

HEAR FROM CITIZENS
John McGinnis addressed the Council concerning a China Berry tree on the city’s right-of-way. Mr. McGinnis told Council that he would cut the tree, if the City would haul it off. Mayor Bowen told Council that he would check on this.

CONSIDER FINAL PLAT APPROVAL FOR LAKE SHORE ESTATES-UNIT 2
Mayor Bowen told Council that he had talked to Craig Bell last week and had done a walk-through at Lake Shore Estates-Unit 2. The Mayor told Council that the drainage issue is the only thing that needs work at Lake Shore before the plat can be approved. After discussion, Alderman Keith made the motion that Council approve the final plat for Unit 2 of Lake Shore Estates contingent upon the drainage issue being fixed. Seconded by Alderman Farmer. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ADOPTING ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING “NO PARKING” ZONES ALONG ALL IH 35 FRONTAGE ROADS WITHIN CITY LIMITS
Alderman Cortez made the motion that Council adopt Ordinance No. 341. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH AEP-CP & L
City Attorney Tom Cate told Council that the wording on this franchise agreement is different from Devine’s and asked that this item be tabled.

CONSIDER FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH CPS ENERGY
City Attorney Tom Cate asked Council to table this item until CPS changes the wording, as requested.
CONSIDER STREETS FOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
Mayor Bowen asked Council members to name streets in their district that are in need of improvements.

District 1 - Alderman Sanders said he didn’t look;
District 2 - Alderman Cortez said Juarez Street needs to be repaired;
District 3 - Alderman Keith said Laredo Street needs repairs;
District 4 - Alderman Stone said Mesquite Street needs repairs;
District 5 - Alderman Farmer said Martin Street needs repairs.

Mayor Bowen told Council that Bank Street between Main and Railroad Street is in need of repair. The Mayor said he would go and look at all of these streets so we can get measurements and then get bids on the worst streets. The Mayor said he would call a special meeting, if necessary.

CONSIDER CHANGES TO SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAM
Betty Kroeger, Volunteer Coordinator at the Animal Control facility requested Council allow vouchers be given to everyone adopting an animal from the facility, not just those in the city. Alderman Stone made the motion that Council allow vouchers to be given to all adoptive owners. Seconded by Alderman Farmer. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER PROBLEM WITH LITTERING OF CITY RIGHT-OF-WAYS
Chief Richard Priest told Council that the city allows people to use the right-of-ways and that in order to regulate when the right-of-ways are used an ordinance is needed. Mayor Bowen told Council he wants public input. No action was taken.

CONSIDER BRUSH PICK-UP SERVICE
City Secretary Josie Campa told Council that brush pick-up has been very costly and asked what they want to do since this line is already over budget. Council discussed brush pick-up being held more often than on a quarterly basis and possibly going up on the garbage fees to pay for this service. Alderman Stone made the motion that Council have brush picked up once a month and if rates have to be increased to pay for this then do so, but ask for bids or prices for brush pick-up and then review this matter for the next budget. Seconded by Alderman Farmer. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER COMMUNITY CENTER DEPOSITS AND FEES AND USE BY OUT-OF-TOWNERS
City Secretary Josie Campa told Council of the problem with City people renting the center for out-of-town users and get a lower deposit and rate and not have to have security. She said this is being done more often and the out-of-town users do not take care of the center. She recommended that the deposit be the same for all users and that security be mandatory. After discussion, Alderman Stone made the motion that Council raise the deposit to $500.00 for everyone and security be mandatory for all renters. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.
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Council took a short break at 7:36 p.m. and reconvened at 7:48 p.m.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF DEPARTMENT LIAISONS
Mayor Bowen asked Council members to decide which departments they would like to serve as liaison. Council members agreed to the following:

Alderman Farmer - Animal Control
Alderman Keith - Park, Police, Fire Dept., and Ambulance
Alderman Stone - Sewer and Library
Alderman Cortez - Streets and Water
Alderman Sanders - Administration and Museum

Mayor Bowen sais he would oversee the gas department. Alderman Cortez made the motion that Council accept the liaison as above mentioned. Seconded by Alderman Keith. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER PRINTING DELINQUENT TAX ROLL IN CITY’S OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER
Alderman Stone made the motion that Council have the delinquent tax roll printed in the city’s official newspaper again this year. Seconded by Alderman Farmer. Passed unanimously.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR’S REPORT
Library Director Cassandra Cortez reviewed her written report with Council.

PUBLIC WORKS’ REPORT
Director of Public Works James McGrath reported the following:

1 - 203 work orders completed;
2 - 2 water meters installed;
3 - 3 angle stops replaced;
4 - 2 service line leaks repaired;
5 - 4 main breaks fixed;
6 - 3 customer leaks fixed;
7 - sewer man holes flushed out;
8 - manholes checked;
9 - engineer looked at sewer plant and will try to get all the stuff on timers;
10 - met with representatives concerning parking of tankers for gas system outage and discussed setting up a week early; and
11 - CPS replaced two gas meters.

POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT
Police Chief Richard Priest reviewed his written report with Council.
CITY SECRETARY’S REPORT
City Secretary Josie Campa reviewed her written report with Council.

The City Secretary told Council that she won’t be hiring just yet for the vacant positions in the office.

MAYOR’S REPORT
Mayor Bowen told Council that set up for the gas outage starting July 7th will be on July 1st.

Mayor Bowen told Council that now that Mr. Farmer is on the Council, he will have a couple of projects to work on.

The Mayor told Council that the Fiddlin’ Frenchie Burke Festival this year was the best festival, so far.

Mayor Bowen told Council that Lytle has a potential for growth with the Best Western, the new school, H.E.B. and Dairy Queen planning to start construction and a plan needs to be drawn up and Alderman Keith had offered to do this.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.