Minutes of Public Hearing held August 23, 2004

Public hearing with the following present: Mayor Horace Fincher; City Secretary Josie Campa; Rudy Ruiz, from Community Development Management; Paul Boedeker and Curt Dempsey from Hunter Associates; Elda Perez, Section 8 Local Operator; and Shawna Lewis, Leader News reporter.

Mayor Fincher opened the public hearing at 6:00 p.m. and turned the program over to Rudy Ruiz.

Mr. Ruiz reviewed the goals and objectives of the Texas Community Development Program. Mr. Ruiz told the audience of the statewide allocations for HUD and gave a description of each. Mr. Ruiz told those present about applicants that are eligible for funding under this program and gave a bit of eligible and ineligible activities. Mr. Ruiz said that water system improvements and wastewater improved are the two-top examples lists and should score high, if selected by the city.

Mayor Fincher said that since the City was cited by TCEQ, this project should get more points.

Mr. Ruiz told about the primary beneficiaries being low to moderate income persons, and announced that the city's (applicant's) threshold requirements were for this project.

Mr. Ruiz told everyone about other factors that are evaluated by the ORCA staff in the assignment of scores.

Mr. Ruiz went over the criteria for the Community Development Fund and told of scores that can be awarded for meeting said criteria.

Mr. Ruiz said that for communities like Lytle that have a population of less than 3,000 but over 1,500 the match equal to or greater than 10% of the grant requested would garner sixty(60) points for the city.

Mr. Ruiz then told of other things that are considered when awarding points, and said our city could benefit from this.

Mr. Ruiz told of the three possible RRC scoring factors and the scoring range for each.

Mr. Ruiz also gave a time table for the first cycle of grant cycle.

Public hearing adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Mayor

City Secretary