Minutes of Regular Meeting held August 9, 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; Police Chief Richard Priest; Fire Marshal Matt Dear; City Attorney Tom Cate; Library Director Cassandra Cortez.


APPROVE MINUTES AND APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS
Alderman Cortez made the motion that Council approve the minutes of the July 12th meeting and payment of the bills, as presented. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously.

HEAR FROM CITIZENS
Wayne Vaughn presented the City a certificate of appreciation from the Census Bureau for the use of City Hall.

Police Chief Richard Priest presented a certificate of appreciation to Betty Kroeger for her work on the Paws of Summer Benefit that brought in almost $9,000.00. Betty Kroeger accepted the certificate on behalf of all the people that volunteered their time on the Paws of Summer Benefit and announced that the 2011 Paws of Summer Benefit will be held July 30th, 2011.

Christi Vaughn thanked the Lytle Police Department for the police escort for her mother’s funeral.

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION OPPOSING ATASCOSA COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT’S 2010 BUDGET
City Secretary told Council that they needed to adopt a resolution for the action they took at last month’s meeting on the Appraisal District’s proposed budget. Chief Appraiser Michelle Cardenas spoke to Council about what things were put in the proposed budget and told Council that the lost taxable value due to the new disable veterans’ law. Alderman Stone made the motion that Council adopt the proposed resolution. Seconded by Alderman Keith. Passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION ON AEP-CPS ENERGY LYTLE PROJECT-ROLAND HINOJOSA
Roland Hinojosa from CPS Energy introduced the CPS representatives with him and then asked Dan Stanton to explain the proposed transmission project. Mr. Stanton told Council that there will be more studies and then the primary route will be identified.
CONSIDER BID (S) RECEIVED ON STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
City Secretary Josie Campa presented the two proposals received for the street paving project. They were as follows:

Clark Construction - Option 1 - $58,684.11
Option 2 - $59,989.11

Hector Barrera Construction, LLC. - Option 1 - $76,055.00
Option 2 - $77,923.00

After discussion, Alderman Keith made the motion that Council accept the bid from Clark Construction for Option 2. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER BID (S) RECEIVED ON BRUSH PICK-UP
City Secretary Josie Campa presented the three bids received for brush pick-up. They were as follows:

Hector Barrera Construction, LLC. - $3,600.00 per month for pick-up during normal weather
Brown Enterprises - $4,800.00 per month; and
Bob Roberts, Jr. & Associates - $5,250.00 per month.

Alderman Stone made the motion that Council award this bid to Hector Barrera Construction, LLC. for $3,600.00 per month. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ENGINEER’S PROPOSAL FOR SERVICES TO REVIEW PLAT FOR PROPOSED HEB
Alderman Cortez made the motion that Council accepts the proposal from TRC for $1,500.00. Seconded by Alderman Farmer. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER PROPOSAL FROM GIDLEY FARMS FOR PURCHASING ADDITIONAL WATER RIGHTS
City Secretary presented Gidley Farms proposal for selling water rights to the city. Alderman Stone made the motion that the city purchase 10 acre feet of water this fiscal year and 10 acre feet in the next fiscal year. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER TDHCA 2011-2012 GRANT CYCLE APPLICATION
Alderman Stone made the motion that the Council have the grant writers submit an application for the 2011-2012 grant cycle. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.
CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF J.W. PETRASH
Police Chief Richard Priest recommended to Council that J.W. Petrash be hired as a regular employee and be given full benefits and a $100.00 per month salary increase now that he has completed his probation satisfactorily. Alderman Stone made the motion that Council accept the Chief’s recommendation for J.W. Petrash. Seconded by Alderman Farmer. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF ANGELA PERDUE
City Secretary Josie Campa told Council that Angela Perdue has completed her probationary period satisfactorily and recommended she be hired as a regular employee with full benefits and a $1.00 per hour salary increase. Alderman Sanders made the motion that Council hire Angela Perdue, as per the City Secretary’s recommendation. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

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

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR’S REPORT
Public Works Director James McGrath was on vacation.

POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT
Police Chief Richard Priest reviewed his written report with Council.

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

MAYOR’S REPORT
Mayor Bowen reported the following to Council:
Best Western is having property surveyed and will start project in September;
Cascade Properties is starting to market property around the Best Western site;
exit ramps on IH 35 will let bids in May and work will start next September;
Whataburger has been in Lytle again;
gas outage has been extended from 21 days to 37 days; and
this gas outage is a unique situation since there is not another pipeline in the area and would like to look at this in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.