Minutes of Regular meeting held September 13, 2010

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

Visitors: Carl Tapp, Philip Ruiz, Craig Bell, Rene Pena, Wayne Vaughn, Christie Vaughn, Chuck Bayne, Ernest Kroeger, James La Combe, Ariel Barkhurst, Hector Barrera, Jr., Richard Chandler, Randy Garcia, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hanson, Sam Parks, Bobby Roberts.

Mayor Bowen opened the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

APPROVE MINUTES AND APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS
Alderman Sam Cortez made the motion that Council approve the minutes of the August 9th regular meeting; the budget workshops held August 16th and 23rd; the public hearing held on August 23rd and the special meeting held August 23rd and payment of the bills, as present. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously.

HEAR FROM CITIZENS
Harry Rice told Council that flooding at Lake Shore Estates had taken place during the recent rains. He said he has been looking for improvements over the past three years. Mayor Bowen told Mr. Rice that the City has had the engineer look at this situation.

CARL W. TAPP-PRESENTATION TO V.F.W.'S POLICEMAN OF THE YEAR
Carl Tapp from V.F.W. #8154 presented Lytle Police Officer Gordon Hanson with their "Policeman of the Year" award.

RENE PENA, DISTRICT ATTORNEY 81ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT-PRESENTATION OF EQUIPMENT TO LYTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND UPDATE ON HIS OFFICE
Rene Pena, the District Attorney serving Atascocita County and the 81st Judicial District told Council that his office was presenting tasers to Lytle Police Department, that total $2,800.00 in value. Mr. Pena told Council the money for these tasers came from seized drug funds for the five counties in the 81st district and he wanted each of the thirteen (13) police departments to all benefit from these funds. The District Attorney told Council how things are changing due to the proximity to the Mexican border.
DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF A 2011/2012 (PY) TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (TxCDBG) APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF RURAL AFFAIRS (TDRA) FOR FUNDING UNDER THE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (TxCDBG)

Philip Ruiz told Council that the next grant cycle’s application are due October 8th and asked them to adopt the resolution for the city’s grant application. Alderman Stone made the motion that Council adopt this resolution. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVING ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH TRC FOR TxCDBG 2009 DRAINAGE PROJECT

Craig Bell presented the contract for engineering for the 2009 drainage project. City Attorney Tom Cate told Council the contract was okay except for the typo on page 9. Alderman Farmer made the motion that Council approve the engineering contract with the typo corrected. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVING THE MANAGEMENT SERVICE CONTRACT WITH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT TCDP CONTRACT #710431

City Attorney Tom Cate told Council that the contract for management services is very standard. Alderman Cortez made the motion that Council approve the contract with CDM for management services for the 2009 grant. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER PROPOSALS FOR DEPOSITORY CONTRACT

City Secretary Josie Campa told Council only one (1) proposal had been received for the depository. She recommended Council approve the contract with Lytle State Bank. Alderman Stone made the motion that Council renew the depository contract with Lytle State Bank. Seconded by Alderman Farmer. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER RATIFYING PROPERTY TAX LEVY INCREASE REFLECTED IN PROPOSED 2010-2011 BUDGET

Alderman Stone made the motion that Council ratify the property tax levy increase in the proposed 2010-2011 budget. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF 2010-2011 BUDGET

Alderman Farmer made the motion that Council adopt the proposed 2010-2011 budget. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF 2010 TAX RATE

Alderman Cortez made the motion that Council adopt the 2010 proposed tax rate of $ .32 per $100.00 valuation. Seconded by Alderman Sanders. Passed unanimously.
CONSIDER INCREASING GARBAGE RATE MINIMUM TO COVER COST OF BRUSH PICK-UP SERVICE
Alderman Stone made the motion that Council increase the garbage rate by $1.00 per month to cover the cost of monthly brush pick-up service. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER REQUEST FROM ATASCOSA FAMILY CRISIS CENTER FOR SUPPORT
Alderman Sanders made the motion that Council pay the Atascosa County Crisis Center $1,000.00 for the services they provide to our police department. Seconded by Alderman Farmer. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER GRAFFITI REMOVAL ORDINANCE
Police Chief Richard Priest explained the need for a graffiti removal ordinance to Council. After a lengthy discussion, Alderman Stone made the motion to direct the City Attorney to research an ordinance for the removal of graffiti. Seconded by Alderman Sanders. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER PERMIT AND INSPECTION FEES FOR FIRE MARSHAL SERVICES
Police Chief Richard Priest told Council that currently the City does not charge for permits or inspection fees done by the Fire Marshals. After discussion, Alderman Stone made the motion that Council direct the Police Chief and City Attorney to work on an ordinance for fees for Fire Marshal services. Seconded by Alderman Sanders. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
Police Chief Richard Priest asked Council to consider an interlocal agreement between the city and the Texas Department of Public Safety, so that the police department can purchase blood specimen kits for DWI and DUI cases from this department. Alderman Cortez made the motion that the city enter into an interlocal agreement with the Department of Public Safety. Seconded by Alderman Farmer. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ALLOWING PAYMENT OF INCOMING BILLS FROM THIS FISCAL YEAR’S BUDGET
Alderman Stone made the motion that Council allow incoming bills to be paid from the present budget if monies are available. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR’S REPORT
City Secretary Josie Campa told Council that Library Director Cassandra Cortez was still out after her surgery a few weeks ago.
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT
Director of Public Works James McGrath reported the following to Council:

1 - 210 work orders completed;
2 - 1 new water meter was installed;
3 - 2 water leaks were fixed;
4 - 1 customer water leak fixed;
5 - 6 inch valve was installed on Adams Street and a new fire hydrant installed;
6 - gas was turned back on on August 10th;
7 - TCEQ took water samples;
8 - crew worked at Freedom Walk; and
9 - talked to engineer about looking at washed out road at sewer plant and drainage problems at Lake Shore Estates.

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

The Chief said the Mayor had asked him to work on something for National Night Out.

The Chief told Council he would be attending a Fire Marshal Conference in November.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT
Mayor Bowen reported the following to Council:

1 - Freedom Walk was very inspirational;
2 - Steve Habarka is doing research on a sports complex;
3 - planning workshop will be held September 27th;
4 - streets should be paved at the end of this month; and
5 - reminded everyone of Lytle State Bank’s celebration for its 100th anniversary being held on Saturday.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.