Minutes of Special Meeting held April 18, 2011

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

Visitors: Steve Habarka, Mike Slate, Larry Sanders, Ernie Kroeger, Chris Bowen, Daniel Cate, Sandra Cogburn, Tom Cate, Kim Wolfe, David Flores, Lon Culbertson.

RKV-PRESENTATION OF REPORT ON PROPOSED SPORTS COMPLEX

Steve Habarka, Chairman of the Sports Complex Committee introduced RVK representatives: Kim Wolfe, David Flores, Mike Slate and Lon Culbertson.

Mr. Habarka told Council that at the Mayor’s request, the Sports Complex Committee worked on items needed in a sports complex in Lytle. He said that once RVK was hired by the Council then they reviewed things for a sports complex, and then after the community meeting they incorporated input into the plans for said complex.

Mr. Habarka thanked his committee members: Tom Cate, Sam Cortez, Daniel Cate, Sandra Cogburn and Derek Adams and told Council that the committee had asked RVK to look at present park for ideas on improving it.

Kimberly Wolfe and David Flores showed plans for existing park and told Council that the Committee members feel that things need to be upgraded at the present park before proceeding with Sports Complex.

Mr. Flores told Council that fence repairs at the park are needed, and that the dugouts need to be renovated. Mr. Flores told Council that the two water wells could be used for irrigating park grounds and the fields be resodded. He also said that some of the ballfields could use new bleachers and the concession stand and restrooms need to be renovated and lighting improved.

Kim Wolfe and David Flores reviewed the proposed master plan for the proposed Sports Complex. This plan included: a parking lot with 154 spaces; 2 little league fields; 1 multi-use field (large baseball field); concession area with restrooms; pavilion, basketball area; playground; 3 sets of tennis courts; soccer field (multi-use); walking trail with exercise stations; water play area; 25 yd pool and pool house; and detention/ casting pond.

Mr. Flores told Council that the high use activity areas and low use areas were segregated, and two entrances were planned, one off of FM 2790 N and one off of CR 6710.

Mr. Flores reviewed the plans with Council and explained the plan in detail, and answered questions.
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Mr. Flores told Council the pool is a problem due to no sewer in area. He said since it is planned as the last phase this may not be an issue or major cost when that time arrives.

Steve Habarka told Council that they have checked on grants and there are funds available for projects such as this. He said now that we have a master plan it is in Council’s hands to look into funding and setting priorities.

Committee member Tom Cate told Council that the City has to be committed to maintain this facility, if not, then don’t need to start building this facility.

Mayor Bowen told Council he feels this Sports Complex would be a selling point for city and that he feels the city can get monies and also talk to grant writers about applying for grants.

Mr. Habarka told Council that the estimated total cost for this project is 5 to 6 million dollars, which is a lot less than first estimate. Mike Slate, engineer for RVK told Council that this piece of land is ideal for this type of project and because no retaining walls will be needed, costs will be cut.

Mr. Habarka told Council he would work with the city to see that the city gets the best possible product. Mr. Habarka told Council that now that the master plan is completed that the city needs to take it slow and look for monies for this project and that the city could do this project by task rather than in phases. Mr. Habarka told Council he feels that if the first tasks are utilities and the walking trail, then it would cost close to two (2) million dollars to get the project started.

Council discussed what the next step should be and the Mayor said he would have the approval of this master plan on the next agenda. He said once that is done, then the city can start going out for grants and trying to get monies for this project. Mayor Bowen thanked RVK for the nice job done on the master plan.

CONSIDER INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH HALL COUNTY FOR TLETS ACCESS

Police Chief Richard Priest told Council that the Lindale agreement was not possible since they were maxed out, and asked them to approve the same type of agreement with Hall County. Alderman Keith made the motion that the City enter into an interlocal agreement with Hall County. Seconded by Alderman Sanders. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.