Minutes of Regular Meeting, January 10, 2000

Regular meeting with the following present: Mayor Horace Fincher; Aldermen Louis Trouart, Juan Garcia, Gerry Elias, Mark Bowen and Bennie Evans; City Secretary Josie Campa; Director of Public Works Alfredo Aguinaga; City Attorney Tom Cate; Police Chief Richard Priest.

Visitors: Reggie Hock, Darren Hock, Julie Myers, Felix Saucedo, Elda Perez, Bertha Haass, Dennis Haass, Gregoria Guzman, Julie Dunnavant.

APPROVE MINUTES

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS
City Secretary Josie Campa added a bill from Tom Cate for legal fees in the amount of $132.07. Alderman Elias made the motion that Council approve the minutes from the public hearing held November 8th; the November 8th regular meeting, the special meetings held November 15th and December 13th and payment of the bills, as presented. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER REQUEST FROM GUZMAN FAMILY FOR VARIANCES TO SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE
Mayor Fincher told Council that he, the engineer and Director of Public Works had looked at the Guzman property on November 29th, and then read the letter from engineer Paul Boedeker. The Mayor then told Council he feels Council should follow the engineer's recommendation. Bertha Haass asked Mayor Fincher if he had considered their offer for a 50 foot easement in return for the requirements. After short discussion, Mrs. Haass asked for a 30-day extension until the next Council meeting. Alderman Elias made the motion that Council table this item for the next regular meeting. Seconded by Alderman Garcia. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER REQUEST FROM MATEO & CINDY SALINAS FOR VARIANCE TO SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE
City Secretary Josie Campa explained that Mateo & Cindy Salinas want to divide their lot into two lots to allow her mother to live in the building they have at the back of their property and said the Salinas' were requesting a variance to the Subdivision ordinance. Council agreed to wait to make a decision when they see a plat first.

CONSIDER CHANGE TO "NO PARKING" ZONE BY ST. ANDREWS' CATHOLIC CHURCH – JOE CUELLAR
Felix Saucedo told Council he was taking Joe Cuellar's place due to Mr. Cuellar's illness. Mr. Saucedo asked Council to consider having the "no parking" zone removed since the Walker property is no longer a business. He said the church has tripled in size and additional parking spaces are needed. Mayor Fincher told Mr. Saucedo that he has a meeting with Highway Department personnel on Wednesday and that he would talk to them about this matter and also about caution lights in that area. Mr. Saucedo asked Council to consider rescinding prior ordinance due to the change in use of said property. Alderman Garcia made the motion that Council repeal the ordinance that established the "no parking" zone in front of the Walker property. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER RENEWAL OF LEASE ON OLD CITY OFFICE BUILDING WITH RLH AMBULANCE CO.
Reggie Hock, owner of RLH Ambulance, told Council he is looking at moving the business to Lytle and asked Council to consider leasing old city office building to them once again. Mayor Fincher recommended to Council that they lease the building to Mr. Hock for $300.00 per month. Alderman Elias made the motion that Council renew the lease on the old city office building with RLH for $300.00 per month. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER BIDS RECEIVED ON HWY. 132 SIX INCH WATER LINE AND AWARD CONTRACT ON SAID PROJECT
Council reviewed the four bids received on the 6" water line on Hwy. 132 and the engineer's recommendation. The bids were as follows:
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**CONSIDER BIDS RECEIVED ON HWY. 132 SIX INCH WATER LINE AND AWARD CONTRACT ON SAID PROJECT (CONT.)**

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Paul Boedeker informed Council that the low bidder, Cruz Plumbing, had not submitted the required bid security and had not completed the bid form responsively. Mr. Boedeker recommended the contract be awarded to J & M Knowlton Construction for $28,583.00. Alderman Elias made the motion that Council award the bid to J & M Knowlton Construction on the Hwy. 132, 6-inch water main extension. Seconded by Alderman Evans. Passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER BIDS RECEIVED ON BENTON CITY ROAD VALLEY GUTTER PROJECT AND AWARD CONTRACT ON SAID PROJECT**

The following three bids were received on the Benton City Road drainage project:

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Council reviewed the bids and the letter from engineer Paul Boedeker. Alderman Elias made the motion that Council award the bid on this project to Thunder S Construction for $23,176.30. Seconded by Alderman Garcia. Passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR OFFICE EQUIPMENT WITH RIVER CITY OFFICE MACHINES**

City Secretary Josie Campa told Council that River City Office Machines had given a price of $2,045.00 a year for a maintenance contract for the printers, computers, typewriters and police copier. She told Council that the City had a maintenance contract with River City for one computer and printer at a price of nearly $450.00 a year and recommended Council approve this proposal. Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council approve the maintenance contract with River City Office Machines for $2,045.00. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER RENEWAL OF CONTRACT FOR COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES**

Alderman Garcia made the motion that Council renew the contract with Tom Cate for the collection of delinquent taxes. Seconded by Alderman Evans. Passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER CONNECTING CITY TO INTERNET**

City Secretary Josie Campa requested permission to connect the City to the Internet and said the two computers to be connected already have their own phone lines. Alderman Trouart made the motion that Council approve this request to connect the City to the Internet. Seconded by Alderman Elias. Passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER SOUND SYSTEM FOR COMMUNITY CENTER**

Mayor Fincher told Council that a new sound system is needed for the Community Center. After discussion, Alderman Elias made the motion that Council allocate $5,000.00 for a new sound system for the Center. Seconded by Alderman Evans. Passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER INCREASING METER DEPOSITS FOR HOMEOWNERS**

City Secretary Josie Campa recommended to Council that the meter deposits for homeowners be increased to $15.00 for water and $25.00 for gas in order that these deposits can cover the total of an average monthly bill. Alderman Elias made the motion that Council increase the water meter deposit from $5.00 to $15.00 and the gas meter deposit from $10.00 to $25.00 as recommended by the City Secretary. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.
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CONSIDER LEASING BULLDOZER FOR CLEARING OF SEWER PLANT PROPERTY

Mayor Fincher told Council there is a lot of clearing to be done at the sewer plant in preparation for new facility and requested the City lease a bulldozer for this project at a cost of $3,000.00 for thirty (30) days. Alderman Elias made the motion that the City lease a bulldozer for clearing the land at the sewer plant. Seconded by Alderman Garcia. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER CHANGING POLICY ON WATER LINE REQUIREMENTS

Mayor Fincher recommended to Council that the City not allow anything less than six-inch for future water lines. Alderman Trouart made the motion that Council set a policy that nothing less than six-inch pipe will be allowed for future water lines. Seconded by Alderman Evans. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Mayor Fincher nominated City Secretary Josie Campa for the 1999 Daniel McGrath Citizenship Award. After discussion, Alderman Elias made the motion that Council award the 1999 citizenship award to Josie Campa. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT

Director of Public Works Alfredo Aguinaga reported the following:

1. thanked Council for jackets on behalf of Public Works' employees;
2. told Council Hector Muniz had received his "C" license in water;
3. crew has put up and taken down Christmas decor over past couples of months;
4. not using Well #3 as much;
5. sewer samples have not been good;
6. crew is clearing up dump area;
7. small maintainer had to be repaired;
8. Case backhoe is in need of repairs;
9. Ford backhoe was fixed;
10. Pittsburgh Tank people have delivered legs and stand for elevating water tower and will be here by 20th or 21st to oversee project. Should start work week of 24th.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Priest reviewed his written report with Council and informed them of the following:

1. Jay Maples has been selected to fill the third reserve officer slot;
2. Danny Robinson will fill the fourth reserve officer slot in about four months after he completes his time at the police academy;
3. weapons for reserve officers were purchased;
4. have been doing routine maintenance on police vehicles;
5. old computer has been taken off line; since couldn't find reason to keep it on line;
6. had a glitch in the computer system after the new year, but has been corrected; and
7. the Internet connection will allow officers to take courses over computer.

CITY SECRETARY'S REPORT

City Secretary Josie Campa reported the following written report to Council:

1. collected $22,549.27 in current ad valorem taxes in December, which is 72.44% of what was budgeted;
2. collected $788.03 in delinquent taxes during December, which brought the fiscal year total to $1,003.82;
3. collected $24,696.26 in sales tax during December and will collect approximately $22,840.57 this month. These totals bring the fiscal year total to more than $16,000.00 over last January's total;
4. will be checking with several agencies concerning funding for sewer plant improvements before contacting someone about certificates of obligation;
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CITY SECRETARY’S REPORT (CONT.)

5 - Hector Muniz received "C" license in water, therefore, City now in compliance; and
6 - City attorney has drawn up lease for Gidley water rights and will need to put this item on next agenda.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Fincher reported to Council on the following:

1 - sewer plant property being cleared; good practice for crew;
2 - had a nice New Year's Eve party at center;
3 - going to have a lot of things come up with new sewer plant project and Council needs to consider appointing an overseer for this project;
4 - tool boxes in public works in horrible condition; need to be replaced. City Secretary told Mayor purchase order can be issued for these;
5 - new man at TNRCC says he has reviewed City's reports and City will be substantially fined for violations. He said City does get opportunity to protest fines;
6 - City had a good year; a lot of things done this past year; and
7 - a couple of Council members are up for re-election this year; hopes to continue to work with them; and
8 - Council will see a lot done in the City over the next few months.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

[Signatures]