Minutes of Regular Meeting, January 11, 1999

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

Visitors: Philip Ruiz, Paul Boedeker, Craig Bell, David Steele, Jackie Pike, Frank Swann, Joe Almeida, Julie Dunnavant.

APPROVE MINUTES

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS
Alderman Trouart made the motion that the minutes of the November 9th meeting and the list of bills be approved as presented. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.

HEAR FROM CITIZENS
David Steele from FEMA introduced himself to Council and said he would be helping people deal with the crisis of the flood on October 17th and that if the City needed anything to let him know.

CONSIDER PLANS & SPECIFICATIONS FOR ELEVATED WATER TANK & ADVERTISING FOR BIDS ON THIS PROJECT - PAUL BOEDEKER
Paul Boedeker reviewed plans & specs for the elevated tank project and asked for permission to advertise for bids. Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council advertise for bids on the elevated water tank project. Seconded by Alderman Juan Garcia. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER METHODS TO BE USED TO CORRECT PROBLEMS WITH CITY'S WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY - PAUL BOEDEKER
Paul Boedeker told Council that the City had received a letter from E.P.A. about correcting problems at the sewer treatment facility and that he is presently working on resolving the problems. He then told Council he would like to have pond #1 at the sewer plant pumped out to measure the sludge to determine if problems are caused by sludge buildup. He then read out prices for pumps & line and contractor for this project. He said it would cost about $1,000.00 less if
CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF ALICE PEREZ
City Secretary Josie Campa recommended Alice Perez be hired as a regular employee and be given a $0.50 per hour increase in salary and all City benefits. Alderman Trouart made the motion to accept the City Secretary's recommendation and hire Alice Perez as a regular City employee with all City benefits and a $0.50 per hour salary increase. Seconded by Alderman Evans. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER OVERALL COMPENSATION FOR CITY EMPLOYEES
Alderman Elias made the motion that Council approve the overall compensation as budgeted. Seconded by Alderman Evans. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER CANCELLING REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING IN DECEMBER DUE TO CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS & ALLOWING BILLS TO BE PAID
Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council cancel the regular Council meeting in December due to the Christmas holidays and that the City Secretary be allowed to pay the bills. Seconded by Alderman Elias. Passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT
Director of Public Works' Alfredo Aguinaga reported on the following items:
1 - water line extended to new water line;
2 - gas also extended to car wash;
3 - had a water main break at H.E.B.;
4 - fire hydrant near Long & Associates is leaking and will have to be repaired;
5 - had sewer stoppages due to weather;
6 - survey crew shot elevations on both water towers;
7 - nothing back on soil samples for elevation project;
8 - water line broken by fiber optic crew;
9 - both Elisa & Newton Streets are ready to be topped;
10 - James Bradley put on reserve to go to Bosnia;
11 - James Bradley working animal control now;
12 - Houston Street water line will be worked on during regular days and with overtime; and
13 - NPDES permit violations have been noted by EPA and City will need to work on correcting these problems.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT
Chief Ray reviewed her written report with Council, and said applications to fill the vacancies are still being accepted.

CITY SECRETARY'S REPORT
City Secretary Josie Campa reported on the following items:
1 - auditors will be here following week;
2 - James Bradley on call by reserves to go to Bosnia and is taking rabies pre-exposure vaccinations for animal control;
3 - sales tax for October was $17,742.67, more than $7,000.00 compared to last year's October total;
4 - finally got program from Office of Court Administration for Municipal Court and will start using this in January;
5 - Municipal Services Bureau will start work to collect warrants for City; and
6 - covered patio at park completed.

MAYOR'S REPORT
Mayor Fincher reported on the following items:
1 - will need to start work on items listed in impact study in January;
2 - will need to get prices on gas operated power unit for electrical outages to prepare for next year;
3 - need to get prices on back up motor for Well #3;
4 - Tourism Committee had bandstand built at City Park;
5 - Christmas decorations are being put up; FFA helping with this project;
6 - Christmas lighting ceremony will be held November 28 at 7:00 p.m. in front of City Hall; Santa Claus will make an appearance and a hayride held;
7 - Poinsettia show line-up looks really good and read entertainment available out loud;
CONSIDER METHODS TO BE USED TO CORRECT PROBLEMS WITH CITY'S WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY — PAUL BOEDEKER (CONT.)

the City did the work and Alfredo prefers to pump the pond himself. Philip Ruiz told Council that the April grant cycle is coming up and maybe the Council could decide to try to obtain grant funds to solve sewer plant problems. Alderman Garcia made the motion that Council approve $6,000.00 for the above mentioned project with the City crew doing the work. Seconded by Alderman Evans. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING LYTLE I.S.D. SCHOOL DISTRICT WEEK

Mayor Fincher read the proclamation declaring the week of January 24th as Lytle Independent School District Week. Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council adopt this proclamation. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ON BEING IN CITY LIMITS - DELNITA LEVEL

This item was scratched.

CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION FROM ZONING COMMISSION ON REQUEST FROM WINNIE PRIEST

Alderman Trouart made the motion that Council accept the recommendation from the Zoning Commission on the Priest property. Seconded by Alderman Garcia. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION URGENCY TEXAS LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT THE CONTINUED REMITTANCE OF THE EMERGENCY SERVICE FEE TO THE COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENTS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF 9-1-1 SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE COUNCILS

Alderman Evans made the motion that Council adopt the resolution urging the Texas Legislature to support the continued remittance of emergency service fees to the COGS for the 9-1-1 program administration. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER CATHODIC PROTECTION FOR UNDERGROUND GASOLINE STORAGE TANKS

Director of Public Works Alfredo Aguinaga told Council that NSCO has looked at our gasoline tanks and will put in cathodic protection for $2,500.00 per tank for a total of $5,000.00. After discussion, Alderman Evans made the motion that Council approve getting NSCO to do this work. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER BUILDING OF COMMUNITY CENTER ANNEX

Mayor Fincher told Council that we had not received any bids on the Community Center annex and discussed how to handle the building of this annex. After a lengthy discussion, Alderman Evans made the motion that the City go ahead with this project with the City acting as the contractor for the project with the Mayor, Mark Bowen and Bennie Evans acting as the overseers. Seconded by Alderman Garcia. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER REQUEST FROM IH 35 SOUTH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COALITION FOR FUNDS FOR A STRATEGIC PLAN

Alderman Trouart made the motion that Council grant the request from the I-35 Coalition and pay $263.00 to the coalition for a strategic plan. Seconded by Alderman Garcia. Passed unanimously.

Council took a short break at 7:55 p.m. and reconvened at 8:10 p.m.

CONSIDER PURCHASE OF TRUCK FOR PUBLIC WORKS' DEPARTMENT

Alderman Trouart made the motion that the Council request bids on a 1999 GMC 3/4 ton pick-up for the Public Works' Department. Seconded by Alderman Evans. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER CORRECTING PROBLEMS WITH SIREN SYSTEM

Mayor Fincher explained problems with the siren system and said the City will have to buy some relays for correcting these problems and should pay Mr. Pike $300.00 for the labor done on said project. After discussion, Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council set aside $1,300.00 for the siren project. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER CREATING NO-PARKING ZONE ON IH 35 ACCESS ROAD BETWEEN FM 2790 E. & HARBOUR STREET

Police Chief Kathy Ray told Council that 18-wheelers are parking along the access road by H.E.B. & the new car wash and are causing traffic hazards, and then recommended a no-parking zone be established between FM 2790 E. & Harbour Street on the IH 35 access road. Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council establish a no-parking zone on IH 35 access road between FM 2790 E. & Harbour Street. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.
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CONSIDER ACQUISITION OF WATER RIGHTS FROM GIDLEY FARMS
Mayor Finchertold Council that Bill Gidley expressed interest in Gidley Farms leasing its water rights to the City. After discussion, Alderman Garcia made the motion that Council allow the Mayor to represent the City in negotiations for water rights with Gidley Farms. Seconded by Alderman Evans. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ANNUAL CITIZENSHIP AWARD

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS’ REPORT
Director of Public Works’ Alfredo Aguinaga reported on the following items:

1 - Elisa & Newton Street are paved;
2 - water main break at Park Place;
3 - three water leaks fixed after fiber optic crews broke mains;
4 - put up and took down Christmas decorations;
5 - Houston Street water line extended; change overs will be done;
6 - Newton Drive paving wasn’t done to intersections of Wisdom Road due to new water line being installed;
7 - streets are being patched;
8 - sewer line on Road 200 had to be jetted by All-Pro;
9 - poles put up at mini-park along with cable and more of these poles will be put up at center’s parking lot;
10 - still having problems at sewer plant;
11 - new public works’ employees, Pete Billalobos & Danny Rios are now taking on-call duty;
12 - park benches & tables have been sealed by community service people; and
13 - Case backhoe still being worked on.

POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT
Chief Kathy Ray reviewed her written report with Council.

Chief Ray told Council applications are still being taken for the police officer positions.

Chief Ray also asked Mayor Fincher to send a letter to the Highway Department about the school crosswalks on FM 2790 N. by the schools.

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

Ms. Campa told the Council that James Webb had resigned as the City’s representative to the ACEDC Board of Directors and a replacement is needed.

MAYOR’S REPORT
Mayor Finchertold Council that the first meeting of the Community Center committee will be Thursday, January 14th at 7:00 p.m.

The Mayor told Council that he has received several complaints about junk vehicles and the Chief needs to get working on this.

Mayor Fincher reported that he has called three companies about leasing a generator for the millennium blackout and that other cities are already on standby with generators. He said he would be checking on this item a bit more.

The Mayor told Council he estimated 1000 people attended the Poinsettia Show.

Mayor Fincher said the water situation has still not been resolved and that the Edwards people will be coming up with new pumping restrictions.

The Mayor told Council he will be talking to the State about the school crosswalks.

Mayor Fincher told Council the City looked really good this year for Christmas, and that adding reindeer will be done next year.
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MAYOR'S REPORT (CONT.)
The Mayor told Council members that in the future, calls he receives will be turned over to the Council member that has that district the call pertains to.

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Karen Zuck
Mayor

Jorie Campa
City Secretary