Minutes of Regular Meeting, March 12, 2001

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

Visitors: Jo Ann Null, Margaret Keller, Craig Blume, John Batot, Steve Britt, Henry Lee Keller, Lou Ann Butler, Julie Dunnavant.

APPROVE MINUTES

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Alderman Elias made the motion that Council approve the minutes of the public hearing and regular meeting held February 12th and payment of the bills, as presented. Seconded by Alderman Evans. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER OAK TREES IN LYTLE - JO ANN NULL

Jo Ann Null asked Council to take some type of action to protect the oak trees in Lytle. She explained about the oak trees at the primary school site that were removed. After discussion, Alderman Garcia made the motion that Council have the City Attorney draw up an ordinance for the next meeting to preserve oak trees in the future. Seconded by Alderman Elias. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER REQUEST FROM HENRY LEE KELLER FOR ACQUISITION OF CITY PROPERTY LOCATED NORTH OF WATER TOWER AND 16 FOOT RIGHT-OF-WAY OWNED BY MR. KELLER

Henry Lee Keller asked Council to consider allowing him to purchase an easement from the City on the north side of well #2. Mayor Fincher told Mr. Keller that he would have to check with TNRCC to see if this can be done, and that he will put this item on the next agenda.

CONSIDER PRESENTATION BY HENRY LEE KELLER AND CRAIG A. BLUME ON LAKEVIEW ESTATES

Craig Blume told Council he was representing Henry Lee Keller on his property (Lakeview Estates) and explained the TIF program to Council. He told Council that if they are interested in participating, he would be glad to meet with them at another meeting and give a more detailed explanation. No action was taken on this item.

CONSIDER REQUEST FROM LYTLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR PURCHASE OF DIESEL FUEL

Steve Britt asked Council to consider allowing the Fire Dept. to purchase diesel from the City to cut costs for the department. Council discussed the best way to handle this. After discussion, Alderman Elias made the motion that Council allow the Fire Department to purchase diesel from the City and that a key to the diesel tank be given to the Fire Dept. and they log the diesel they use; and if the tank is found unlocked, action be taken at that time. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF GLEN ESTES

Police Chief Richar Priest told Council that Officer Glen Estes had completed his six month probation satisfactorily and recommended he be hired as a regular officer and be given a $100.00 per month increase in salary and full benefits. Alderman Garcia made the motion that Council approve the Chief’s recommendation. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO MOBILE HOME COMMISSION TO REPLACE B.M. FITZSIMMONS

Council will think about this item for the next regular meeting.
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APPOINT ELECTION JUDGE
City Secretary Josie Campa recommended to Council that Donna Hendrick be appointed Election Judge. Alderman Elias made the motion that Council appoint Donna Hendrick Election Judge for the May 5th election. Seconded by Alderman Garcia. Passed unanimously.

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

1 - water tower completed, except for lights;
2 - trying to get area electrician to do electrical work on tower;
3 - contractor is breaking ground at new sewer plant;
4 - CPS should be installing the electricity at the sewer plant soon;
5 - survey crews are around town surveying for new water and sewer line project;
6 - meter on well #3 changed out;
7 - still receiving applications for open positions in department;
8 - restrooms in concession stand at park have been fixed up;
9 - tractors are ready for shredding to be done;
10 - a lot of mowing to be done, but try to keep City Hall & Center areas mowed all the time;
11 - patching is being done on streets; and
12 - fuel pump on Unit #7 had to be replaced due to water in gasoline.

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

CITY SECRETARY'S REPORT
City Secretary Josie Campa reviewed her written report with Council and added that she is waiting on cards from H.E.B. for gasoline due to problems with Pico's gas. She told Council the gas at H.E.B. is cheaper and the employees will be able to get gasoline twenty-four hours a day.

MAYOR'S REPORT
Mayor Fincher reported on the following items:

1 - received two grants last week; one for $650,000.00 from the Texas Capital Fund and one for $250,000.00 from the TX Dept. of Housing and Community Affairs;
2 - asked City Attorney for status on Ramos lawsuit; and
3 - Eagle Scout candidate is working in the park on exercise stations.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Mayor

City Secretary