Minutes of Regular meeting held March 12, 2007

Regular meeting with the following present: Mayor Horace Fincher; Aldermen Mark Bowen, Jerry Stone, Erik Dahler, Sam Cortez; City Secretary Josie Campa; Director of Public Works James McGrath; City Attorney Tom Cate; Police Chief Richard Priest.


APPROVE MINUTES AND APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS
City Secretary Josie Campa told Council to disreagard the collections pro rata share bill from the Atascosa County Appraisal District. Alderman Dahler made the motion that Council approve the minutes of the regular meeting held February 12th, and the special meeting on February 19th and payment of the bills, as presented. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously.

HEAR FROM CITIZENS
Mayor Fincher told Council that the city’s engineer, Paul Boedeker, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and asked for their prayers.
CONSIDER FILLING VACANCY ON COUNCIL CREATED BY GERRY ELIAS' RESIGNATION
Mayor Fincher recommended to Council that Rudy Hernandez be appointed to Council to fill the position vacated by Gerry Elias' resignation. Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council appoint Rudy Hernandez to fill the District 5 seat on the Council. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ZONING COMMISSION ON REQUESTS FROM COMMUNITY NATIONAL BANK AND J. ANGEL PARTIDA
Mayor Fincher read the minutes of the Zoning Commission meeting to consider the requests from Community National Bank and J. Angel Partida. After, discussion, Alderman Dahler made the motion that Council approve the recommendations from the Zoning Commission. Seconded by Alderman Hernandez. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION REQUESTING IMMEDIATE ACTION ON BEHALF OF TX DOT TO PROVIDE FOR PARTIAL FRONTAGE ROADS ALONG THE IH 35 FRONTAGE WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS
Mayor Fincher read the resolution to TxDot and told Council and the public that this is something he’s been working on for six years. He said both lanes on the access roads would be opened up. Patricia, Ronald and Roy Garza addressed the Council about this project and asked several questions about this TxDot’s plan. After a lengthy discussion, Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council adopt this resolution. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AUDIT REPORT FOR 2005-2006 FISCAL YEAR
Wayne Beyer presented the audit report for fiscal year 2005-2006. Mr. Beyer reviewed his report with Council and gave the city an unqualified opinion which is the best that can be given. Mr. Beyer also read the management letter to Council. Alderman Dahler made the motion that Council approve the audit report. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER HIRING AUDITING FIRM FOR 2006-2007 FISCAL YEAR AUDIT
City Secretary Josie Campa told Council that Mr. Beyer had agreed to do the audit for the same price next year. Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council hire Mr. Beyer to do the audit for 2006-2007 fiscal year. Seconded by Alderman Hernandez. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER REQUEST FROM ANY EDGE FOR PURCHASING ALLEY ADJOINING PROPERTY
Amy Edge told Council of the problems they are having with kids in the alleyway next to their home on South Benton Street. Mrs. Edge asked Council if they would consider selling the alleyway to her. City Attorney Tom Cate told Mrs. Edge and Council the procedure for selling an alleyway. The City Secretary told Mrs. Edge and Council that other property owners in the city have fenced an alleyway to keep people out as their way of maintaining the alley. After more discussion, Council asked Mrs. Edge to get with the City Secretary on this matter. No action was taken.

CONSIDER REQUEST FROM DAVID NAEGELIN TO LEASE CITY PROPERTY ON FM 2790 N
David Naegelin was not present to talk to Council about his item. No action taken.

Council took a short break at 7:42 p.m. and reconvened at 7:53 p.m.

CONSIDER REQUEST FROM GREATER LYTLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR CONTRIBUTION FOR FIDDLIN' FRENCHIE BURKE MUSIC FESTIVAL
Reagan Clamon, President of the Greater Lytle Chamber of Commerce asked Council if the city would be a sponsor for the Frenchie Burke Festival again this year and said the chamber is needing $2,500.00. Mayor Fincher recommended to Council that the city support this festival again this year. Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council grant Mr. Clamon’s request for a $2,500.00 sponsorship fee. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ORDINANCE BANNING X-RATED VIDEO/BOOK STORES, MASSAGE PARLORS AND OTHER SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESSES IN LYTLE
City Attorney Tom Cate presented Ordinance 312 to Council. Alderman Stone made the motion that Council adopt this ordinance. Seconded by Alderman Hernandez. Passed unanimously.

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A. CONSIDER REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF MUSEUM BOARD AND B. CONSIDER PROPOSALS FROM MUSEUM BOARD

Mayor Fincher told Council he would like to see the museum put on hold until the city finds out about a certain building and be putting money aside. He said there is no climate control with the present building. Mrs. Trouart told Council that the TxDOT grant was not obtained and that the Museum Board knows the current building can't be used for archive because of the lack of climate control. After a lengthy discussion, Alderman Hernandez suggested the Museum Board get proposals from licensed contractor for repairing building and then bring them to Council. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO MUSEUM BOARD

Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council let the Board members get others to serve on board. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER HIRING EMPLOYEE(S) FOR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Director of Public Works James McGrath recommended to Council that Michael Lambert be hired at $7.00 per hour and Ralph Morales be hired at $9.00 per hour, due to his experience. After discussion, Alderman Cortez made the motion to hire Mr. Lambert and Mr. Morales as recommended by the Director. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER PROPOSAL FOR NEW TAX COMPUTER

The proposals were not received, so this item was scratched from the agenda.

CONSIDER JOINING ADULT BUSINESS STUDY STEERING COMMITTEE

City Attorney Tom Cate asked Council if they were interested in joining an Adult Business Steering Committee and said it might cost as much as $2,500.00. Alderman Hernandez made the motion that Council take no action on this item. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER WATER ISSUES-ERIK DAHLER

Alderman Dahler told Council they need to think about the water needs for the city since it looks like the legislature is not going to bump the water cap. After a lengthy discussion, no action was taken on this item. Mayor Fincher and Alderman Dahler agreed they will research this matter for Council.

DIRECTOR’S OF PUBLIC WORKS’ REPORT

Director of Public Works’ James McGrath reported on the following:

1-216 work orders completed;
2-gas meters are now being changed out;
3-installed one new meter;
4-one old water service was reinstalled
5-animal control has been pretty busy; and
6-the air relief at the sewer plant will have to be replaced

POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT

Police Chief Richard Priest reviewed his written report with Council

Chief Priest told Council that Reserve Officer Santos Ramirez is no longer working for the city.

The Chief told Council Erik Reed the new officer will be in training for 90 days and is doing very well.

Chief Priest told Council that the department is really busy with investigating incidents at the Suzuki place and the High School.

The Chief also told Council about the bomb scare at the Primary School.

Alderman Stone commended the Police Department for their professionalism in handling the bomb scare.

CITY SECRETARY’S REPORT

The City Secretary reported on these items not covered in her written report:

1-library addition bids were all rejected and the bid specs are being revised;
2-bird scaring device has been received and Public Works department will be setting it up; and
3-after two months, the city has used nearly 17 acre feet of water less than a year ago.
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MAYOR’S REPORT
Mayor Fincher reported on the following items:

1. will be changing siren system to battery power, so it will not short out;
2. Lowe’s is not building in Seguin; and
3. Council will need to start looking for a City Manager.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor
City Secretary