Minutes of Regular meeting held March 13, 2006

Regular meeting with the following present: Mayor Horace Fincher; Aldermen Ruble Farmer, Jr., Gerry Elias, Sam Cortez, Erik Dahler; City Secretary Josie Campa; Director of Public Works James McGrath; Police Chief Richard Priest; City Attorney Tom Cate. Alderman Mark Bowen was absent.

Visitors: Atascosa County Judge Diana Bautista, Natalie Spencer, Anthony Araujo, Kurt Kastner, Wayne Herl, Jessie Kahn, JoAnn Null, Rudy Hernandez, Catherine Hernandez, Horatio Garcia, Alberto Juarez, Mr. and Mrs. Justin Robertson.

APPROVE MINUTES AND APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS
Alderman Elias made the motion that Council approve the minutes of the regular meeting held February 13th, and the special meeting held February 27th be approved, as presented, and that payment of the bills presented be approved, as presented. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

HEAR FROM CITIZENS
Wayne Herl told Council he lives on Ball Road and that he thinks the police department is doing a commendable job enforcing the speed limits. Members of the Council agreed with Mr. Herl.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO MUSEUM BOARD TO FILL VACANCY CREATED BY RESIGNATION OF BEVERLY McCUNE
Alderman Farmer suggested David Lynn be appointed to the museum board to replace Beverly McCune. Alderman Cortez made the motion that Council appoint David Lynn to the Museum Board. Seconded by Alderman Dahler. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF LIAISON TO MUSEUM BOARD
Alderman Elias made the motion that Council appoint Alderman Mark Bowen to serve as the liaison to the Museum Board. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.
CONSIDER PROPOSAL(S) FROM MUSEUM BOARD
Mayor Fincher read the note from Museum Board Chairman Margaret Trouart.

Alderman Elias made the motion that Council postpone considerations on the old house for the museum. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

Alderman Elias made the motion that Council allow the Museum Board to proceed with a TxDOT grant for the museum. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION JUDGES FOR UPCOMING CITY ELECTION
Alderman Dahler made the motion that Council appoint Margaret Trouart as Election Judge and Jesse Camarillo as Alternate Judge for the upcoming city election. Seconded by Alderman Farmer. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPOINTING HEALTH AUTHORITY FOR LYTLE AND INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH BEXAR COUNTY FOR THIS PURPOSE
Mayor Fincher recommended to Council that they appoint Fernando Guerra as Health Authority and that the city enter into the interlocal agreement with Bexar County for this purpose. After discussion, Alderman Elias made the motion that Council appoint Dr. Fernando Guerra as the Health Authority for Lytle and that the city enter into the local agreement with Bexar County. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ALLOWING PUBLIC WORKS’ EMPLOYEES ADDITIONAL HOURS FOR PREPARING VALVES, FIRE HYDRANTS, MANHOLES, ETC., FOR MAPPING PURPOSES
Mayor Fincher told Council that the Atascosa County Appraisal District is having aerial maps done of the county and have requested manholes, water mains and fire hydrants be painted white so they are able to be identified. He requested Council allow the Public Works employees to work overtime to get this done in time for mapping. Alderman Elias made the motion that Council allow the Public Works’ crew to paint the manholes and water valves for mapping purposes on overtime. Seconded by Alderman Farmer. Passed unanimously.

CLOSED MEETING PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.087 TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE - DISCUSS OR DELIBERATE REGARDING COMMERCIAL OR FINANCIAL INFORMATION THAT THE CITY OF LYTLE HAS RECEIVED FROM A BUSINESS PROSPECT THAT THE CITY OF LYTLE IS SEEKING TO HAVE LOCATE IN OR NEAR THE CITY OF LYTLE AND WITH WHICH THE CITY OF LYTLE IS CONDUCTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS AND TO DELIBERATE THE OFFER OF A FINANCIAL OR OTHER INCENTIVE TO SUCH BUSINESS PROSPECT
Mayor Fincher announced at 6:50 p.m. that Council would go into closed session as allowed by Section 551.087 of the Texas Government Code. The meeting was reopened at 7:36 p.m. Mayor Fincher announced that Council had discussed several items concerning a business prospect for the city. Alderman Dahler made the motion that Council authorize Mayor Fincher and Alderman Bowen to negotiate with the business prospect on “Project Green” and then bring it back to Council. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Discussion. Passed unanimously.

CLOSED MEETING PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071 TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE - CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY ABOUT CONTEMPTED LITIGATION
Mayor Fincher announced at 7:39 p.m. that Council would go into closed session as allowed by Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code. The meeting was reopened at 7:58 p.m. Mayor Fincher announced that Council had discussed contemplated litigation with the city’s attorney. No action was taken on this item.

CLOSED MEETING PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071 TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE - CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY ABOUT PENDING LITIGATION
Mayor Fincher announced at 7:59 p.m. that Council would go into closed session as allowed by Section 551.071 of Texas Government Code. The meeting was reopened at 8:16 p.m. Mayor Fincher announced that Council had discussed pending litigation with the City Attorney. No action was taken.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR’S REPORT
Director of Public Works James McGrath reported on the following items:

1-30” hatch on half million gallon ground storage tank was installed last week;
2-Mercer will be working on booster pump station til the end of April;
3-crew has been patching streets; installing anodes; have the pond about 80% complete; have completed 102 work orders; and installed three (3) new water meters at Lake Shore Estates;
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PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR’S REPORT (cont.)
4-the city has a serious dog problem;
5-sewer stoppage on Main Street was unclogged;
6-three (3) men will be attending gas seminars on March 17th and 30th;
7-had crew members list what they prefer to work on and will be training them for their preference;
8-pump from well will be sent in for repairs;
9-crew has about ten (10) more anodes to install in gas system.

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

The Chief told Council that signs have been posted on N. Prairie and N. Somerset Street that tell motorists that the speed limits are enforced by radar or laser, and hope that these signs will be deterrent for speeders.

CITY SECRETARY’S REPORT
City Secretary Josie Campa told Council that the city will hold an election for District 4 as two candidates have filed for this position.

The City Secretary told Council that a TML Regional meeting is being held in Devine on March 30th and asked if anyone was interested in attending.

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MAYOR’S REPORT
Mayor Fincher reported the following to Council:

1-ordered new siren for tower on FM 2790 N. and it will cost $3,300.00;
2-will be looking into having signs made with the siren tones listed in English and Spanish;
3-he and Alderman Cortez are working on getting some base put on cemetery road in Coal Mine area since it is the city’s escape route;
4-has requested five copies of the aerial map being done by the Atascosa County Appraisal District. Each will cost about $25.00;
5-a special meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 27th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

[Signatures]
Mayor
City Secretary