Minutes of Regular Meeting held April 9, 2001

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


APPROVE MINUTES

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

City Secretary Josie Campa added bills from Tom Cate and Vulcan Materials. Alderman Elias made the motion that Council approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 12th and payment of the bills, as presented. Seconded by Alderman Garcia. Passed unanimously.

HEAR FROM CITIZENS

Mayor Fincher introduced Erik Dahler, the new Alderman-elect to the Council and audience.

CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION FROM THE MOBILE HOME COMMISSION ON REQUESTS FROM KARL GRANBERG AND CLAYTON RIPPS

Alderman Garcia made the motion that Council approve the Mobile Home Commission’s recommendation on the request from Karl Granberg. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.

Alderman Elias made the motion that Council approve the Mobile Home Commission’s recommendation on the request from Clayton Ripps. Seconded by Alderman Garcia. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER REQUEST FROM HENRY LEE KELLER FOR ACQUISITION OF A 16 FOOT RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF WELL #2

Mayor Fincher told Mr. Keller he had checked with TNRCC and the City Engineer and the City just has enough room at this location to work with. No action was taken on this item.

CONSIDER PRESENTATION FROM HENRY LEE KELLER ON LAKEVIEW ESTATES

Henry Lee Keller apologized for not being present at the last Council meeting when the topic of the TIF program was discussed. He gave Council a copy of his resume and told Council of the problems he is having with developing Lakeview Estates. He talked to Council about the options he has for developing said property and requested a workshop be set up to describe the TIF program. Alderman Elias made the motion that Council set up a workshop on April 23rd to discuss the TIF and TIRZ programs. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Alderman Juan Garcia told Council he wasn’t against the workshop, but he doesn’t like the TIF program. Motion was passed unanimously.

CONSIDER REQUEST FROM RICK SMITH FOR WAIVER OF PENALTY AND INTEREST AS PER SECTION 33.011 OF THE TAX CODE

City Secretary Josie Campa explained to Council what had happened to cause Rick Smith to be delinquent with his taxes, and recommended Council grant Mr. Smith’s request. Alderman Elias made the motion that Council grant Rick Smith’s request and that the penalty and interest on the heavy equipment tax be waived. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER REQUEST FROM SHERRIAN FRAZIER (LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSE) FOR VARIANCE ON SECTION 20.403(C) OF THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES

City Secretary Josie Campa told Council what the City code calls for in area regulations for property zoned R-I. Sherrian Frazier explained to Council that she is wanting to add a nursery to her daycare center, but that the code’s backyard requirements would not allow her to add on. She requested Council give her a variance on this section of the City code so she can go ahead with her plans. Mayor Fincher recommended that Council grant this request. Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council grant Sherrian Frazier a variance on the code’s backyard requirements. Seconded by Alderman Elias. Passed unanimously.
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CONSIDER PURCHASING CITY’S GASOLINE FROM LYTLE QUICK STOP - SAM AL-DMOUR

Sam Al-Dmour, owner of Lytle Quick Stop asked Council to consider allowing the City to purchase gasoline from his business. He offered to let the City have the gasoline for two cents less than the regular Exxon price. City Secretary Josie Campa told Council that she had just got through setting up a gasoline account for the City with HEB and that they have the lowest price on gasoline in town. No action was taken on this item at this time.

CONSIDER ADOPTING ORDINANCE TO PRESERVE OAK TREES IN LYTLE

City Attorney Tom Cate presented a copy of San Antonio’s ordinance concerning oak trees, and asked Council to review for the next regular meeting.

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

Alderman Garcia made the motion that Council appoint Jose Macias to fill the vacancy on the Mobile Home Commission. Seconded by Alderman Elias. Passed unanimously.

Council took a short break at 7:25 p.m. and reconvened at 7:37 p.m.

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF PROCLAMATION AUTHORIZING APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH FOR 2001 (PY), AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACT AS THE CITY’S EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH

Mayor Fincher read the Fair Housing Month Proclamation aloud. Alderman Elias made the motion that Council adopt this proclamation. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ADOPTING NEW FAIR HOUSING ORDINANCE

City Secretary Josie Campa recommended the City Attorney review the Fair Housing Ordinance sent by Philip Ruiz for the next regular Council meeting. No action was taken on this item.

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE AS PER SECTION 2.053 OF THE ELECTION CODE ALLOWING CITY TO DECLARE EACH UNAPPOSED CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE ELECTED AND CALLING OFF MAY 5TH ELECTION

Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council adopt Ordinance No. 256. Seconded by Alderman Garcia. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER PROPOSALS FOR REPAIRS TO COMMUNITY CENTER FOUNDATION

Mayor Fincher told Council that Trinity Group had submitted proposals for repairs to the community center foundation. City Secretary Josie Campa recommended Alderman Bowen review these proposals and get back to Council on this matter. Council agreed. No action was taken on this item.

CONSIDER HIRING EMPLOYEES FOR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Director of Public Works Alfredo Aguinaga recommended Council hire the following to fill the vacancies in the Public Works Department: Roland Gutierrez, Michael Gentz, Raymond Garcia and Clyde Crow. Alderman Elias made the motion that Council hire the above mentioned as recommended by the Director of Public Works. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER LITTER ABATEMENT PROGRAM AND CHANGES TO CURRENT ORDINANCE

Mayor Fincher recommended a workshop be held to discuss the litter abatement program and the necessary changes to the City’s present ordinance. Chief Priest told Council this program will need to have 100% support from the Council, the municipal court and the prosecutor. Mayor Fincher will set up a workshop on this item at a later date.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS’ REPORT

Director of Public Works Alfredo Aguinaga reported on the following items:

1 - losing Jeremy Gebo next week;
2 - have been patching streets with black base;
3 - has been checking sewer plant construction, as per engineer’s instructions;
4 - electrical work on water tower not completed yet;
5 - Hector Muniz attended a sewer school;
6 - Pete Billalobos is attending an Animal Control Course this week;
7 - Community Service worker is painting gazebo at park;
8 - park is being cleaned for the Easter event;
9 - auction was held and he got rid of several items at the shop;
10 - Sammy Russo will be here on April 17th to inspect the City’s gas system for TML insurance
11 - sewer samples this month look good; and
12 - water samples this month were good.
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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 the following items: sales tax allocation for April is projected to be $25,292.60, a 14.21% increase over last April, and the auction was held on March 31st and brought in about $5,300.00.

MAYOR'S REPORT
Mayor Fincher presented pictures taken of the sewer plant construction project, and told Council the contractor will be pouring the foundation the next day.

Mayor Fincher called a special meeting for April 23rd to hire an administrator and engineer for grant project.

Mayor Fincher reminded Council of the Easter Eggs-travaganza and the Pony Express Ride being held Saturday, April 14th.

Mayor Fincher asked permission from Council to get someone to get all junk vehicles, equipment, etc. from City's yard and sewer plant property, and get it cut up and sold. He told Council Lytle is being used as a model City for the Texas Capital Fund Program and he would like to get City property cleaned up since we will have people visiting the City.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Mayor

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City Secretary

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