Minutes of Regular Meeting, April 10, 2000

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

Visitors: Eric Rodriguez, Julie Dunnivant, Julie Myers, Scott Cunningham, Bertha Haass, Dennis Haass.

APPROVE MINUTES

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS
City Secretary Josie Campa told Council that she had received a bill from Tom Cate for $244.00 that needed to be added to the bills. Alderman Elias made the motion that Council approve the minutes from the March 13th public hearing, the regular meeting held March 13th and the special meeting held March 20th and payment of the bills, as presented. Seconded by Alderman Evans. Passed unanimously.

HEAR FROM CITIZENS
Eric Rodriguez talked to Council about the possibility of getting a boxing gym in Lytle and that it could be sponsored by the police department. He asked Council if the City could donate a building for this gym and then sponsors could supply sporting goods needed for this gym. Mr. Rodriguez told Council he felt this could really help the youth of this community. Mayor Fincher told Mr. Rodriguez that Council would look into this. Alderman Elias offered to work with Mr. Rodriguez on this project.

CONSIDER FINAL APPROVAL OF PLAT OF GUZMAN PROPERTY - BERTHA HAASS
Bertha Haass presented a final plat of the Guzman property as previously discussed with Council. Alderman Elias made the motion that Council approve the plat submitted by Mrs. Haass. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ADOPTING PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK
Alderman Garcia made the motion that Council adopt the proclamation for National Library Week. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTERVENTION IN CP&L'S RATE CASE
After discussion, Alderman Elias made the motion that Council adopt the resolution authorizing intervention in the CP&L rate case. Seconded by Alderman Garcia. Passed unanimously.
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CONSIDER ADOPTION OF PROCLAMATION AUTHORIZING APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH FOR 2000(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

Alderman Garcia made the motion that Council adopt the proclamation for Fair Housing Month. Seconded by Alderman Evans. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE AS PER SECTION 2.053 OF THE ELECTION CODE ALLOWING CITY TO DECLARE EACH UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE ELECTED AND CALLING OFF MAY 6TH ELECTION

Alderman Evans made the motion that Council adopt Ordinance No. 245. Seconded by Alderman Garcia. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ADVERTISING FOR BIDS ON IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED TO COMPLETE ELEVATED WATER TANK

Mayor Fincher told Council that the newly elevated tank needs to be painted on the outside and inside and said we will need to take bids. The Mayor said something has come up with this tank and the engineer will be out to check on it and therefore, this item should be put off for a later date.

CONSIDER HIRING PUBLIC WORKS’ EMPLOYER(S)

Public Works Director Alfredo Aguinaga recommended to Council that Ernest Ybarra be hired for his department and that Jesus Cantu be hired contingent on his obtaining a driver’s license. Alderman Garcia made the motion that Council approve Mr. Aguinaga’s recommendation and that Ernest Ybarra and Jesus Cantu be hired. Seconded by Alderman Evans. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ADDITIONAL MONIES IN BUDGET FOR LIBRARY REMODELING

City Secretary Josie Campa told Council that the Library Board has voted to renovate the restrooms at the library into a “unisex” restroom to make the library ADA compliant. She told Council that this improvement would cost $4,479.00 and that over half of this cost is in the current budget. She said the Board could cash in a CD, but that since the general fund is doing so well, she was recommending the Council amend the budget by $3,000.00 to take care of this expense. Ms. Campa told Council that the Board had gotten a $40,000.00 grant to remodel the library and had applied for another grant for computer upgrades and that in view of their efforts, the City could help them with the expense of the restroom remodeling project. Alderman Elias made the motion that Council amend the library’s repairs and maintenance budget by $3,000.00. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER REPAIRS ON SIREN(S)

Mayor Fincher told Council there is a problem with the siren and said that the phone company would place buttons for $426.00 and then electricians would cost $500.00 to $600.00. The Mayor then asked Council for permission to use $1,000.00 for getting the siren back in working order. Alderman Garcia made the motion that Council approve the Mayor’s request. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER STREET LIGHTS FOR COAL MINE AREA

City Secretary Josie Campa told Council that she had received a proposal from CP&L on the four lights the Council had requested be installed in the Coal Mine area. The City Council said these lights would cost $229.00 to be installed and then would cost an additional $49.28 per month. The City Secretary told Council these lights would be 27,500 lumens and suggested these could be reduced to 16,000 lumens to save on costs, since the Coal Mine area is not that big. After discussion, Alderman Elias made the motion that Council approve the 16,000 lumen street lights for the Coal Mine area. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER IMPROVEMENTS TO CITY HALL MAIN ENTRANCE AREA

Mayor Fincher told Council that there have been problems with the new ramps in front of the City Hall and recommended the guardrail be extended to go all the way across to the other rail and said this would cost between three and four hundred dollars ($300.00-$400.00). Alderman Trouart made the motion that Council approve the Mayor’s recommendation to put up a guardrail for $400.00 and that the budget be amended accordingly. Seconded by Alderman Garcia. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ALLOWING CITY SECRETARY TO USE CITY ENGINEER AND CITY ATTORNEY FOR LOAN APPLICATION FOR CITY’S NEW WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

Alderman Elias made the motion that the Council allow the City Secretary to use the City Engineer and City Attorney, as needed for the City’s loan application for funding for the new sewer plant. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RULES FOR USE OF CITY’S CREDIT CARD

After discussion, Alderman Elias made the motion that Council adopt the rules for use of the City’s credit card, as presented. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.
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CONSIDER PROVIDING MONIES FOR EMPLOYEES' DEPENDENT INSURANCE COVERAGE
City Secretary Josie Campa explained what she had found out concerning dependent coverage for City employees, and then recommended the City pay $50.00 per month to each employee that obtains dependent coverage insurance. Alderman Garcia made the motion that Council allow $50.00 per month per employee that obtains dependent coverage insurance. Seconded by Alderman Evans. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER INCREASE OF UTILITY RATES
After discussion, the item was tabled for further study.

CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF POLICE CHIEF RICHARD PRIEST
City Secretary Josie Campa told Council that Chief Priest had successfully completed his six month probation. Alderman Elias made the motion that Chief Priest be hired as a regular City employee and be given a salary increase from $28,000.00 to $30,000.00 a year and full benefits. Seconded by Alderman Garcia. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER CHANGING DATE OF MAY COUNCIL MEETING
Mayor Fincher told Council he would be attending a judges school in South Padre on May 8th & 9th and requested Council change the May meeting date from May 8th to May 15th. Council agreed the Mayor Pro-tem could preside at the May 8th meeting. No action taken.

CONSIDER ADOPTING PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENTS
City Secretary Josie Campa reviewed the proposed budget amendments with Council. They were as follows:

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- Office Repairs & Maintenance
- Legal Notice
- Carport for Police Vehicles
- EMS Building
- Gasoline & Oil - P.D.
- Consulting Engineer
- Capital Improvements on Streets
- Street Repairs
- Legal Notices
- Tourism Promotion
- Sale of Meters & Lines
- Other Income
- Transfer from Water for Capital Improvements
- Overtime Pay
- Fringe Benefits
- Consulting Engineer
- Edwards Aquifer Annual Permit Fees
- Capital Improvements on Water System
- Legal Notices
- Misc. Expense
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After discussion, Alderman Elias made the motion that Council adopt these proposed budget amendments. Seconded by Alderman Garcia. Passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT

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

1. Railroad Commission conducted safety evaluation last week; system and records looked okay; cathodic protection and school inspection only two items found in violation of;
2. Crew is replacing anodes on gas system for cathodic protection;
3. Gas pressure has been lowered for the summer;
4. Have a couple of areas of sewer lines with problems that will need attention;
5. Water pump for sewer plant went out; will look into getting another;
6. Sewer samples not good;
7. Chlorination pump switch burned out for Well #2; therefore, Well #3 being used more;
8. Park pavilion got graffitied last week;
9. Crew is patching streets;
10. Ford backhoe in shop for repairs;
11. Attending drought seminar last week of March; and
12. Drainage project on Benton City Road is being worked on.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Police Chief Richard Priest reviewed his written report with Council and told Council of the repairs made to police vehicles.

CITY SECRETARY'S REPORT

City Secretary Josie Campa reviewed her written report with Council and added that the preliminary figures for the April sales tax allocation show the City will collect $22,144.80, which is $2,100.00 more than last April.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Fincher reported on the following items:

1. The Kohtz concert at the center on April 8th was great;
2. Public Works' employees need new hats;
3. Sewer and water need to be installed for the EMS building;
4. Gabriel Garcia will be in concert on May 13th at the center and tickets are free.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Mayor

City Secretary