Minutes of Regular Meeting held April 12, 2004

Regular Meeting with the following present: Mayor Horace Fincher; Aldermen A.Jay Frausto, Mark Bowen, Gerry Elias, Louis Trouart, Erik Dahler; City Secretary Josie Campa; Police Chief Richard Priest; City Attorney Tom Cate; Director of Public Works Greg Presley.

Visitors: Sarah Trevino, Alice Perez, Amy Edge, Richard Crain, Albert Villegas, Matt Dear, Frank Reyes, Darlene Fincher.

APPROVE MINUTES & APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS
City Secretary Josie Campa added the bill from Building Inspector Troy Martin which totaled $910.00. Alderman Elias made the motion that Council approve the minutes of the regular meeting on March 8th and payment of the bills as presented. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.

HEAR FROM CITIZENS
Mayor Pro-tem Gerry Elias presented Mayor Fincher with an appreciation plaque from the City Council for the excellent work he did in serving as Interim Director of Public Works for the past seven months.

ED VALLEJO, TEXAS WORKFORCE-INFORM COUNCIL OF SERVICES PROVIDED TO CLIENTS LOOKING FOR WORK AND LOCAL AREA EMPLOYERS
Mr. Vallejo was not present so this item was scratched.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO ZONING COMMISSION TO FILL VACANCY
Mayor Fincher recommended to Council that Richard Crain be appointed to the Zoning Commission to fill the vacancy created by James Webb’s resignation. Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council appoint Richard Crain to the Zoning Commission. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ADOPTING OF PROCLAMATION AUTHORIZING APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH 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 Dahler made the motion that Council adopt the proclamation authorizing April as Fair Housing Month. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION JUDGE AND ALTERNATE JUDGE
Alderman Elias made the motion that Council appoint Margaret Trouart as Election Judge and Jesse Camarillo as Alternate Judge for the May 15th Election. Seconded by Alderman Frausto. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER REPLACING YIELD SIGNS WITH STOP SIGNS AT INTERSECTIONS OF HOUSTON AND EASY, HOUSTON AND D’HANIS AND D’HANIS AND ADAMS-A.JAY FRAUSTO
Alderman Frausto told Council he has received calls from citizens requesting the yield signs on Houston Street at its intersection with Easy, and D’Hanis and at the intersection of D’Hanis and Adams Street be changed to stop signs. Mayor Fincher asked Police Chief to review these requests for the next meeting. No action taken.

CONSIDER HAVING FIRE DEPARTMENT AUDITED AS PER CONTRACT
Mayor Fincher told Council that he has been asked about what the Fire Department does with its money and asked them to consider having the department audited as called for in the contract. After discussion, Alderman Dahler made the motion that Council have the Fire Department audited as part of the city’s regular audit. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF INVESTMENT POLICY
After discussion, Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council adopt the third choice for the city’s investment policy. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.
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CONSIDER HIRING PUBLIC WORKS' EMPLOYEES TO FILL VACANCIES

Director of Public Works Greg Presley reported that ten (10) applications had been received but only a couple look good. He recommended the city readvertise for the Public Works positions. Alderman Elias made the motion that Council authorize the readvertising. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER STREETS FOR RepAVING PROJECT

Council discussed the streets to be considered for the repaving project. Mayor Fincher suggested Council consider the following streets: Somerset Street from 132 to Laredo Street; Priest Blvd. from Hwy 132 to past the center parking lot; Laredo Street from Somerset Street to FM 2790 N.; and Magnolia Street from Florence to FM 3175. Alderman Bowen suggested the following streets be considered: Wisdom Road from Lake Street to Bexar County line and Priest Boulevard. Alderman Frausto suggested Council consider Easy Street from Cottage Street to Laredo Street. Alderman Dahler asked Council to consider N. Prairie Street but only if it is reconfigured. Alderman Trouart asked Council to consider Lytle-Somerset Street and Bank Street from Main to Mesquite Street. Mayor Fincher asked the City Secretary to type up list of the above mentioned streets for Council to use for studying streets for May meeting.

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE AS PER SECTION 2.053 OF THE ELECTION CODE ALLOWING CITY TO DECLARE EACH UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE ELECTED

Alderman Trouart made the motion that Council adopt Ordinance #280. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT

Director of Public Works Greg Presley reported on the following:

1-Gas system-had training classes the middle of March with Juan Lerma of GASTI and will have more classes starting this week; ordered supplies for cathodic protection; gas consultant Sammy Russo visited city last week and went over procedures for gas system; closed restaurant in town due to gas leak;

2-Sewer system-after having pump installed for nearly a month, records show that only 57,000 gallons of water have been used compared to over 300,000 gallons prior to installation; bearing in aerator at plant has failed and we are currently talking to engineer and contractor about repairing this problem;

3-Water system-plan on starting a water audit next month and from now on to determine water lossage; TCEQ will inspect the water system on the 22nd of this month;

4-streets-will have a lot of work with repairing pot holes in the next few weeks; behind with mowing due to weather.

5-center-the community center auditorium and kitchen were repainted;

6-park-installed two pieces of playground equipment before Easter egg hunt and assisted with the hunt.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Police Chief Richard Priest reviewed his written report with Council.

The Police Chief also reported on the following items:

1-schools for P.D. were cancelled;
2-will probably be getting as new computer for office as well as one for a police car since both have started acting up;
3-reserve officer Pate has put on a few programs at the schools; and
4-warrant round-up scheduled for June.

CITY SECRETARY'S REPORT

City Secretary Josie Campa added the following items to her written report:

1-sales tax for April will total $30,010.72 which is about $250.00 more than last April, 2003;
2-had some repairs made at community center along with some painting;
3-will have some repairs made at City Hall, as well; and
4-the Impact Advisory Committee will have its third meeting on Thursday evening.
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MAYOR'S REPORT
Mayor Fincher reported on the following:

1-was able to get poles from CPS for $50.00 for the sirens at the Coal Mine Church and Mr. Pizza;
2-due to many citizens complaints he has asked TXDOT to look at red light situation to see about getting a turn signal for the southbound to office;
3-happy to announce that a Dialysis Center will be coming to Lytle and should be starting construction in the next few months.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

[Signatures]
Mayor
City Secretary