Minutes of Regular Meeting, June 12, 2000

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


APPROVE MINUTES
APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Alderman Garcia made the motion that Council approve the minutes of the public hearings held May 8th, the regular meeting held May 8th and the special meeting and workshop held May 22nd, and payment of the bills, as presented. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYTLE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION; COMPLYING WITH THE REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED IN SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION RULE 15c2-12; CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING HIRING MARK MCCLINEY OF SOUTHWEST SECURITIES AS FINANCIAL ADVISOR TO THE CITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

After discussion, Alderman Elias made the motion that Council adopt the said resolution concerning the intention to issue certificates of obligation. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER FIXING CITY PARK BASKETBALL COURTS - JOHN MARTIN

John Martin asked Council to consider installing nets at the basketball courts at the park. The Mayor and Council members explained that the City has put up different types of nets in the past and they are always taken; therefore, the City had stopped replacing the nets. After more discussion, Alderman Garcia made the motion that Council approve installing nets at the park basketball courts. Seconded by Alderman Elias. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPEED BUMPS ON CR 681

Chief Richard Priest and Director of Public Works' Alfredo Aguinaga told Council that they had looked at reported problem on CR 681. Chief Priest told Council that maybe putting stop signs on First Street and the school road might help the problem somewhat. After discussion, Alderman Bowen told Council he would like to look into this problem a bit further. Council agreed.

CONSIDER REQUEST FROM LYTLE MEDICAL CLINIC FOR MEDIAN CUT ON PRIEST BLVD.

City Secretary Josie Campa told Council that Priest Blvd. has been dedicated to the City. Richard Delgado asked Council for the City to cut the median on Priest Blvd. to allow better and safer access to the new medical clinic. After discussion, Alderman Elias made the motion that Council approve this request and that the City cut the Priest Blvd. median the length of the clinic's driveway at the City's expense. Seconded by Alderman Garcia. Passed unanimously.
CONSIDER INCREASING UTILITY RATES
Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council adopt the water and gas rates as proposed at the workshop effective the October 1st bills. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR PHONE SYSTEM WITH SOUTHWESTERN BELL
City Secretary Josie Campa presented a maintenance agreement from Southwestern Bell on the City's phone system. She asked the City Attorney whether the contract was valid since it was for a two year period. City Attorney Tom Cate recommended the City Secretary contact Southwestern Bell and request separate contracts for each year. This item will be on the next agenda.

CONSIDER HIRING PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE TO FILL VACANCY
Director of Public Works' Alfredo Aguinaga told Council that one of the new employees had quit and requested permission to advertise to fill this vacancy. Alderman Elias made the motion that the City advertise for the Public Works' position. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR PHONE SYSTEM WITH SOUTHWESTERN BELL
City Secretary Josie Campa told Council that Rebecca Estrada Garrison has decided to not return to work after her baby is born and requested permission to advertise for filling this vacancy. She told Council that Mrs. Garrison has agreed to stay on and train her replacement and that the money for this is in the City's budget. Alderman Garcia made the motion that the City advertise to fill this position. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER STREETS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
Council discussed the streets to be considered for capital improvements this year. Council agreed that Railroad Street, from Hwy. 132 to Lytle True Value Hardware and from McDonald Street to Saenz residence; Dawson Street, from Adams to Houston; Adams Street, from Somerset Street to Park, then from Pine Street to end; and Somerset Street, from Lytle-Somerset Street to state maintenance should be considered for capital improvements. The liaison in charge of streets will look into this project further. No action taken.

CONSIDER PRINTING DELINQUENT TAX ROLL IN NEWSPAPER
Alderman Elias made the motion that Council have the City's delinquent tax roll printed in the City's official newspaper once again. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF LIAISONS
Council discussed assignment of liaisons for the next year. After discussion, Alderman Elias made the motion that Council assign the following liaisons as discussed:

- Police Department - Mark Bowen;
- Park & Streets - Juan Garcia;
- Gas - Bennie Evans;
- Sewer & Office - Mayor Fincher;
- E.M.S. - Gerry Elias;
- Water & Fire Dept. - Louis Trouart.

Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ADOPTING DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN
Hector Muniz presented the proposed Drought Contingency Plan for the City. Council was asked to review this plan for the July regular meeting.

CONSIDER ENTERPRISE ZONE
City Secretary Josie Campa told Council that the Enterprise Zone is set to expire September 1st. After discussion, Alderman Elias made the motion that the Council let the enterprise zone expire and not renominate this area for designation. Seconded by Alderman Garcia. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ADOPTING ORDINANCE CONCERNING DILAPIDATED BUILDINGS
City Attorney Tom Cate told Council that there are a lot of new changes in law that were put into the new ordinance concerning dilapidated buildings. Alderman Elias made the motion that Council adopt Ordinance No. 247, as presented. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT
Director of Public Works' Alfredo Aguinaga reported on the following:

1 - Well #3 is being used everyday;
2 - crew has been grading at sewer plant;
3 - Ford backhoe was repaired;
4 - Ford backhoe won't pivot, so sent back for this to be repaired;
5 - Unit #9 starter repaired;
6 - Unit #16 transmission fluid changed;
7 - crew is patching streets and shredding;
8 - drainage project still needs a bit of work before being completed;
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT (CONT.)
9 - water samples for month were good;
10 - sewer samples have been a bit better; and
11 - Hector Muniz and James Bradley tested for a "D" license in sewer.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT
Chief Priest reviewed his written report with Council.

CITY SECRETARY'S REPORT
City Secretary Josie Campa reviewed her written report with Council.

The City Secretary asked Council if they would be interested in participating in Somerset's Homecoming Parade. Council agreed to participate.

MAYOR'S REPORT
Mayor Fincher read Council the letter from Texas Department of Transportation commending Chief Priest and Officer Ewing for their assistance in a case.

Mayor Fincher thanked the Mayor Pro-tem for presiding at the May Council meeting and the Veterans' Memorial Park dedication in his absence.

The Mayor told Council the new drainage apron is working great.

The Mayor told Council he has requested reports from Fire Marshals on all fires inside the City.

Mayor Fincher told Council that the City has started paying police reserve officers for mileage and uniform cleaning and that these are budgeted items.

The Mayor thanked Director of Public Works, Hector Muniz and James Bradley for writing the Drought Contingency Plan.

Mayor Fincher told Council that a Bluegrass concert will be held on July 22nd at the community center. He said El Mariachi Los Caporales will be performing October 21st and the Blackwood Quartet will be here February 17, 2001.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Mayor

City Secretary