Minutes of Regular Meeting held November 10, 2014

Regular meeting with the following present: Mayor Mark Bowen; Aldermen Jerry Stone, Rubble Farmer, Ward Sanders, Kevin Keith, Sam Cortez; City Secretary Josie Campa; Director of Public Works James McGrath; Police Captain Frank Reyes; Code Compliance Officer Scott Traeger; Animal Control Director Betty Kroeger; Library Director Cassandra Cortez; City Attorney Tom Cate.

Visitors: Ernest Kroeger, Sam Parks, Chuck Bayne, Boy Scout Troop #369 members, Jace Harris, Tommie Bryant, Eli and Jared Garrison, Jacob Lytle, Jonathan Henshaw, Thomas Bryant, Nan Boyd, Bryan Mask, Jim Becker, Luz Moreno-Lozano, Cliff Garrison, Joe Lytle, Jace Henshaw.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Mayor Bowen opened the meeting at 6:32 p.m. and led everyone in the pledge to the flag.

VISITORS/CITIZENS’ COMMENTS
Mayor Bowen welcomed the Boy Scouts. Scout Master Cliff Garrison told Council the scouts were attending the meeting for the purpose of obtaining a badge.

Mayor Bowen told everyone that the next day would be Veterans’ Day and asked all veterans in attendance to stand. The Mayor thanked the seven veterans in attendance for their service.

CONSENT AGENDA
A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
B. APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS
Alderman Sanders made the motion that Council approve the minutes of the public hearing and regular meeting held October 13th and payment of the bills, as presented. Seconded by Alderman Farmer. Passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS
A. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON RECOMMENDATION FROM THE MOBILE HOME COMMISSION ON REQUEST FROM SANTIAGO CRUZ
Alderman Stone made the motion that Council approve the recommendation from the Mobile Home Commission on the request from Santiago Cruz. Seconded by Alderman Sanders. Passed unanimously.

B. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON BIDS RECEIVED ON JOHN LOTT MUNICIPAL PARK RENOVATIONS
Council reviewed the bids received on the renovations to John Lott Park which were as follows:
- Leonard Contracting: $717,200.00 - Alternate bid: $120,933.00
- W.R. Griggs Construction: $558,000.00 - Alternate bid: $88,000.00
- Crownhill Builders: $511,962.00 - Alternate bid: $64,000.00
- GRECO Construction: $744,000.00 - Alternate bid: $112,000.00
B. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON BIDS RECEIVED ON JOHN LOTT MUNICIPAL PARK RENOVATIONS-(CONT.)
After discussion, Alderman Keith made the motion that Council approve the bid from Crownhill Builders. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

C. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON APPOINTMENTS TO THE KEEP LYTLE BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION
Nan Boyd told Council a few members terms expired and recommended Franklin Wanjura and Bryan Mask be appointed to fill these positions. Chuck Bayne told Council he feels it is a conflict of interest for Bryan Mask to serve on this commission since he is hired to work on this project. City Attorney Tom Cate told Council if Mr. Mask is on this committee he can’t be hired by the city. Bryan Mask disqualified himself for appointment to this committee. City Attorney Tom Cate told Council members to talk to people about serving on this committee. Alderman Farmer made the motion that Council appoint Franklin Wanjura to the Keep Lytle Beautiful Commission. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

D. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON ITEMS REQUIRED BY TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH TEXAS CAPITAL FUND PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (GAS INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT)
Mayor Bowen announced that Council would go into closed session as per Section 551.0171 (1) (A) of the Texas Government Code to consult with City Attorney concerning contemplated litigation on this item. The meeting was closed at 6:58 p.m. The meeting reopened at 7:12 p.m. Mayor Bowen announced that Council had discussed contemplated litigation with the City Attorney on this item. Alderman Stone made the motion that Council approve repayment to the State on the grant funds and have the city attorney draw up an agreement for repayment from Lytle Lodging. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

E. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON CALLING FOR BIDS ON MAINTENANCE OF CITY PROPERTIES
Alderman Farmer made the motion that Council approve advertising for bids for the maintenance of City’s properties. Seconded by Alderman Sanders. Passed unanimously.

F. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON CANCELLING DECEMBER MEETING DUE TO HOLIDAYS AND ALLOWING CITY SECRETARY TO PAY DECEMBER’S BILLS
Alderman Stone made the motion that Council cancel the December Council meeting due to the holidays and allow the city secretary to pay the bills. Seconded by Alderman Keith. Passed unanimously.

Council took a short break at 7:16 p.m. and reopened at 7:30 p.m.
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EMERGENCY ITEM
City Secretary Josie Campa told Council that it looks like the city will overpump water from the Edwards Aquifer unless the city either buys or leases anywhere from twenty to about fifty (20 to 50) acre feet of water depending on forecaster. She told Council that the City of Devine will lease water to the city for $170.00 an acre foot. Alderman Stone made the motion that Council approve leasing between twenty to fifty (20 to 50) acre feet of water as necessary from the City of Devine. Seconded by Alderman Keith. Passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS
A. UPDATE ON PLANS AND GOALS
Alderman Keith told Council about plans the school is discussing for the gym at the old Jr. High, and about the possibility of the city using the basement for an emergency shelter. Mayor Bowen thanked Alderman Keith for talking to the school for the city on this matter.

The City Secretary gave Council an update on the plans and goals for City Hall.

B. REPORT FROM BARRETT HOUSE ON CITY’S ON GOING PROJECTS
Mayor Bowen told Council the City doesn’t have anything going on, so Barrett House doesn’t have a report.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS
A. ANIMAL CONTROL DIRECTOR’S REPORT
Betty Kroeger reviewed her written report with Council.

Mrs. Kroeger told Council that HEB gave a donation to Bella’s Pantry which will open on December 13th.

B. LIBRARY DIRECTOR’S REPORT
Library Director Cassandra Cortez reviewed her written report with Council.

C. CODE COMPLIANCE OFFICER’S REPORT
Code Compliance Officer Scott Traeger told Council he is working on getting some dilapidated buildings removed in Coal Mine, and on Wisdom Road.

D. PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR’S REPORT
Public Works Director James McGrath reported the following:

1 - 114 work orders completed;
2 - 2 main breaks fixed;
3 - 2 new water meters installed;
4 - 5 service line leaks fixed;
5 - 5 leaks found on customer’s side;
6 - 1 sewer stoppage unclogged;
D. PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT (CONT.)
7 - worked on drainage at Lake Shore;
8 - installed water meter at Gidley house;
9 - brush was burned at sewer plant;
10 - hanging Christmas lights; and
11 - water line in front of Carter residence may need to be replaced.

E. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT
Police Captain Frank Reyes reviewed the Chief's written report with Council.

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

G. MAYOR'S REPORT
Mayor Bowen congratulated the Lytle Pirates for making this year's football play-offs.

The Mayor told Council that the hayride will be held on the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

Mayor Bowen told Council that the dentist JoAnn Ayala's place is nearly complete and Gary Hack is working on his place on Main Street.

The Mayor told Council the Gidley place is really complimentary to Main Street.

Mayor Bowen also told Council the Dog Gone Fun Run/Walk will be held on Saturday.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.