Minutes of Regular meeting held January 12, 2015

Regular meeting with the following present: Mayor Mark Bowen; Aldermen Jerry Stone, Ruble Farmer, Ward Sanders, Sam Cortez, Kevin Keith; City Secretary Josie Campa; City Attorney Tom Cate; Animal Control Director Betty Kroeger; Fire Marshal Matt Dear; Police Chief Richard Priest; Library Director Cassandra Cortez; Code Compliance Officer Skip Traeger.

Visitors: Chuck Bayne, Sam Parks, Brad Boyd, Mrs. Verstuyft, Pablo Cortez, Kim Faulk, Pam Fintel, Jim Becker, Larry Sanders, Enrique Enriquez, Ernest Kroeger, Kelly Eisenbarger.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Mayor Bowen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS'/CITIZENS' COMMENTS
Pablo Cortez talked to Council about his concern about the speed on Hwy. 132, and asked if something could be done. Mayor Bowen told Mr. Cortez that the city could send TxDot a letter asking for a survey to be conducted on Hwy. 132, to see if the speed could be lowered. Mayor Bowen read the boil water notice aloud to people in attendance.

PRESENTATION OF CHECKS TO WINNERS OF CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST
Mayor Bowen presented checks to the winners of the Christmas Decorating Contest. Checks were presented to the winners of the non-profit category-Lytle Animal Control Facility-1st place; Lytle VFW#12041 and Lytle Chamber of Commerce-2nd place tie. Mayor Bowen then presented checks to the winners of the Business Category-1st place-St. Andrews Catholic Church; 2nd place-Lytle Feed & Seed and 3rd place H & S Ice Cream Shop.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS
Alderman Bowen approved the minutes of the November 10th public hearing and regular meeting and payment of the bills, as presented. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON REQUEST FROM SOUTHWEST I.S.D. TO CONDUCT JOINT ELECTION ON MAY 9, 2015 WITH CITY OF LYTLE
Alderman Farmer made the motion that Council grant the request from Southwest I.S.D. for a joint election. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON APPROVAL OF SENIOR FLORES SUBDIVISION PLAT
After discussion, Alderman Stone made the motion that Council approve the proposed plat contingent upon the engineer’s approval and signing of the plat. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.
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**CONSIDER AND ACT UPON BIDS RECEIVED FOR MAINTENANCE OF CITY PROPERTIES**
The City Secretary read the bids received for the maintenance of city properties. They were as follows:

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<th>Property</th>
<th>Ripps Land Services</th>
<th>Kimberly Faulk</th>
<th>Mesquite Lawn Care</th>
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The City Secretary told Council that she would talk to Mesquite Lawn Care about the Gidley property bid since the new square has taken quite a bit of area away and since he agreed to mow the police facility to make up for this difference. After discussion, Alderman Stone made the motion that Council award the bid to Mesquite Lawn Care. Seconded by Alderman Sanders. Passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER AND ACT UPON ADOPTION OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**
Alderman Keith made the motion that Council adopt the comprehensive plan. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER AND ACT UPON HAVING STREET LIGHT SURVEY CONDUCTED**
Mayor Bowen asked Aldermen Jerry Stone and Sam Cortez to conduct a street light survey.

**CONSIDER AND ACT UPON CALLING FOR AN ELECTION (CONSIDERAR LLAMAR PARA UNA ELECCIÓN)**
Alderman Farmer made the motion that Council order an election for May 9th to elect Aldermen for Districts 1, 2, and 3. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.
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CONSIDER AND ACT UPON RENEWAL OF DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION CONTRACT
Alderman Farmer made the motion that Council renew the contract for collection of delinquent taxes with Tom Cate. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON ANNUAL DANIEL J. MCGRATH, D.V.M. CITIZENSHIP AWARD
Mayor Bowen told Council that he and the City Secretary had discussed the nomination of Little Caesar’s owner Rene Jackson for the annual citizenship award, since he has always helped with National Night Out and this year helped with the Easter Egg Hunt and other city events.

Betty Kroeger asked Council to consider Miriam Garcia for this award for her work with Paws of Summer.

Police Chief Richard Priest asked Council to consider Ralph Taylor for his work in taking care of the flags throughout the city. After discussion, Alderman Farmer made the motion that all three of the above mentioned be awarded the citizenship award for 2014. Seconded by Alderman Keith. Passed unanimously.

UPDATE ON PLANS AND GOALS
Alderman Sanders told Council that a special meeting is needed to update plans and goals and also for conducting evaluations of the department heads. Mayor Bowen told Council that separate meetings are needed for these items and that he would call meetings for February.

Council took a short break at 7:30 p.m. and reconvened at 7:40 p.m.

REPORT FROM BARRETT HOUSE ON CITY’S ON GOING PROJECTS
Mayor Bowen told Council that since there are no projects in the works right now, Barrett House was not present.

ANIMAL CONTROL DIRECTOR’S REPORT
Animal Control Director Betty Kroeger reviewed her written report with Council.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR’S REPORT
Cassandra Cortez went over her written report with Council.

CODE COMPLIANCE OFFICER’S REPORT
Code Compliance Officer Skip Traeger showed Council pictures of dilapidated houses that will be torn down very soon.

Mr. Traeger also told Council that he had a house removed from Railroad Street.
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PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT
Director of Public Works James McGrath was not present, due to the situation with the city's water system.

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.

MAYOR'S REPORT
Mayor Bowen told Council we have new businesses in Lytle to start the New Year, such as the new dentist office and the fitness center, and Gary Hack is working on his building that will lease at least five businesses. The Mayor told Council that the hayride was a success again this year.

Mayor Bowen told Council that former Lytle Mayor Joe Carter had passed away on Sunday and that he truly cared about Lytle and had served the city many years both as Mayor and Councilman.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.