Minutes of Regular Meeting held June 11, 2001

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

Visitors: Philip Ruiz, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dorfmeister, Henry Lee Keller, John Batot, Margaret Keller, Maria Cardenas, Tricia Broach, Lou Ann Butler, Bobby Roberts, Hector Muniz, Adam Keller, Charles Cate, Julie Dunnavant.

APPROVE MINUTES

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

City Secretary Josie Campa added two bills to list: Tom Cate's and South Texas Trophies. Alderman Garcia made the motion that Council approve the minutes from the regular meeting May 14th and payment of the bills, as presented. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION FROM THE MOBILE HOME COMMISSION ON REQUEST FROM PILAR TAGLE

Alderman Trouart made the motion that Council approve the recommendation from the Mobile Home Commission on the request from Pilar Tagle. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER PRESENTATION ON LAKEVIEW ESTATES FROM HENRY LEE KELLER

Henry Lee Keller asked Council to consider holding another workshop to explain the TIF and TIRZ programs in more detail and to present more figures on what this project could mean for the City. Members of the Lytle Chamber of Commerce expressed their interest in these programs and what it would mean for their businesses. Bill Dorfmeister expressed his concerns to Council. After lengthy discussion, Mayor Fincher asked Council for a motion concerning Mr. Keller's request. Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council have another workshop on the TIF and TIRZ programs. Seconded by Alderman Elias. Alderman Elias added that the workshop be held in about three months to be able to be studied thoroughly. VOTE: For - Aldermen Bowen and Elias; AGAINST - Alderman Dahler. Aldermen Garcia and Trouart abstained. City Attorney Tom Cate clarified that the motion had died. Mayor Fincher announced that the motion had died. City Attorney Tom Cate clarified that the motion had carried since two of the Council members had abstained. Due to the confusion, Council members asked for a revote. The City Attorney said the Alderman making the motion and seconding it would have to agree to a revote. Alderman Elias made the motion that another vote be taken on this item. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously. Alderman Bowen made the motion that the Council hold another workshop on the TIF and TIRZ programs. Seconded by Alderman Elias. Again Alderman Elias added that this workshop be held in three months. VOTE: For - Aldermen Bowen and Elias. AGAINST - Aldermen Dahler, Garcia and Trouart. Motion did not carry.

CONSIDER REQUEST FROM LYTLE I.S.D. TO PLACE GAS METER AT NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL NEXT TO BUILDING

Mayor Fincher explained to Council that the present City policy on gas meters is to place them at the property line. He said the school is requesting the gas meter at the new primary school be placed next to the building. After discussion, Alderman Elias made the motion that Council continue to use the same policy for the school's gas meter. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION REQUESTING PROMPT ACTION BY T X D O T TO DEVELOP ACCESS AVAILABILITY ALONG I H 35 SOUTH IN NORTHWEST ATASCOSA COUNTY

Mayor Fincher read the caption on the resolution and explained to Council the purpose for their resolution. Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council adopt the resolution. Seconded by Alderman Garcia. Discussion. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER INCREASE OF GARBAGE RATES DUE TO PRICE INCREASE BY WASTE MANAGEMENT

Alderman Elias made the motion that Council pass through the price increase from Waste Management to the garbage customers. Seconded by Alderman Dahler. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO BID WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Alderman Garcia made the motion that Council authorize the engineer to bid the wastewater treatment plant infrastructure improvements. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO BID WATER DISTRIBUTION & WASTEWATER COLLECTION INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS (TX CAPITAL FUND PROGRAM

Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council authorize the engineer to bid the water distribution and wastewater collection infrastructure improvements. Seconded by Alderman Garcia. Passed unanimously.
CONSIDER MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR PHONE SYSTEM WITH SOUTHWESTERN BELL
Alderman Elias made the motion that Council approve the maintenance agreement on the phone system with Southwestern Bell. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ADOPTING ORDINANCE TO PRESERVE OAK TREES IN LYTLE
Alderman Elias made the motion that Council adopt the ordinance on preserving oak trees in the City. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Council discussed this ordinance and Alderman Dahler asked a few questions on ordinance. Alderman Elias retracted motion and Alderman Bowen retracted second. No action was taken on this item and agreed to have this item on the next agenda.

CONSIDER REQUEST FROM POLICE CHIEF TO CHANGE POLICE POLICY MANUAL TO ALLOW USE OF PEPPER SPRAY
Chief Priest asked Council to consider changes to the Police Policy Manual to allow use of pepper spray. Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council adopt this change to the Police Policy Manual contingent upon attorney's review of this change. Seconded by Alderman Elias. Passed unanimously.

Council took a short break at 7:45 p.m. and reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF HECTOR MUNIZ
Director of Public Works Alfredo Aguinaga asked Council to appoint Hector Muniz Assistant Director of Public Works, and said Hector Muniz is requesting a salary increase. Alderman Dahler made the motion that Council increase Hector Muniz' salary by $.50 per hour. Seconded by Alderman Garcia. Passed unanimously.

Alfredo Aguinaga again asked Council to appoint Mr. Muniz as Assistant Director. After discussion, Alderman Elias made the motion that Council appoint Hector Muniz Assistant Director of Public Works and be given an additional $.50 per hour for this title. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER PRINTING DELINQUENT TAX ROLL IN NEWSPAPER
Alderman Trouart made the motion that Council allow the delinquent tax roll to be printed in the City's official newspaper. Seconded by Alderman Dahler. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF DEPARTMENT LIAISONS
Alderman Elias made the motion that the department liaisons remain the same as the previous year, except for Alderman Dahler taking the place of former Councilman Evans. Seconded by Alderman Garcia. Passed unanimously.

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

1 - Roland Gutierrez was injured on job;
2 - water samples good last month;
3 - sewer samples were also okay;
4 - gas system will be checked by the Railroad Commission on June 20th;
5 - washed gravel is being put on the streets that were retopped last year;
6 - Hector Muniz took test for "C" license in sewer;
7 - will be putting up street signs in Twin Lakes;
8 - will be patching streets and mowing;
9 - will be taking pest control tests on June 18th.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT
Police Chief Richard Priest reviewed his written report with Council and said officers are taking vacations.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT
Mayor Fincher reported on the following items:

1 - Highway Department is working on drainage problem by the new car wash;
2 - will be working on getting a right-of-way easements from Jack Brown for sewer project; and
3 - sewer plant problems have been solved and they will start pouring concrete soon.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.