Minutes of Regular Meeting held June 11, 2007

Regular meeting with the following present: Mayor Horace Fincher; Aldermen Mark Bowen, Jerry Stone, Rudy Hernandez; City Secretary Josie Campa; Police Chief Richard Priest; Director of Public Works James McGrath; City Attorney Tom Cate; Aldermen Sam Cortez and Erik Dahler were absent.

Visitors: Gerry and Amelia Elias, Matt Dear, Johnathan Bowen, Zachry Kircus, Christine Barbie, JoAnn Null, Joan Collins, Lucy Luker, Jake Grothues, Roger Garcia, Alicia Broadhurst, Robert Scott, Colh Stoucainre, Ernest Morales, Brian Scott, Richard and Olga Sharer, Sam Parks, Juan and Nora Garcia, Bobbie Lassiter, Bobby Roberts.

APPROVE MINUTES AND APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS
Alderman Hernandez made the motion that Council approve the minutes of the May 14th regular meeting and payment of the bills, as presented. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE TO OUTGOING ALDERMAN/MAYOR PRO-TEM GERRY ELIAS
Mayor Fincher presented Gerry Elias with a plaque for years of service on the City Council and as Mayor Pro-tem.

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE TO MUSEUM BOARD MEMBERS
Mayor Fincher told Council members and the audience that at the last meeting Council voted to recognize the outgoing Museum Board members and then presented plaques to those members in attendance. Mayor Fincher presented plaques to JoAnn Null, Bobby Roberts, Juan J. and Nora Garcia, Joan Collins, and Lucy Luker and thanked them for their service to the city.

CONSIDER REPORTS FROM LYTLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ON LADDER TRUCK AND FIRE DEPARTMENT FINANCES—MATT DEAR
Matt Dear, President of the Lytle Volunteer Fire Department explained to Council about the problems encountered with fixing the ladder truck. He told the Council the department had voted to not fix this truck due to these problems and added expense and to purchase a new truck instead. Mr. Dear told Council that the fire department is not asking for additional money from what Council had authorized for repairing the old ladder truck, but is asking that Council allow the department to keep the $15,000.00, so it can be applied towards the purchase of the new truck. Alderman Stone made the motion that Council allow the Fire Department to keep the $15,000.00 for purchasing the new truck. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER PETITION FROM TONY RENDON FOR VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION OF 20.604 ACRES ON FM 463
Mayor Fincher asked the City Attorney if the water issue with East Medina had been settled. City Attorney Tom Cate told the Mayor the water issue has not been resolved, but that the petition for voluntary annexation could be accepted. After discussion, Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council follow the City Attorney’s recommendation and accept Mr. Rendon’s petition for voluntary annexation. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PLAT FOR WISDOM ROAD ESTATES—CHARLES KERR
City Secretary Josie Campa told Council that Charles Kerr had submitted a plat for Wisdom Road Estates. City Attorney Tom Cate recommended to Council that this plat be denied since the city does not have an engineer right now and then have the plat resubmitted when we know the new engineer’s schedule. Alderman Stone made the motion that Council accept the City Attorney’s recommendation and deny the plat submitted by Mr. Kerr. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER BID(S) RECEIVED ON SOMERSET STREET PROPERTY
City Secretary Josie Campa told Council that the city had received one (1) bid on the Somerset Street property. She said the bid was for $47,500.00 and from a Mr. David Garcia. Alderman Hernandez made the motion that Council accept this bid. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER HIRING ENGINEERING FIRM
Council discussed the hiring of an engineering firm. The Mayor told Council that since Paul Boedeker passed away he had felt Council needed to decide on whether to keep TRC Engineering as the city’s engineers. The Mayor told Council TRC is familiar with the city and recommended keeping the firm on for at least a year. Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council hire TRC Engineers for at least one year. Seconded by Alderman Hernandez. Passed unanimously.
CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF DEPARTMENT LIAISONS

Council discussed the appointment of department liaisons and agreed on the following:

Alderman Stone - Museum & Police
Alderman Bowen - Fire Dept. & Water
Alderman Cortez - Park & Streets
Alderman Dahler - Sewer
Alderman Hernandez - E.M.S. & Gas
Mayor Fincher - Administration

After discussion, Alderman Hernandez made the motion that Council accept the department liaisons as listed above. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER STREETS FOR UPCOMING STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Mayor Fincher asked members of the Council to start looking at the streets in their districts for this year's street improvement project. He said no vote was needed at this time and this item would be on the next agenda.

CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION FROM TAX COLLECTOR ON DELINQUENT TAX ACCOUNT

City Secretary and Tax Collector Josie Campa told Council about a delinquent tax account that had been in bankruptcy and said one of the checks for payment of these taxes had not been cashed in a timely fashion and therefore these taxes were still due to the city. She then asked Council to consider waiving the penalty and interest on this tax account since the mistake was by the city's agent. She told Council the difference is the check total and waiving the penalty and interest is $68.00. Alderman Stone made the motion that Council waive the penalty and interest on this tax account as requested by the tax collector. Alderman Hernandez seconded this motion with the notation that should this happen again someone be held accountable. This motion and second were passed unanimously.

CONSIDER HAVING CITY’S DELINQUENT TAX ROLL PRINTED IN CITY’S OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

Alderman Hernandez made the motion that Council have the City's delinquent tax roll printed in the City's official newspaper. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT

Director of Public Works James McGrath reported on the following:

1. 203 work orders completed in past month;
2. Three (3) new water services were installed;
3. Animal control has been very busy this past month;
4. Four (4) gas leaks were fixed;
5. Crew worked at Frenchie Burke Festival;
6. Have had problems at the sewer plant with the aerator bearings again;
7. The other aerator was also acting up but that problem was fixed;
8. Should have bearings in aerator installed with 7 to 10 days;
9. Thinking about keeping an extra set of bearings as standby for this problem;
10. Sewer machine should be ready sometime in August;
11. Material for Ball Road street repairs has been delivered; and
12. The crew's next event is the July 4th fireworks display.

Mr. McGrath answered some questions from Council about sewer plant.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Police Chief Richard Priest reviewed his written report with Council.

The Chief told Council his officers had worked security at the Frenchie Burke Festival and there had been no problems or complaints.

Chief Priest told Council that the department's equipment and cars are doing okay.

The Chief told Council that since they are filing more cases, the Sergeant is now organizing these cases.
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CITY SECRETARY'S REPORT
City Secretary Josie Campa added the following item to her written report:

A notice has been posted for the June 14th emergency management meeting being held at the Community Center.

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

1-reminded Council of special meeting being held Thursday night;
2-all emergency management equipment has been ordered and most of it is in already;
3-wall to command post will be torn down to make more room for storing equipment;
4-the town hall meeting is for the purpose of presenting an emergency management program for cases of a disaster or terrorist attack in the city;
5-July 4th fireworks display will take place at the park at dusk.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Mayor

City Secretary