Minutes of Regular Meeting, June 14, 1999

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

Visitors: Jesus Moreno, Elizabeth Moreno, Julie Dunnavant, Brandon Hunt, Charles Cate, Kevin Bragg, Michael Wilkinson, Lauro Garza, Michael Wooten, Jonathan Wilkinson, William Wiemers, Daniel Peters, Karen Bragg, Mr. & Mrs. David Wilkinson, Antonio Carrillo, Kathy Carrillo, Richard Priest.

Mayor Fincher called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

CEREMONY OF FINAL TRIBUTE TO U.S. FLAG - BOY SCOUT TROOP #369

Boy Scout Troop #369 held a ceremony of final tribute to the U.S. flag in front of the Lytle City Hall.

Mayor Fincher thanked the troop for an outstanding job.

APPROVE MINUTES

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

City Secretary Josie Campa added two additional bills to the lists previously submitted (Skeeter Pilgrim - $40.00 for building inspections and Perfect Scents - $7.00 for air freshener). Alderman Elias made the motion that Council approve the minutes of the public hearing and regular meeting held May 10th and the bills, as presented. Seconded by Alderman Garcia. Passed unanimously.

HEAR FROM CITIZENS

City Secretary Josie Campa gave Council copies of a certificate of merit presented to the City by Lytle I.S.D. for its support and promotion of school activities.

Ms. Campa also gave Council copies of a thank you card sent by the Senior Citizens Club in appreciation of the Community Center annex building.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PLAT OF PHASE 2 - LAKEVIEW ESTATES - ADAM KELLER

City Secretary Josie Campa told Council that the plat for Phase 2 of Lakeview Estates is not quite ready. After discussion, Alderman Trouart made the motion that when the plat of Lakeview Estates is received, it be forwarded to Paul Boedeker for review. Seconded by Alderman Elias. Passed unanimously.
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CONSIDER REQUEST FROM JESUS MORENO FOR COUNCIL OPINION REGARDING INCIDENT THAT OCCURRED ON HIS PROPERTY LAST YEAR INVOLVING CITY POLICE

Jesus Moreno told Council he was back because it had already been a year since he reported an incident to the Council concerning the police department. He said they may have forgotten, but he has not, and asked what had been done. Mayor Fincher and Chief Ray told Mr. Moreno that this matter had been turned over to the Medina County Attorney and that he needed to contact him. Mr. Moreno told Council if justice was not served, he would contact the governor about this matter.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH FALCON TELECASTER

City Attorney Tom Cat explained the Falcon Cable TV franchise agreement to Council, and recommended it be approved with the changes Council discussed. Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council approve the franchise agreement with Falcon Cable calling for 5% franchise tax and excluding the P&G. Seconded by Alderman Trouard. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ENGINEER FOR DRAINAGE PROJECT ON FM 3175

Mayor Fincher told Council he had Paul Boedeker look at the drainage situation on Benton City Road, and said the engineer has quoted a price of $2,000.00 for engineering this project. The Mayor said this project would probably cost around $25,000.00. After discussion, Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council hire Paul Boedeker to engineer the Benton City Road drainage project for $2,000.00. Seconded by Alderman Evans. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER STREETS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Council discussed the streets needing capital improvements and prioritized them as follows:

- Railroad Street (from Hwy. 132 to Prairie),
- Newton Drive,
- North & South Davis Street,
- Juarez Street, and
- Twin Lakes Drive

Alderman Elias made the motion that Council have the mayor get prices on asphalt and chat for the above named streets. Seconded by Alderman Garcia. Passed unanimously.

Council took a short break at 7:35 p.m. and reconvened at 7:50 p.m.

CONSIDER ADDITIONAL STREET LIGHTS

Council discussed the need for additional street lighting. Alderman Bowen told Council he had looked at Diaz Street, Juarez Street, Cortez Road, Priest Boulevard, Hidalgo and San Juan Streets. Council discussed lights at Railroad Street, FM 2790 & Laredo, FM 2790 & Main, Main & Gray, Cortez Road entrance, Twin Lakes Drive and Blume Drive. After discussion, Alderman Bowen made the motion to have thirteen street lights added which includes two at Park Place and one on Blume Drive. Seconded by Alderman Elias. Passed unanimously. Alderman Bowen told Council he would get a list of street numbers for these lights for the City Secretary to place an order.

CONSIDER HIRING OF OFFICE EMPLOYEE

Mayor Fincher announced at 8:02 p.m. that Council would go into closed session as allowed by Chapter 551.074, Subchapter D of the Government Code. The meeting was reopened at 8:09 p.m. Mayor Fincher announced that Council had discussed the hiring of an office employee with the City Secretary. Alderman Garcia made the motion that Council not hire an office employee at this time, and that the City Secretary be allowed to get part-time temporary help, as needed. Seconded by Alderman Elias. Passed unanimously.

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

After discussion, Alderman Evans made the motion that Council have the City's delinquent tax roll printed in the City's official newspaper. Seconded by Alderman Elias. Passed unanimously.
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CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF LIAISONS
Council discussed department liaisons. Alderman Elias made the motion that the following liaisons be appointed:

- Police Department: Louis Trouart
- Park & Sewer: Juan Garcia
- Water & Fire Department: Mark Bowen
- Gas Department: Bennie Evans
- Office & EMS: Gerry Elias
- Streets: Mayor Fincher

Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER PHONE SYSTEM FOR CITY HALL
City Secretary Josie Campa requested Council's permission to look into getting a new phone system for the City. Alderman Trouart made the motion that Council authorize the City Secretary to look into a new phone system for the city hall. Seconded by Alderman Evans. Passed unanimously.

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

1. thanked Council and City Secretary for new trucks for Public Works Department;
2. told Council James Bradley may be sent overseas with the Reserves;
3. have fixed several water leaks;
4. have been patching streets;
5. have been shredding along streets;
6. sewer samples have been better except for pH level;
7. cleaned up along creek near Pecan Grove apartments;
8. a lot of sewer stoppages at Harris Park; lines need to be redone;
9. have to redo fire hydrant on Lake Street;
10. 1994 Chevy truck recalled for brake problem;
11. Hector Muniz did not pass test for "c" license in water; will try again.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT
Chief Ray reviewed her written report with Council and said she is looking at six (6) applications for the police officer positions. She said she will need to set up interviews in a couple of weeks for those that she finds have a good background.

CITY SECRETARY'S REPORT
City Secretary Josie Campa reported on the following items:

1. sales tax for June will be $23,756.95, which is a 19.58% increase over last June's amount;
2. she and Mayor have been shopping for furnishings for office due to remodeling;
3. gave Council copy of minutes for ACERC submitted by City's representative on board, Margaret Trouart;
4. the City dump has officially been declared "closed" by TNRCC as of June 8th;
5. the Railroad Commission accepted the City's letter for plan of correction on the alleged violations;
6. will have medical, life, vision and dental insurance on July agenda;
7. told Council Cindy Beard is new librarian and that she has submitted grant for renovating the library;
8. the Atascosa RC&D will meet in Lytle on June 21st at the Pig Stand - will discuss funding for police radios;
9. requested extension on the alleged violations for the water system from TNRCC;
10. TML representative conducted a safety survey of City buildings, shop, well sites, etc. and gave recommendations for items needing attention; and
11. waiting on info from TNRCC on above ground storage tanks. Also, feel gasoline usage is down since having to fill at station.
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MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Fincher addressed the following items:

1 - thanked Council for attending the Annex Building grand opening;
2 - told Council bricking of annex building should start in next few weeks;
3 - reported remodeling bid from carpenter (Fuentez Remodeling) was $4,800.00, work only; from electrician - $560.00; from a/c man - $175.00. Change orders have already been made due to some problems and will get prices on carpet;
4 - have looked at small road grader and Alfredo has test driven it; in good shape, all that is needed is a tune up and two front tires; cost of the machine - $7,500.00 to City;
5 - will need a platform on water tower #2 to place siren on; and
6 - Jackie Pike will not be finishing the work on the siren due to his illnesses.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.