Minutes of Regular Meeting held July 9, 2001

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

Visitors: Mr. & Mrs. Carlos Guerra, Jack McFarland, Marilyn McFarland, Sammy Aguinaga, Julie Dunnnavant, Lou Ann Butler, Emma Aguinaga, Diana Velarde.

APPROVE MINUTES

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

City Secretary Josie Campa added the bill from Tom Cate in the amount of $655.00. Alderman Elias made the motion that Council approve the minutes of the public hearing and regular meeting held June 11th and the payment of the bills, as listed. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION FROM THE MOBILE HOME COMMISSION ON PLACEMENT REQUEST FROM SAMMY AGUINAGA

Alderman Dahler made the motion that Council approve the recommendation of the Mobile Home Commission on the request from Sammy Aguinaga. Seconded by Alderman Elias. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER REQUEST TO CLOSE OFF STREETS FOR "RUN/WALK FOR LITERACY" (GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD PROJECT) - MONICA GUERRA

Leticia Guerra, represented her daughter Monica who was unable to attend due to another commitment. Mrs. Guerra told Council that Monica is working on the Gold Award from the Girl Scouts and is asking Council for permission to close off streets in the City for a "Run/Walk for Literacy" on August 18th. Mrs. Guerra also asked the Mayor to issue a proclamation and gave him a sample. Mayor Fincher told Council the route that had been chosen for the "Run/Walk" and said he had talked to the Police Chief about it and he doesn’t see a problem with this route. After discussion, Alderman Bowen made the motion to grant the request from Monica Guerra for closing off streets for the "Run/Walk". Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER COMPLAINTS FROM JACK MCFARLAND

A. NEIGHBORS PUSHING WATER FROM SEPTIC SYSTEM ONTO HIS PROPERTY

Jack McFarland complained to Council that neighbors are putting "water" onto his property. He says the County Health Officer looked at the problem. Mr. McFarland said it may be "gray" water, but when it rains a lot, the septic system runs over.

B. NEIGHBORS STACKING TIRES ON PROPERTY LINE

Mr. McFarland told Council his neighbor has stacked tires along his fence line. He estimated there are 2,500 tires and said that the tires pushed the fence over. He asked that something be done about this. Mayor Fincher told Mr. McFarland that Alderman Erik Dahler and Gerry Elias will investigate his complaints and this will be on the August agenda.

CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION FOR CITY TO BECOME MEMBER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASING COOPERATIVE AND ACCEPTING INTERLOCAL PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

City Secretary Josie Campa explained the Local Government Purchasing Cooperative. Mayor Fincher recommended the Council have the City join the cooperative. Alderman Elias made the motion that Council adopt the resolution for the City to become a member of the Local Government Purchasing Cooperative and accept the Interlocal Participation Agreement. Seconded by Alderman Dahler. Passed unanimously.
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**CONSIDER ADOPTING ORDINANCE TO PRESERVE OAK TREES IN LYTLE**
Council discussed the proposed tree preservation ordinance. Alderman Dahler made the motion that Council adopt the tree ordinance with Section 23 and 25 being amended. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER LANDSCAPE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH TxDOT**
Mayor Fincher told Council that the State has drawn up a maintenance agreement for the City for maintaining the triangle by the car wash and asked Council for permission to enter into this contract. Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council approve the landscape construction and maintenance agreement with TxDot. Secended by Alderman Elias. Passed unanimously.

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

1 - water samples good past month;
2 - sewer samples were not good;
3 - Railroad Commission surveyed gas systems; violations weren’t bad;
4 - ordered hoses for park sprinklers;
5 - motor at well #2 making noises; will change it out next week;
6 - patching streets;
7 - gravel being put on streets that were retopped;
8 - trimming trees; and
9 - electrical work on tower completed.

**POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT**
Chief Priest reviewed his written report with Council and reported the following:

1 - pepper spray policy will be drawn up and copies made for Council;
2 - John Wells resigned effective July 8th;
3 - all going well in department;
4 - one of the non-paid officers may be interested in the vacated position; will start advertising in a couple of weeks.

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

**MAYOR’S REPORT**
Mayor Fincher reported on the following items:

1 - sewer plant construction coming along really well;
2 - engineer and Jack Brown have discussed and agreed on an easement for the sewer and water lines on IH 35;
3 - estimated July 4th fireworks display attracted 1,500 people;
4 - FM 3175 needs more gravel; and
5 - drainage problem on N. Benton has been looked at by Alderman Bowen, and now need to get Mr. Devora to look at it. The City Secretary suggested engineer also be involved in this project.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor

City Secretary