Minutes of Regular Meeting, July 12, 1999

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


APPROVE MINUTES

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Alderman Elias made the motion that Council approve the minutes of the regular meeting held June 14th and the special meeting held June 28th and the payment of the bills, as presented. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

HEAR FROM CITIZENS

Larry Cromer talked to Council about the need for a new flood map for the City. The City Secretary agreed to write a letter to FEMA to see if a new map can be done.

Mr. Cromer asked Council when the new traffic light is going to be installed. Mayor Fincher said work should start the end of July.

Mr. Cromer told Council that sewer is needed on the other side of IH 35 since businesses are interested in coming to Lytle. Mayor Fincher told Mr. Cromer that he will ask Council to consider this for the next budget year.

Mr. Cromer told Council about a bee problem at Benton & Adams Street. Mayor Fincher told Mr. Cromer that this problem is being taken care of.

Mr. Cromer asked Council about an ordinance regarding "nuisance"; and said his renter was told nothing could be done about loud music.

Mr. Cromer thanked Officers Santos Ramirez and Andrew Ewing for continuing to check his business place and said he appreciated their efforts.
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HEAR FROM CITIZENS (CONT.)
Shannon Haystold Council that she lives on Lytle-Somerset Road and that a problem still exists with cars speeding and not stopping at stop signs on this street. She said they have called repeatedly for patrolling and have never gotten any response. Council agreed to consider speed humps on Lytle-Somerset Road on the next agenda.

Kevin Bragg told Council he agrees with Mrs. Hays that a problem exists with people speeding on Lytle-Somerset Road and that something needs to be done.

CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION FROM MOBILE HOME COMMISSION ON REQUEST FROM SERGIO VELEZ
Alderman Trouart made the motion that Council approve the recommendation from the Mobile Home Commission on the request from Sergio Velez. Seconded by Alderman Evans. VOTE: Aldermen Trouart, Evans, Bowen and Elias, FOR. Alderman Garcia abstained. Motion carried.

CONSIDER REQUEST FOR VARIANCE ON HOURS FOR PARK PAVILION - LYTLE EX-STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
Pam Wanjura asked Council to consider allowing the Ex-Students Association to hold a dance at the park pavilion after this year's homecoming football game from 10:00 p.m. til 1:00 a.m. She said they would need a variance on the hours since present rules allow for the pavilion to be used til 11:00 p.m. After discussion, Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council allow the Ex-Students Association to hold a dance at the park pavilion on September 17th and to extend the hours of use two hours as requested by Mrs. Wanjura. Seconded by Alderman Elias. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER REQUEST FROM LYTLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO USE PARK FOR HOMECOMING FESTIVALS
Josie Campa told Council that the Lytle Chamber of Commerce is requesting the use of the City Park on September 18th for the Homecoming Festival to be held after the Homecoming Parade. Alderman Elias made the motion that Council grant the Chamber's request. Seconded by Alderman Garcia. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER INSURANCE PROPOSALS - HECTOR VILLARREAL
This item was scratched since Mr. Villarreal was not present.

CONSIDER CALLING FOR BIDS ON STREET CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
Mayor Finchertold Council he had gotten prices on street improvements and that he and Alfredo Aguilara had measured streets for these improvements. He read the streets discussed for improvement and then told Council the prices he had obtained for hot lay and seal coat were about the same. He said it would cost the City about 20¢ more per square foot if the company does the preparation of the streets, too.

Council took a short break at 7:24 p.m. and reconvened at 7:38 p.m.

After more discussion, Alderman Elias made the motion that Council call for bids for street improvements on Newton Drive, Davis Street, CR 6841, Juarez Street, McDonald Drive and Lake Street and that Railroad Street not be considered at this time. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Discussion. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO LIBRARY BOARD
City Secretary Josie Campa told Council that the Library Board was recommending that Ruby Burns be appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Susan McCloskey. Alderman Garcia made the motion that Ruby Burns be appointed to the Library Board. Seconded by Alderman Elias. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO HWY. 132 WATER LINE
Mayor Finchertold Council that the Mayor had talked to someone from City Public Service about the Y2K preparedness and that he said there is a remote chance that power could be lost for up to twenty-four (24) hours. Council discussed the need for the City to rent generators for the water well and pump station. Council also discussed the tests that were yet to be done to see if this would be needed. Mayor Fincher recommended this item be tabled. Alderman Elias made the motion that Council table this item for the next regular meeting. Seconded by Alderman Evans. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER GENERATORS FOR WATER SYSTEM DUE TO Y2K
Mayor Finchertold Council that he had talked to someone from City Public Service about the Y2K preparedness and that he said there is a remote chance that power could be lost for up to twenty-four (24) hours. Council discussed the need for the City to rent generators for the water well and pump station. Mayor Fincher recommended this item be tabled. Seconded by Alderman Evans. Passed unanimously.
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CONSIDER PROJECTS TO APPLY FOR FUNDING THROUGH RC&D PROGRAM

City Secretary Josie Campa told Council that the Atascosa RC&D Program has asked the City to submit an application for a project that the City needs funding for. She asked Council to think about projects that the City could apply for funding. Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council table this item for the next regular meeting. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT

Director of Public Works Alfredo Aguinaga reported on the following items:

1 - running new well every day;
2 - had All Pro come and jet sewer line in Harris Trailer Park due to stoppage;
3 - James Bradley back from military duty;
4 - James Bradley was stung by bees;
5 - working at replacing anodes for cathodic protection of gas system;
6 - have been conducting a gas leak survey;
7 - will be rebuilding chlorinator and injection pump; and
8 - sewer samples have been a bit better.

Mayor Fincher asked the Director about the need for a street sweeper. He said he would look into one he has heard about for $2,500.00.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Police Chief Kathy Ray reviewed her written report with Council, and said that Uvaldo Ramirez has taken all tests and they are waiting on the results.

CITY SECRETARY'S REPORT

City Secretary Josie Campa reported on the following items:

1 - E.P.A. has accepted the City's schedule for correcting sewer plant problems;
2 - TNRCC has granted City's request for extension of compliance due dates;
3 - Southwestern Bell has installed new phone system in City Hall and will be installing phones in police department offices;
4 - new ice machine purchased for Community Center for $2,648.00; better machine since it makes more ice in twenty four hours and has a condenser on outside to help keep machine and room cooler;
5 - old ice machine will be placed in City Hall break room until it gives out;
6 - problems with bees at Adams and Benton Street; had City Attorney draft a letter to property owner to have this problem corrected;
7 - told Council about IH 35 South Corridor group meeting at Community Center July 15th at 10:00 a.m.; and
8 - budget workshops will be held August 2nd, August 16th and August 30th.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Fincher reported on the following items:

1 - he and Tom Cate will be going to meet with Edwards Aquifer Authority concerning City's protest for water allocation;
2 - will be making presentation at AACOG on Friday morning for City's grant application;
3 - new newspaper in Lytle - Lytle Leader News;
4 - new insurance company (Prudential) will be coming to Lytle;
5 - remodeling of City Hall progressing slowly; police department should be finished soon and kitchen about done and Council chamber being worked on;
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MAYOR'S REPORT (CONT.)

6 - has had problems over past month with Chief not willing to do things for him and court; and not notifying him of things that occur, therefore, will be placing Chief on agenda for next Council meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

[Signatures]

Mayor

City Secretary