Minutes of Regular Meeting held July 12, 2004

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


APPROVE MINUTES AND APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS
City Secretary Josie Campa added the bill from Tom Cate for legal fees totaling $753.75. Alderman Elias made the motion that the minutes of the regular meeting on June 14th and payment of the bills be approved, as presented. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER REQUEST FOR COUNCIL TO ABOLISH ORDINANCE NO. 176 "NO PARKING" ZONE-BOB ROBERTS, JR.
Bobby Roberts asked Council why the ordinance setting up the "No Parking" zone on Railroad Street was set up when all the businesses use the railroad right-of-way. Mayor Fincher told Mr. Roberts that Council felt the ordinance was needed back in 1994 for safety reason. Mr. Roberts asked Council to abolish this ordinance. After discussion, Mayor Fincher appointed Aldermen Mark Bowen and A.Jay Frausto to look into this matter and report back to Council at next month’s regular meeting. No action was taken.

CONSIDER REQUEST FROM GREATER LYTLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO CO-SPONSOR LYTLE AREA VISITOR’S GUIDE
Reagon Clamon, President of the Lytle Chamber of Commerce requested $800.00 from the city for co-sponsorship of the city’s visitor’s guide. He told Council three thousand (3,000) will be printed and the quality will be improved from the last copy printed. Alderman Elias made the motion that Council approve the request from the Chamber for $800.00. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTRACT RENEWAL-JESSE GUAJARDO AND ROGER SAENZ
Jesse Guajardo, Lytle Fire Chief, presented a letter to Council from the Fire Department stating they will not be renewing their contract with the city due to unnecessary pressure put on the department by city officials for their financial records. Council discussed this matter with the Fire Chief and asked several questions. Council asked the Fire Chief to have the records by this Friday. No action was taken on this item.
CONSIDER ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC HEARING DATE TO CONSIDER LAND USE ASSUMPTIONS AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR CITY
Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council adopt Ordinance No. 282. Seconded by Alderman Frausto. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER INCREASING GARBAGE RATES DUE TO INCREASE BY WASTE MANAGEMENT
After discussion, Alderman Elias made the motion that Council pass through the increase on garbage fees by Waste Management to all garbage customers. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ADOPTING ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SCHOOL ZONES
Alderman Dahler made the motion that Council adopt Ordinance No. 283 establishing the school zones. Seconded by Alderman Frausto. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF VIRGINIA MEDINA
City Secretary Josie Campa told Council that Virginia Medina had successfully completed her probation for Assistant City Secretary and recommended she be given a $1.00 per hour increase in salary. Alderman Trouart made the motion that Virginia Medina be given a $1.00 per hour salary increase. Seconded by Alderman Frausto. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF ALICE PEREZ
City Secretary Josie Campa told Council that Alice Perez had received a job offer and asked that she be given a 75 cents per hour increase in order to keep her working for the city. After discussion, Alderman Trouart made the motion that Council raise Alice Perez's salary by 75 cents per hour. Seconded by Alderman Frausto. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF SARAH TREVINO
City Secretary Josie Campa asked Council to consider giving Sarah Trevino a 50 cents per hour salary increase due to her added workload. After discussion, Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council raise Sarah Trevino's salary by 50 cents per hour. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT
Director of Public Works' Greg Presley reviewed his written report with Council.

Mayor Fincher commended Mr. Presley and his two employees for their work at the 4th of July Fireworks Display.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT
Police Chief Richard Priest reviewed his written report with Council.

The Chief told Council that the department is working on E-Bay fraud cases and a lot of court activity.

Chief Priest told Council he has ordered a video camera for one of the police units.

The Chief said he would be ordering two new bullet-proof vests for the Sergeant and Corporal, due to the age of the vests.

CITY SECRETARY'S REPORT
City Secretary added the following to her written report:

1-surveys of the households in Lytle are being done by office staff for current grant application;
2-sales tax allocation for July is $29,903.35; and
3-reminded Council of budget workshops scheduled for August.

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

1-4th of July Fireworks Display was the best display city has had;
2-sirens have been placed on poles and need to be wired for service;
3-tap for fireplug by car wash will hopefully be done this week;
4-hope to start work on FM 2790 sewer line;
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MAYOR’S REPORT (cont.)
5-checked streets to be paved and only three of the streets need to be retopped completely; the other six streets only have sections with pot holes that can be retopped; hope to get all done for amount $100,000.00; and 6-Bank Street and Primrose Lane will have road base put on them and this will cost about $2,500.00.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Mayor

City Secretary