Minutes of Regular Meeting held February 8, 2016

Regular meeting with the following present: Mayor Mark Bowen; Aldermen Jerry Stone, Sam Cortez, Ruble Farmer, Ward Sanders, Kevin Keith; City Secretary Josie Campa; Animal Control Director Betty Kroeger; Public Works Director James McGrath; Fire Marshal Matt Dear; Police Chief Richard Priest; Library Director Cassandra Cortez; City Attorney Tom Cate; Code Compliance Officer Scott Traeger.

Visitors: Aaron Newmann, Butch Shoemaker, George Harris, Ernest Kroeger, Chuck Bayne, Irma Bayne, Stephen Whitaker, Jim Becker, Ronald Garza, Sam Parks, Brad Boyd.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Mayor Bowen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led everyone in the pledge.

VISITORS’/CITIZENS’ COMMENTS
Chief Police told Council that Joey Guzman would be completing five (5) years with the city on February 15th.

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUES TO THE WINNERS OF THE 2015 DANIEL J. MCGRATH, D.V.M. CITIZENSHIP AWARD
Mayor Bowen presented plaques to Ernest Kroeger and Chuck Bayne for being named the winners of the 2015 Daniel J. McGrath, D.V.M. Citizenship Award.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS
City Secretary Josie Campa added three bills to the list of bills to be approved. They were as follows: Tom Cate - $3,609.63 for legal fees; WTG Gas - $13,033.32 for gas purchased for system in January and Texas Fleet Fuel - $460.81 for gasoline. Alderman Stone made the motion that Council approve the minutes from the January 11th regular meeting and payment of the bills, as presented. Seconded by Alderman Farmer. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON MASTER PLAN FOR SADDLE RIDGE ESTATES AND CONSIDER AND ACT UPON PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR SADDLE RIDGE ESTATES AND CONSIDER AND ACT UPON FINAL PLAT FOR SADDLE RIDGE ESTATES AND CONSIDER AND ACT UPON SPECIFIC TERMS FOR REQUEST FOR WASTEWATER CAPACITY REQUESTED FOR SADDLE RIDGE ESTATES
Butch Shoemaker talked to Council about being cautious with the city’s water and wastewater before agreeing to approve a development and having an impact study done. After a lengthy discussion about approving the Saddle Ridge master plan, preliminary and final plats, Alderman Stone made the motion that Council approve these items as per the City’s engineer’s recommendation and have the City attorney word the agreement as per the engineer’s recommendation. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.
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CONSIDER AND ACT UPON REQUEST FROM GEORGE HARRIS FOR ADDITIONAL STREET LIGHTS BEING ADDED IN THE AREA OF BENTON CITY ROAD AND IH 35 SOUTH ACCESS ROAD

George Harris talked to Council about a study being done on FM 3175 since it has become so busy. Mr. Harris told Council there is so much traffic that it has created a bottleneck and is dangerous. Mr. Harris also talked to Council about the need for street lights in this area. He said several lights are not working and others need to be added. Mayor Bowen and the City Secretary told Mr. Harris that several lights have been ordered for that area and CPS has outsourced this project and this has caused the delay.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON PROPOSAL FROM TEXAS MULTI-CHEM ON TURF APPLICATIONS ON BASEBALL FIELDS IN JOHN LOTT PARK

Alderman Cortez made the motion that Council approve the proposal from Texas Multi-Chem for turf applications at the park fields. Seconded by Alderman Keith. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON ENGINEERING SERVICES PROPOSAL FROM TRC FOR SANITARY SEWER DITCH CROSSING

After discussion, Alderman Keith made the motion that Council approve the proposal from TRC for the sanitary sewer ditch crossing project. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON VOTING LOCATION CONTRACT FOR ATASCOSA COUNTY PRIMARY ELECTION ON MARCH 1ST

Alderman Stone made the motion that Council allow Atascosa County to hold the primary election at the Horace Fincher Center on March 1st. Seconded by Alderman Keith. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON PROPOSAL (S) FOR LAYNE CHRISTENSEN AND TRC FOR SOLVING PROBLEM WITH WELL #3

This item was scratched since a proposal was not received.

Council took a short break at 7:21 p.m. and reconvened at 7:40 p.m.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON SETTING DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS MASTER PLAN OVERLAY

Council discussed overlays to the city’s master plan and City Attorney Tom Cate told them that they need public input for this project. After discussion, Alderman Sanders made the motion that Council set up a public hearing for April 18th to get input from the public. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON PRESENTATION OF RACIAL PROFILING REPORT

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UPDATE ON PLANS AND GOALS
Council reviewed the updates on the plans and goals with department heads and a power point presentation.

ANIMAL CONTROL DIRECTOR’S REPORT
Animal Control Director Betty Kroeger gave report with a power point presentation.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR’S REPORT
Library Director Cassandra Cortez gave report with a power point presentation.

CODE COMPLIANCE OFFICER’S REPORT
Code Compliance Officer Scott Traeger gave report with a power point presentation.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR’S REPORT
Public Works’ Director James McGrath gave report with a power point presentation.

POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT
Police Chief Richard Priest gave report with a power point presentation.

CITY SECRETARY’S REPORT
City Secretary Josie Campa gave report with a power point presentation.

MAYOR’S REPORT
Mayor Bowen told Council that alot of businesses are looking at Lytle.

The Mayor told Council he has called a special meeting for Tuesday, February 16th for evaluating department heads.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.