Minutes of Regular Meeting held July 14, 2003

Regular meeting with the following present: Mayor Horace Fincher; Aldermen A.Jay Frausto, Gerry Elias, Erik Dahler; City Secretary Josie Campa; Police Chief Richard Priest; City Attorney Tom Cate. Aldermen Trouart and Bowen were absent.


APPROVE MINUTES AND APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Alderman Elias made the motion that the minutes of the regular meeting held June 9, 2003 and payment of bills listed be approved, as presented. Seconded by Alderman Frausto. Passed unanimously.

HEAR FROM CITIZENS

John McGinnis asked what the city was doing about mosquitos. Mayor Fincher told him the city was looking for someone with a license to do mosquito fogging.

CONSIDER REQUEST FOR VARIANCE ON MASTER PLAN REQUIREMENT OF CITY’S CODE—BOB HAMILTON

Bob Hamilton asked Council for a variance of the master plan for the Snively plat. Mayor Fincher told Mr. Hamilton that since Mr. Snively doesn’t own the land adjacent to the platted property there is no need for a master plan. Therefore, a variance is not necessary.

CONSIDER COMPLAINT AGAINST LYTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT—ED GEIGER

Mr. Geiger was not present therefore, this item was scratched.

CONSIDER REQUEST TO SEND PEOPLE TO FIRE SCHOOL—JESSE GUAJARDO, FIRE CHIEF

Fire Chief Jesse Guajardo asked Council if some of the equipment money could be used for sending firemen to school at A & M. After discussion, Alderman Elias made the motion that Council grant this request for using equipment monies for sending people to A & M fire school. Seconded by Alderman Dahler. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER PROPOSAL TO MAINTAIN THE PHYSICAL FITNESS READINESS OF LYTLE’S POLICE AND CITY EMPLOYEES—JESSE ALVARADO

Jesse Alvarado introduced himself to Council and offered a 10% discount on his fitness center fees for all city employees, especially the police department. Mr. Alvarado asked Council if the city could contribute to their employees’ physical fitness program. Mayor Fincher said this is not in the budget, but that the city employees would be told about the discount at his fitness center.

CONSIDER INSTALLING SECURITY LIGHT AT PARK PAVILION—A.JAY FRAUSTO

Alderman Frausto told Council that the park pavilion can’t be seen in the dark and said a security light is needed. After discussion Alderman Dahler made the motion that Council approve the installation of a security light at the park pavilion. Seconded by Alderman Elias. Passed unanimously.
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CONSIDER INCREASING GARBAGE RATES DUE TO INCREASE BY WASTE MANAGEMENT
City Secretary Josie Campa told Council that Waste Management is increasing the price for garbage service effective August 1, 2003. The City Secretary told Council that the residential rate is going up 21¢ and that dumpsters are going up anywhere from 84¢ to $4.26 per month depending on size and frequency of pick-ups. She asked that Council pass through these increases. After discussion, Alderman Elias made the motion that Council pass through the price increases proposed by Waste Management effective August 1st. Seconded by Alderman Frausto. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AWARDS BID (S) ON STREET PAVING PROJECT
Mayor Fincher told Council that only one bid was received on the street paving project. He said that Neal Worthey had bid $96,990.00 for the entire project and if the Council chose to award the bid per street the cost would be higher. He recommended Council have all the streets repaved. Alderman Dahler asked if the footage from Houston Street could be switched to another street, since the development on Houston Street isn’t going to be done. Mr. Worthey agreed to do another street if Council chooses to change the streets to be repaved as long as footage is the same. After discussion Alderman Elias made the motion that Council award the bid on the entire project of 182,000 square feet to Neal Worthey for $96,990.00, and that the budget be amended accordingly and the streets be decided on after review. Seconded by Alderman Dahler. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER BID RECEIVED ON LIBRARY PARK LOT
City Secretary told Council that Delaney Construction had bid $136,040.00 on the library parking lot and $144,040.00 if #5 rebar is used. She said the bid was higher than expected and the city doesn’t have enough money for this. She recommended this bid be rejected and said the specs are going to be redone by the Library Board. Alderman Elias made the motion to reject the bid from Delaney Construction. Seconded by Alderman Frausto. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM COMET NEON ADVERTISING COMPANY ON SIGNS FOR PARK
Council discussed the sign proposed for the park by Comet Neon Advertising Company and then Alderman Frausto made the motion that Council go out for other proposals. Seconded by Alderman Elias. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ENTERING INTO A “FAILURE TO APPEAR” AGREEMENT WITH OMNIBASE SERVICES INCORPORATED
City Attorney Tom Cate told Council about the Omnibase program for “failure to appear” and recommended the Council enter in an agreement with Omnibase Services Incorporated for “failure to appear” program. After discussion Alderman Elias made the motion that the city enter into this agreement with Omnibase. Seconded by Alderman Dahler. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO IMPACT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
After discussion on the appointing of members to the Impact Advisory Committee and the criteria needed, Alderman Frausto made the motion that Council appoint the members of the Zoning Commission to serve as the Impact Advisory Committee. Seconded by Alderman Elias. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO ZONING COMMISSION
Larry Cromer expressed interest in serving on the Zoning Commission. After discussion, Alderman Elias made the motion that Council appoint Larry Cromer to fill the vacancy on the Zoning Commission. Seconded by Alderman Dahler. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO MOBILE HOME COMMISSION
City Secretary asked Council to not fill positions on Mobile Home Commission at this time and that the ordinance be reviewed. Council agreed.

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

Chief Priest told Council he would be purchasing two new digital radios so that all four cars will have these type of radios.

The Chief told Council he is keeping an eye on things that are happening at night.
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**CITY SECRETARY’S REPORT**
City Secretary Josie Campa reviewed her written report with Council.

The City Secretary told Council the bank is holding its “Rededication” on Saturday, August 19th.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**
Mayor Fincher told Council that close out hearings had been held on the sewer plant improvements and bank projects.

The Mayor reported that the closing of the ponds project has been slowed down due to the heat and will start up again in October.

Mayor Fincher told Council that Manning & Company will be starting construction soon and good jobs will be available. He said he is trying to get a training program set up for seniors at the high school for this company.

Mayor Fincher told Council he is calling for a workshop on July 21st to discuss the city’s water situation, and then a special meeting after the workshop.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Mayor

Josie Campa

City Secretary