

Minutes of Regular Meeting held March 14, 2016

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

Visitors: Rey Trevino, Lloyd Jackel, Stephen Whitaker, Tony Leven, Butch Shoemaker, Chuck Bayne, Ernest Kroeger, Larry Sanders, Sam Parks, Matt Stiegel.

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Bowen opened the meeting at 6:34 p.m. and led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

**VISITORS'/CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

Larry Sanders told Council that the VFW would be holding their annual banquet on March 24<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center and invited Council and city staff to attend.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Alderman Cortez made the motion that Council approve the minutes from the February 8<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and February 16<sup>th</sup> special meeting and payment of the bills, as presented. Seconded by Alderman Farmer. Passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER AND ACT UPON REQUEST FROM JS5,LLC TO IMPROVE UNDEVELOPED LANE IN COAL MINE ADDITION TO ENABLE THEM TO HAVE INGRESS AND EGRESS TO THEIR PROPERTY JUST OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS OF LYTLE**

Lloyd Jackel and Matt Stiegel explained what they are wanting to do to the city's lane that is unimproved in order to get to their property just outside the city limits. They told Council they are wanting permission from them to be able to improve the roadway and drainage in that area. After more discussion, Mayor Bowen asked the City Attorney about this request. Mr. Cate told Council he would need some time to review Mr. Jackel's plans, and get with Public Works to make sure it is done right. After more discussion, Alderman Sanders made the motion that Council approve this request contingent upon the City Attorney's final approval. Seconded by Alderman Keith. Passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER AND ACT UPON REQUEST FROM WILLIAM LAMON TO FARM LAND BEHIND AND AROUND LYTLE ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY**

This item was scratched since Mr. Lamon was not present.

**CONSIDER AND ACT UPON REQUEST FROM ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH FOR VARIANCE ON NOISE ORDINANCE AT JUNE CHURCH FESTIVAL-REY TREVINO**

Rey Trevino and Tony Leven, co-chairs for the upcoming June Festival at St. Andrew's Catholic Church requested a variance of the noise ordinance from Council until 10:45 p.m.

**CONSIDER AND ACT UPON REQUEST FROM ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH FOR VARIANCE ON NOISE ORDINANCE AT JUNE CHURCH FESTIVAL-REY TREVINO (CONT.)**

After discussion, Alderman Sanders made the motion that Council approve the request for a variance. Seconded by Alderman Keith. Passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER AND ACT UPON ADOPTING ORDINANCE AS PER SECTION 2.053 OF THE ELECTION CODE ALLOWING CITY TO DECLARE EACH UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE ELECTED AND CANCELLING CITY GENERAL ELECTION SET FOR MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>**

Alderman Cortez made the motion that Council approve Ordinance No. 387. Seconded by Alderman Keith. Passed unanimously.

**UPDATE ON PLANS AND GOALS**

Council reviewed the updates to the plans and goals with a power point presentation.

**ANIMAL CONTROL DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Animal Control Director Betty Kroeger gave her report with a power point presentation.

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Cassandra Cortez, the Library Director also gave her report with a power point presentation.

**CODE COMPLIANCE OFFICER'S REPORT**

Code Compliance Officer Scott Traeger told Council that the car wash owner has an engineer drawing up plans for stopping run off from the truck wash.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director of Public Works James McGrath gave his report with a power point presentation.

**POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT**

Police Chief Richard Priest gave a power point presentation for his Chief's report.

**CITY SECRETARY'S REPORT**

City Secretary Josie Campa gave her report with a power point presentation.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Bowen reminded Council of the VFW banquet next week.

The Mayor told Council that the park is really being used by people.

The Mayor told Council he is working on the EMS bay being extended with both the engineer and Amado Zamora.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.