

Minutes of Regular Meeting held May 9, 2016

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

Visitors: Chuck Bayne, Ernest Kroeger, Virginia Medina, Sam Parks, Butch Shoemaker, Stephen Whitaker, Wayne and Judy Newman, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Montgomery, Ronald Garza, Albert Medina, Vanessa Medina, Michael Medina, J.D. Ramon, Eddie Bogard.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Mark Bowen opened the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS'/CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Police Chief Richard Priest presented a plaque to Reserve Police Officer Mark Montgomery for fifteen (15) years of service to the city.

City Secretary Josie Campa presented Assistant City Secretary Virginia Medina with a plaque for fifteen (15) years of dedicated service to the city.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS

City Secretary Josie Campa added a bill to the lists provided to the Council. This bill was from West Texas Gas for \$4,631.44 for natural gas purchased in April for the city's gas system. Alderman Stone made the motion that Council approve the minutes of the April 11th regular meeting and April 18th public hearing and payment of the bills, as presented. Seconded by Alderman Farmer. Passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS
(ADMINISTRAR EL JURAMENTO DE OFICINA PARA LOS OFICIALES NUEVOS
ELEGIDOS)**

City Attorney Tom Cate administered the Oath of Office to newly elected officials Mark Bowen, Jerry Stone and Ruble Farmer. Each of these officials were presented with a certificate of election.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON REPORT FROM TRC ON WATER WELL #3

Eddie Bogard gave Council a brief background on Well #3. He then reviewed their findings and gave two recommendations. These recommendations were:

- 1 - rehabilitating the well, which could be very costly; and
- 2 - drill a new well.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON REPORT FROM TRC ON WATER WELL #3 (CONT.)

Mr. Bogard told Council that because public safety is involved, he feels drilling a new well would be the viable option for the city.

After a lengthy discussion with the engineer, Mayor Bowen told Mr. Bogard that the Council will take his report and evaluate it and no action would be taken.

**CONSIDER AND ACT UPON BIDS RECEIVED FOR REPAIRS TO FM 3175
SANITARY SEWER LINE**

Eddie Bogard gave Council the bid tabulation sheet for the bids that TRC received on the FM 3175 sewer line project. After discussion on these bids, Alderman Stone made the motion that Council reject all the bids and go out again for bids on this project. Seconded by Alderman Farmer. Passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER AND ACT UPON REQUESTS FOR CREDIT CARDS FOR DEPARTMENT
HEADS**

Mayor Bowen told Council that department heads had requested credit cards for their departments. Council discussed the need for this with the department heads and the need for a policy to be drawn up. After discussion, Alderman Keith made the motion that Council approve this request and that a policy be established for credit card use by department heads. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO-TEM

Alderman Sanders made the motion that Council appoint Jerry Stone as Mayor Pro-tem. Seconded by Alderman Keith. Passed unanimously.

Council took a short break at 7:25 p.m. and reconvened at 7:40 p.m.

UPDATE ON PLANS AND GOALS

Council reviewed 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

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

CODE COMPLIANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

Code Compliance Officer Scott Traeger gave his report with a power point presentation.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

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POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Police Chief Richard Priest gave his report with a power point presentation.

CITY SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bowen told Council of some of the new businesses that he has heard are interested in coming to Lytle, and said that we should see things happen before the end of the year.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.