Minutes of Regular Meeting, August 10, 1998

Regular meeting with the following present: Mayor Horace Finch; Aldermen Louis Trouart, Gerry Elias, Juan Garcia, Mark Bowen, and Bennie Evans; City Secretary Josie Campa; Police Chief Kathy Ray.


APPROVE MINUTES

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Alderman Garcia noted that the July 13th minutes should read that "Alderman Trouart suggested the one block of D'Hanis Street, north of Cottage Street." The City Secretary noted that in the motion made the second street should read Elisa Street instead of Elias. Alderman Elias made the motion that Council approve the minutes of the July 13th meeting, as corrected and payment of the bills, as listed. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.

HEAR FROM CITIZENS

Frank Hall told Council that the junk car situation is getting worse and asked for enforcement of this ordinance. The Mayor told Mr. Hall that he and the City Secretary have discussed this problem and will be talking to the Police Chief about this matter.

Mr. Hall told Council he appreciates what Council has done as far as getting H.E.B. in Lytle and the beautification of the City.

Mr. Hall also asked if the skirting on mobile homes could be checked.

Horatio Garcia told Council that the prong of the creek has been blocked and a lot of fish and wildlife has been killed due to the lake drying up because of the blockage. Mayor Finch told Mr. Garcia he would check on this.

Mr. Garcia told Council that he has talked to Texas Parks & Wildlife and is planning to donate the part of his property with the lake for wildlife preservation.

CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MOBILE HOME COMMISSION ON REQUESTS FROM RUTH GARCIA, JOSE GARCIA AND BOYD MCMILLAN

A. Alderman Garcia made the motion to approve the request from Ruth Garcia for placement of a mobile home on the .83 acre tract of land owned by Toribia Garcia as recommended by the Mobile Home Commission. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

B. Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council accept the Mobile Home Commission's recommendation on the request from Jose Garcia. Seconded by Alderman Elias. Passed unanimously.

C. City Secretary Josie Campa told Council that Boyd McMillan had changed the location for placement of his mobile home. She told Council that the neighbors attending the Mobile Home Commission meeting do not have a problem with the new location, which is a nine (9) acre tract belonging to V. W. Martin. Ms. Campa said one more property owner would be affected by the location change and that they don't have a problem with said placement. The City Secretary told Council she had talked to the City Attorney about this matter and that he had not advised against approval of this request. After discussion, Alderman Elias made the motion that Council approve the request from Boyd McMillan to place a double-wide mobile home on a 9-acre tract out of J. B. Goettleman, Survey 512, Abst. 309, belonging to V. W. Martin. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.
CONSIDER PLANS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF HORATIO GARCIA'S PROPERTY - JOAN SPEER
Joan Speer told Council she is a real estate agent and introduced her associate Bill Morneau. Ms. Speer told Council that they are presently talking with Horatio Garcia about developing his property. Ms. Speer told Council that two new homes will be built in Park Place by September, and that there are plans for two more homes. Ms. Speer told Council that they have intentions for the corner lot located at the intersection of Benton City Rd. and the IH 35 access road. She said they are asking commercial companies if they are interested in building a convenience store, a restaurant or a combination of both of these.

CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION FROM ZONING COMMISSION ON REQUEST FROM HORATIO GARCIA
Mayor Finchertold Council that there is no opposition to the rezoning request of Horatio Garcia and that businesses would benefit the City. Alderman Trouart made the motion that Council approve the recommendation of the Zoning Commission to rezone the 15.753 acres belonging to Horatio Garcia from R-2 and B-2 to B-3. Seconded by Alderman Evans. VOTE: For: Aldermen Trouart, Evans, Bowen and Elias. Alderman Garcia abstained. Motion carried.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF LAY REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE LAY REPRESENTATIVE FOR LYTLE PUBLIC LIBRARY TO ALAMO AREA LIBRARY SYSTEM
City Secretary Josie Campa told Council that the Library Board recommended that Joanne Simmons be appointed as Lay Representative and Susan McCloskey be appointed as Alternate Lay Representative for the Lytle Public Library to the Alamo Area Library System. Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council accept these recommendations. Seconded by Alderman Garcia. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ADDITIONAL STREET LIGHTS
Council discussed adding street lights on Wisdom Road just past Simmons' house and close to dip; and at intersection of Adams and N. Pecan. After discussion, Alderman Evans made the motion that Council approve the installation of the three above mentioned street lights. Seconded by Alderman Elias. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS TO MOBILE HOME COMMISSION
After discussion, Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council re-appoint Elisa Grothues and Antonia Reyes to the Mobile Home Commission, and that a replacement be found for the other vacancy on the Commission. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS TO ZONING COMMISSION
Alderman Elias made the motion that Lorraine Vaughan and Sam Cortez be reappointed to the Zoning Commission, contingent upon them agreeing to serve. Seconded by Alderman Evans. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF CHRISTOPHER REDMAN
Council discussed the employment status of Christopher Redman with Police Chief Kathy Ray and Officer Christopher Redman. Chief Ray recommended Officer Redman's probationary period be extended to nine (9) months. Officer Redman told Council he felt this was unfair. After further discussion, Alderman Trouart made the motion that Council accept the Chief's recommendation for extending Christopher Redman's probation another three months. Motion died for lack of a second. Council then agreed to review Officer Redman's personnel file, then took a short break at 7:34 p.m., so that this file could be obtained from the vault. The Council reconvened at 7:47 p.m. After reviewing Officer Redman's personnel file, Alderman Trouart made the motion that Council extend his probation for ninety (90) days. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Discussion. Passed unanimously.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT
Police Chief Kathy Ray reviewed her written report with Council and told Council she feels that the curfew is already effective.

CITY SECRETARY'S REPORT
City Secretary Josie Campa told Council she received the software for the municipal court and that she will be shopping for the hardware.

MAYOR'S REPORT
Mayor Finchert reported on the following items:
1. speed limit on FM 2790 E. has changed from 35 mph all the way from Main Street to the bank, then 40 mph to the City limits;
2. the Dog Day Festival at the park was a success; thanked Aldermen Evans, Garcia and Elias for their help;
MAYOR'S REPORT (CONT.)

3 - a new industry that makes garbage containers has gone in at the old Cabinet Creations site;
4 - City will be getting a stop light at the intersection of Main and FM 2790 E. and 4-way stops at IH 35 access road by H.E.B. sometime next spring;
5 - presently looking into installing new light fixtures, ceiling fans and more electrical outlets at the park pavilion;
6 - feels curfew is working after observing;
7 - asked Council to think about water rationing, and that City will need to adopt an ordinance by January 1st; and
8 - attended meetings on July 17th and July 21st concerning the City's grant for elevating the water tower; and concerning water rights and penalties due to the Edwards Aquifer situation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.