Minutes of Regular Meeting held August 14, 2006

Regular meeting with the following present: Mayor Pro-tem Gerry Elias; Aldermen Sam Cortez and Erik Dahler; City Secretary Josie Campa; Police Chief Richard Priest; Director of Public Works James McGrath; City Attorney Tom Cate. Mayor Horace Fincher and Aldermen Mark Bowen and Jerry Stone were absent.


Mayor Pro-tem Gerry Elias opened the regular meeting at 6:45 p.m.

APPROVE MINUTES AND PAYMENT OF BILLS
Alderman Dahler made the motion that Council approve the minutes of the public hearing and regular meeting on July 10th and the special meeting held July 24th and payment of the bills, as presented. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

HEAR FROM CITIZENS
Reagon Clamon, President of the Greater Lytle Chamber of Commerce asked Council to consider sponsorship of the 3rd printing of the visitors’ guide. He said a contribution of $1,000.00 is needed. Alderman Cortez made the motion that Council approve this request. Seconded by Alderman Dahler. Passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM VFW POST #12041 CONCERNING DONATION OF POW/MIA FLAG FOR SEPTEMBER 11TH PROGRAM—CARLOS A. VELA
Carlos Vela, Charter Commander of the Lytle VFW told Council that the post would like to donate a POW/MIA flag to the City for a September 11th program and said this would be the Lytle post’s first project.

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF A 2007/2008 (FY) TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF RURAL COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (ORCA) FOR FUNDING UNDER THE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (TCDP) AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACT AS THE CITY’S EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF A 2007/2008 (FY) TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION
Philip Ruiz told Council that this year’s grant cycle is the same as in the past. He said the grant application is due in September. He told Council that the addition to the ground storage tank has been mentioned as a possible project and that water projects usually garners more points. He told Council the usual match for the grant is 15% but this year due to the estimate on the project, the city might have to put up $80,000.00 to $85,000.00. After discussion, Alderman Dahler made the motion to table this item for the August 21st meeting. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO AWARD CONTRACTS FOR PROFESSIONAL PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES AND PROJECT ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR PROJECTS FUNDED UNDER THE 2007/2008 (FY) TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (TxCDBG)
Alderman Cortez made the motion that Council table this item until the previous item is resolved. Seconded by Alderman Dahler. Passed unanimously.
CONSIDER OFFER OF COMPROMISE AND SETTLEMENT FROM EAST MEDINA COUNTY SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT CONCERNING TRANSFER OF CCN
Alderman Dahler made the motion that this item be tabled for later in this meeting. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER EDWARDS AQUIFER AUTHORITY’S RECOMMENDATION FOR COMPROMISE AND SETTLEMENT WITH THE CITY ON 2005 OVER PUMPING
Alderman Dahler made the motion that this item be tabled for later in this meeting. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER PROPOSAL FOR RETOPPING OF CITY HALL PARKING LOT
City Secretary Josie Campa presented Zambie’s proposal for seal coating the City Hall parking lot for $7,378.30. Alderman Cortez made the motion that Council approve this proposal. Second by Alderman Dahler. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER STREETS TO BE REPAVED
Alderman Cortez made the motion that this item be tabled until August 21st meeting. Seconded by Alderman Dahler. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT STATUS FOR DANIEL GAMEZ AND CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT STATUS FOR MATT DEAR
Police Chief Richard Priest asked Council to consider appointing Daniel Gamez an Matt Dear Corporals to take the place and duties of former Corporal Santos Ramirez. He recommended that they each be given a $200.00 per month salary increase to go with this title. Alderman Sam Cortez made the motion that the Council accept the Chiefs recommendation and appoint both Daniel Gamez and Matt Dear Corporals and that they each be given a $200.00 per month salary increase. Seconded by Alderman Elias. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER PROHIBITING COMPANIES FROM USING LARGE CONSUMPTION OF WATER FROM CITY’S FIRE HYDRANTS
City Secretary Josie Campa recommended to Council that the city do away with the practice of allowing contractors to use fire hydrants for water. She gave Council an example of a contractor using water for a paving project and that he was paying alot less than the price of acre foot of water. After discussion Alderman Dahler made the motion that Council prohibit the use of potable water from fire hydrants except for legitimate fire fighting and contractors. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR’S PUBLIC WORKS’ REPORT
Director of Public Works James McGrath reported to Council on the following items:
1-crew has completed 224 work orders since last meeting;
2-have fixed three 6-inch main breaks and a 2-inch main break and several 3/4 service breaks;
3-have installed one new gas service and five new water meters;
4-got park ready for Kids’ Day;
5-worked at Kids’ Day; and
6-new cathodic protection system was damaged by contractor and will have to be replaced.

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

The Chief told Council the department would be holding a fingerprinting program at H.E.B.

Chief Priest told Council that the first day of school went smooth.

He also told Council that the full-time position has not been filled yet.

CITY SECRETARY’S REPORT
The City Secretary asked Council if, they had any questions on her written report.

MAYOR’S REPORT
Alderman Dahler commended city staff for work on Kids’ Day. Mayor Pro-tem Gerry Elias also complimented the city staff and crew for Kids’ Day.
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CONSIDER OFFER OF COMPROMISE AND SETTLEMENT FROM EAST MEDINA COUNTY SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT CONCERNING TRANSFER OF CCN AND CONSIDER EDWARDS AQUIFER AUTHORITY’S RECOMMENDATION FOR COMPROMISE AND SETTLEMENT WITH CITY ON 2005 OVERPUMPING

Alderman Dahler made the motion to recall items #7 and #8 and that Council go into closed session as allowed by Chapter 551.071. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

Council went into closed session at 7:50 p.m. The meeting was reopened at 8:19 p.m.

Mayor Pro-tem Gerry Elias announced that Council had discussed items #7 and #8 with the City Attorney.

CONSIDER OFFER OF COMPROMISE AND SETTLEMENT FROM EAST MEDINA COUNTY SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT CONCERNING TRANSFER OF CCN

Alderman Dahler made the motion that Council enter into a settlement with the appropriate parties on the transfer of the CCN. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER EDWARDS AQUIFER AUTHORITY’S RECOMMENDATION FOR COMPROMISE AND SETTLEMENT WITH CITY ON 2005 OVERPUMPING

Mayor Pro-tem announced that the City Attorney would be working on this item. Alderman Cortez made the motion that Council table this item and have the attorney work on resolving this matter. Seconded by Alderman Dahler. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

[Signatures]
Mayor
City Secretary