Minutes of Regular Meeting held September 10, 2007

Regular meeting with the following present: Mayor Horace Fincher; Aldermen Mark Bowen, Jerry Stone, Erik Dahler, Rudy Hernandez; City Secretary Josie Campa; Director of Public Works James McGrath; City Attorney Tom Cate; Police Chief Richard Priest. Alderman Sam Cortez was absent.

Visitors: Velma Villegas, Tony Rendon, Zachry Kircus, William Adkins, Julio and Christina Inocencio, Reagon Clamon, Bobbie Lassiter, Chris Perez, Sam Parks, Bobby Roberts.

APPROVE MINUTES AND APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Alderman Hernandez made the motion that Council approve the minutes of the regular meeting held August 13th, and the special meetings on August 20th and the budget workshops held August 20th and August 27th, and payment of the bills, as presented.

CONSIDER REQUEST FROM SOUTHWEST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT TO CONDUCT A JOINT ELECTION FOR MAY 10, 2008 ELECTION

Southwest School District Superintendent Velma Villegas told Council that the legislature has forced school districts to share an election day polling place with a city that their district is in or the county. She said the district prefers to keep a May election and not have to go to a November election and asked Council for permission to use the City Hall for the May 10, 2008 election. After discussion, Alderman Stone made the motion that Council allow Southwest I.S.D. to hold their May 10, 2008 election at the Lytle City Hall and adopt the necessary ordinance and have the City Attorney write the ordinance in the right format. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER REQUEST FROM TONY RENDON TO REPLAT LOTS 16 AND 17 BLOCK 4 OF LAKE SHORE ESTATES

Tony Rendon explained to Council that a builder in Lake Shore has encroached on another lot and therefore, he is having to have lots 16 and 17 replatted to resolve this problem. He asked to approve his replat. Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council reject this replat and that it be sent to the City's engineer for review. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER REQUEST FROM GREATER LYTLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR CO-SPONSORSHIP MONIES FOR NEW VISITORS' GUIDE - REAGON CLOMON

Regon Clamon asked Council to consider sponsoring the annual visitors' guide for $1,000.00. Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council approve this request. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER CITY SERVICES SUCH AS UTILITIES, ROAD SERVICE AND POLICE - JULIO INOCENCIO

Julio Inocencio told Council that at the present time the residents on Ball Road only receive garbage and water service from the city. Mr. Inocencio told Council he hasn't seen any police on Ball Road for over a year and that there is no natural gas, or sewer available and there is a lack of road service. Mayor Fincher told Council and Mr. Inocencio that the road is a problem because it is an easement and BMA will not give the easement to the city. The Mayor also said that Mr. Roberts has removed city's road material from Ball Road because he says it is his property. Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council have the City Attorney talk to BMA's attorney about this problem to see what can be done to resolve this matter and the city have area surveyed to determine boundaries. Seconded by Alderman Dahler. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ADOPTING ORDINANCE TO INSTALL STOP SIGNS AND YIELD SIGNS IN LAKE SHORE ESTATES

Alderman Hernandez made the motion that Council adopt Ordinance No. 315. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF LIBRARY BUDGET FOR 2007-2008 FISCAL YEAR

Mayor Fincher recommended Council adopt the proposed budget for the library for the new fiscal year. Alderman Dahler made the motion that Council adopt the library's 2007-2008 budget. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER RATIFYING PROPERTY TAX INCREASE REFLECTED IN THE 2007-2008 BUDGET

Mayor Fincher told Council that a new law requires Council to ratify the property tax increase in the proposal budget. Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council ratify the tax levy increase in the budget. Seconded by Alderman Dahler. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ADOPTING OF 2007-2008 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

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CONSIDER ADOPTING OF 2007 TAX RATE
Alderman Stone made the motion that Council adopt a tax rate of $.34 per $100.00 valuation for 2007. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF DEPOSITORY CONTRACT WITH LYTLE STATE BANK

CONSIDER RENEWING CONTRACT WITH AMERICANA AMBULANCE
Mayor Fincher told Council that Americana Ambulance has agreed to the $4,000.00 per year increase as proposed in the budget. Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council renew the contract with Americana Ambulance for $40,000.00 a year. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Discussion. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ALLOWING PAYMENT OF INCOMING BILLS FROM THIS FISCAL YEAR’S BUDGET
Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council allow the City Secretary to pay incoming bills from this year’s budget. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS’ DIRECTOR’S REPORT
Director of Public Works James McGrath reported the following to Council:

1-new sewer machine is in;
2-284 work orders completed last month;
3-crew got park ready for Kids’ Day and worked that event;
4-seven small water leaks were fixed;
5-fire hydrant on Live Oak Street was hit;
6-unclogged three sewer stoppages last month;
7-installed four new water meters;
8-have been fixing potholes;
9-Railroad Commission will be here on 17th and 18th; and
10-will need to install sleeves on CR 681.

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

Chief Priest told Council he would need to be upgrading equipment due to a new State law.

CITY SECRETARY’S REPORT
City Secretary Josie Campa reviewed her written report with Council.

MAYOR’S REPORT
Mayor Fincher told Council FEMA came down to look at flooding problems, and will be back.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

[Signatures]
Mayor
City Secretary