Minutes of Regular meeting held September 11, 2006

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


APPROVE MINUTES AND APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS
Alderman Elias made the motion that Council approve the minutes of the regular meeting held August 14th and the special meetings held August 21st and 28th and budget workshop held August 28th and payment of the bills, as presented. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously.

HEAR FROM CITIZENS
Olga Sharer told Council she was a member of the Lytle Fruit and Vegetable Club and that the club is working at beautifying Lytle. She told of some of the things that the club has already done and some of the things they have planned for City Hall. She asked if the city could contact businesses to work at fixing up their places and keeping the weeds trimmed since this hampers their projects. Mayor Fincher told Mrs. Sharer that the city has an ordinance and can contact the property owners and told her if the project is on the city’s right-of-way to call in for work orders for Public Works’ to take care of the problem.

CONSIDER REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO TEMPORARILY BLOCK OFF EASY STREET DURING FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL GAMES-BRYAN BIPPERT
Bryan Bippert asked Council to consider allowing the school to blockade part of Easy Street during Friday night football games to make area safer for people attending games. After discussion, Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council grant Mr. Bippert’s request. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Discussion on coordinating this with Police Chief. Passed unanimously.

SPORT COMPLEX UPDATE AND ADDITION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS-ERNEST DAVILA
Ernest Davila told Council that they are wanting to enlarge the committee for th sport complex. Mayor Fincher asked Mr. Davila to give Council the names of thes people. Mr. Davila asked that the following be added to the Sports Complex committee: Franklin Wanjura, Jr., Tom Cate, Charles Collins, Hector Ramos, Georg Harris, Reagon Clamon, Rick White, Brad Boyd and Michelle Smith. Alderman Elias made the motion that Council appoint the above mentioned people to the Sport Complex committee. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

LYTLE YOUTH PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT-ERNEST DAVILA
Ernest Davila presented the annual report for the Lytle Youth Program to Council and reviewed some of the highlights with Council.

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF LIBRARY BUDGET FOR 2006-2007 FISCAL YEAR
Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council adopt the proposed library budget fo the 2006-2007 fiscal year. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF 2006-2007 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET
Alderman Elias made the motion that Council adopt the proposed budget for the 2006-2007 fiscal year. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF 2006 TAX RATE
Alderman Stone made the motion that Council set the 2006 tax rate at $.41 per $100.00 valuation. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.
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CONSIDER APPROVAL OF DEPOSITORY CONTRACT WITH LYTLE STATE BANK
Alderman Elias made the motion that Council approve the depository contract with Lytle State Bank. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO DROUGHT ORDINANCE
Alderman Elias made the motion that Council have the City Attorney get more sample drought ordinances for Council to use as a guide. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ACQUISITION OF MORE WATER RIGHTS
City Attorney Tom Cate told Council that he had talked to East Medina about more water rights and was told City of Schertz always has water for lease. He said a lawyer in Hondo has a list of clients that lease water. After discussion, Alderman Dahler made the motion that Council direct the City Attorney to try and get water leased for the city. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER CHAIN OF COMMAND
Alderman Dahler told Council he has some questions on how Public Works is being operated and wanted a clarification on the chain of command. After a lengthy discussion, Alderman Stone made the motion that Council go back to the original Chain of Command where the Public Works' Director answers to the City Secretary/Administrator for a ninety (90) day period and then reevaluate the situation. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.

CLOSED MEETING PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071 TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE-CONSULTANT WITH CITY ATTORNEY ABOUT PENDING LITIGATION
Mayor Fincher announced at 7:27 p.m. that Council would go into closed session as allowed by Chapter 551.071, Subchapter D of the Government Code. The meeting was reopened at 7:40 p.m. Mayor Fincher announced that Council had discussed pending litigation with the City Attorney. Alderman Dahler made the motion that Council authorized the City Attorney to fill the necessary paperwork on this case. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ALLLOWING PAYMENT OF INCOMING BILLS FROM THIS FISCAL YEAR’S BUDGET
Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council allow the payment of routine bills from this fiscal year’s budget. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS’ REPORT
Director of Public Works James McGrath reported on the following items:
1-164 work orders completed since last meeting;
2-fixed two water main breaks;
3-installed two new services;
4-worked one sewer clog up;
5-crew worked at Patriots’ Day program and did prep work that included painting gazebo;
6-lost an employee in July and one in August, so will be interviewing twelve applicants for these positions;
7-is getting price quote on the recycling system at the sewer plant and hope to have this completed by end of September;
8-siren on pole has been tested and is working;
9-siren sign will have to have a frame built before it can be installed; and
10-"children at play" signs will be installed soon.

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

The Chief told Council the department has had a busy month.

CITY SECRETARY’S REPORT
City Secretary Josie Campa reviewed her written report with Council and also reported on the following items:
1-September 11th program was held and even though the rain came halfway through the program;
2-Edward Aquifer Authority has declared Stage II due to Comal Springs not flowing;
3-police department represented City at Atascosa County’s Sesquicentennial Parade; and
4-street bids and hiring of Public Works’ employees will be on Special meeting agenda.
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MAYOR’S REPORT
Mayor Fincher reported to Council on the following items:
1- surgery he had has been very painful;
2- checked drainage project today where we got all the rain and it was working great;
3- will need to do some drainage work over on Mason Street;
4- September 11th program went well except for rain;
5- thanked Boy Scouts for flag raising at September 11th program, that showed up while he was giving his Mayor’s report.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

[Signatures]
Mayor
City Secretary