Minutes of Regular Meeting held May 8, 2017

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


CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Mayor Bowen opened the regular meeting at 6:31 p.m. and led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

VISITORS/CITIZENS’ COMMENTS
Ernest Kroeger presented a plaque to Alderman Kevin Keith on behalf of the VFW Post #12041.

Mayor Bowen presented plaques to outgoing Aldermen Ward Sanders and Kevin Keith. The Mayor thanked both men for all they did during their years on the Council.

Luke Priest told Council that there is graffiti at the park on the park playground equipment and said this takes away from the park experience for kids. Mayor Bowen told Mr. Priest that the city would have the park maintenance guy paint over this graffiti.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS
City Secretary added a bill from Decatur Electronics for $1,490.00 for police equipment. Alderman Keith made the motion that Council approve the minutes of the April 10th regular meeting and payment of the bills, as presented. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON RECOMMENDATION FROM THE MOBILE HOME COMMISSION ON REQUEST FROM JUAN F. PADILLA
Alderman Sanders made the motion that Council approve the recommendation from the Mobile Home Commission on the request from Juan Padilla. Seconded by Alderman Keith. Passed unanimously.
CONSIDER AND ACT UPON REQUEST FROM ATASCOSA COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT TO APPROVE RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY (THE PLEASANTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMPLEX) LOCATED AT 616 NORTH MAIN STREET, PLEASANTON, ATASCOSA COUNTY, TEXAS BY THE ATASCOSA COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT AS REQUIRED BY TEXAS TAX CODE 6.051 (B); FINDING SUCH ACTION IS TAKEN WITHIN THE TIME REQUIRED BY TEXAS TAX CODE 6.051 (B); ORDERING A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO BE PROVIDED TO THE CHIEF APPRAISER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE
Kim Faulk, Lytle’s representative on the Appraisal District’s Board of Directors asked Council to consider adopting the resolution approving the purchase of property for the appraisal district office. Alderman Keith made the motion that Council adopt this resolution. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON USE OF PARK FOR DAILY SCHEDULED WATER PLAY IN THE SUMMER (MONDAY-FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2017 THRU AUGUST 18, 2017, 2:30-3:30 P.M.) - VICTORIA GALLEGOS
Victoria Gallegos told Council that her group has teamed up with LYP to provide a Summer Day Camp for kids from Lytle I.S.D. She told Council that this program requires 60% of the program be outdoor activities and asked if they could use John Lott Park for water play activities that would include water balloons and sprinklers and no slip and slides. Park maintenance manager Wayne Newman voiced concern about kids using pavilion for water play and slipping, and suggested they use grassy area behind pavilion. Mrs. Gallegos gave Council more information on this program. Alderman Cortez made the motion that Council approve Mrs. Gallegos’ request to use the City Park for the Summer Camp program and have the City Attorney draw up an agreement. Seconded by Alderman Farmer. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON POTENTIAL SPONSORSHIPS FOR LYTLE I.S.D. STUDENTS IDENTIFIED AS “HIGH NEED” FOR SUMMER PROGRAM SERVICES - VICTORIA GALLEGOS
Victoria Gallegos told Council that the fee for the Summer Camp program is $75.00 per child and they are asking for potential sponsorships for Lytle I.S.D. students identified as “high need”. She told Council they are also asking businesses to contribute for this program. The City Attorney told Council that the city cannot donate, but this could be worked into the budget as recreation. Mayor Bowen told Mrs. Gallegos that they will look into this. No action was taken on this item.
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CONSIDER AND ACT UPON PROPOSED ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING APPROXIMATELY 5 1/2 ACRES IN THE CITY’S WATER CCN TO BENTON CITY WATER CORPORATION WITH ALL COSTS TO BE INCURRED BY EITHER OF BENTON CITY WATER CORPORATION AND/OR CAYETANO, OWNER OF LAS PALOMAS SUBDIVISION
City Attorney Tom Cate presented the proposed ordinance for relinquishing the part of the city’s water CCN to Benton City Water Corporation as requested by the owners of Las Palomas Subdivision. Mr. Cate told Council that this ordinance includes that all costs for this area to be incurred by the developer and Benton City Water Corporation. Alderman Stone made the motion that Council adopt this ordinance. Seconded by Alderman Keith. Passed unanimously.

Council took a short break at 7:27 p.m. and reconvened at 7:42 p.m.

Mayor Bowen introduced the three ladies that are owners and operators of the new Mexican Import business (Jardin de Mexico) located on Main Street.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF RACHEL FAISH
Mayor Bowen announced that Council would go into closed session at 7:47 p.m. as allowed by Chapter 551.074, Subchapter D of the Government Code. The meeting was reopened at 8:31 p.m. Mayor Bowen announced that no action was taken in the closed session. Alderman Sanders made the motion that a committee be formed to resolve this situation with the Animal Control Department. Seconded by Alderman Keith. Passed unanimously. Mayor Bowen told Council he would get this going as soon as possible for all departments.

Mayor Bowen asked Leader News Owner Natalie Spencer to introduce the new reporter. Marissa Martinez was introduced by Ms. Spencer.

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON ADOPTING RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A TXCDBG/HUD SECTION 3 POLICY TO IMPLEMENT THE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (TXCDBG) SECTION 3 REQUIREMENTS, WHICH, TO THE GREATEST EXTENT FEASIBLE, WILL PROVIDE JOB TRAINING, EMPLOYMENT AND CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SECTION 3 RESIDENTS AND SECTION 3 BUSINESSES OF THE AREAS IN WHICH THE PROGRAM/PROJECT IS BEING CARRIED OUT
Alderman Sanders made the motion that Council adopt the resolution establishing a TXCDBG/HUD Section 3 Policy. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO GET SPONSORS FOR LIGHTS AT CITY PARK BASEBALL FIELDS
Alderman Sam Cortez asked Council for permission to try and get sponsors for lights at the city’s baseball fields. Alderman Stone made the motion that Council grant permission to Alderman Cortez for this purpose. Seconded by Alderman Keith. Passed unanimously.
CONSIDER AND ACT UPON PROPOSED POLICY CHANGE TO ALLOW FOR OUT OF TOWN EMPLOYEES TO RENT COMMUNITY CENTER
City Secretary Josie Campa told Council that they had approved city employees using community center at last month’s meeting, but the fees were not clarified. After discussion, Alderman Farmer made the motion that the resident’s fee be charged to city employees when renting the community center. Seconded by Alderman Keith. Passed unanimously.

UPDATE ON PLANS AND GOALS
Council reviewed the present plans and goals with a power point presentation.

ANIMAL CONTROL DIRECTOR’S REPORT
Animal Control Director Betty Kroeger gave a power point presentation for her monthly report.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR’S REPORT
Cassandra Cortez, Library Director gave her monthly report with a power point presentation.

CODE COMPLIANCE OFFICER’S REPORT
Code Compliance Officer Scott Traeger told Council he met with an arborist, as per the Mayor to get a report on the Garcia property on Main Street.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR’S REPORT
James McGrath gave his Public Works’ Director’s monthly report with a power point presentation.

POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT
The Police Chief gave a power point presentation as his monthly report.

CITY SECRETARY’S REPORT
City Secretary Josie Campa gave her monthly report with a power point presentation.

MAYOR’S REPORT
Mayor Bowen told Council that Alderman-elect Ruben Gonzalez is working with Chick-Fil-A trying to build up numbers, so Lytle can get Chick-Fil-A here.

The Mayor told Council that Alderman-Elect Ruben Gonzalez has a wealth of knowledge and will be a huge help to city.

The Mayor told Council O’Reilly had finally opened at the end of April and they will be a huge asset to our city.

The Mayor thanked outgoing Alderman Ward Sanders and Kevin Keith and said they were valuable to Lytle.

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.