Minutes of Regular Meeting, September 14, 1998

Regular meeting with the following present: Mayor Horace Fincher; Aldermen Juan Garcia, Mark Bowen and Bennie Evans; City Secretary Josie Campa; Police Chief Kathy Ray; City Attorney Tom Cate; Director of Public Works Alfredo Aguina. Aldermen Gerry Elias and Louis Trouart were absent.


APPROVE MINUTES

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council approve the minutes of the public hearing on August 10th; the regular meeting, August 10th; the special meeting and budget workshop held August 17th; the special meeting and budget workshop held August 24th; the public hearings and special meeting held on September 7th; and the bills list, as presented. Seconded by Alderman Garcia. Passed unanimously.

HEAR FROM CITIZENS

Paul Lopez asked Council on the status of the street light for N. Pecan Street. Mayor told Mr. Lopez Council had approved this light and are waiting for a street number before ordering it.

CONSIDER SETTLEMENT OFFER ON RAMOS LAWSUIT - CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Fincher announced that due to the City Attorney's schedule, Council would go into closed session at 6:38 p.m. as allowed in Chapter 551.071, Subchapter D of the Government Code. The meeting was reopened at 7:05 p.m. Mayor announced that Council had discussed a settlement offer on the Ramos lawsuit with City Attorney during the closed session. No action was taken on this item.

CONSIDER BENEFITS AND SALARIES FOR LYTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT - FRANK HALL

This item was scratched from the agenda since Mr. Hall was not present.

CONSIDER REQUEST FROM COMMITTEE CONCERNING ADDITION TO COMMUNITY CENTER - WANDA YOAST

Wanda Yoast thanked Council for considering building for the Senior Citizens and said committee would like to oversee this project and work with the Councilmen that were on their committee, so that the Mayor and the City Secretary wouldn't be burdened with this building project.

Mrs. Yoast asked several questions about previous funding received from AACOG for the Co-op building and remodeling of City Hall. The Mayor and Council members had a lengthy discussion with members from the audience concerning the
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building of an annex to the community center. Mayor Fincher explained that since tax dollars will be used for this project, the Council will oversee this project. After further questions, no action was taken on this item.

CONSIDER ADOPTING ORDINANCE REFLECTING CHANGE IN ZONING FOR HORATIO GARCIA'S PROPERTY

Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council adopt Ordinance No. 231. Seconded by Alderman Evans. VOTE: For: Aldermen Bowen, Evans and Mayor Fincher, as Alderman Garcia abstained. Motion carried.

CONSIDER REQUEST FROM CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION TO USE BASEBALL FIELD AND RESTROOM FACILITIES AT CITY PARK FOR SOCCER PROGRAM

Chris Espinosa told Council that a new program has been started at the Catholic church for the kids and is open to all kids. He said they are presently using the old school’s football field for their soccer program, however, restrooms are not available. He explained the entire sports program to the Council and then requested the use of the big baseball field at the City Park for the soccer games held on weekends, in order to have restrooms available for the spectators and soccer players. Mr. Espinosa said they would be holding soccer games in September through October 31st, and that the organization would be responsible for upkeep of the ballfield, whether its mowing the grass, chalking the lines, picking up trash and cleaning the restrooms. After more discussion, Alderman Evans made the motion that Council approve Mr. Espinosa’s request and enter into a written agreement with the Catholic Youth Organization for use of the ballfields and facilities at the City Park for their soccer program. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.

Council took a short break at 7:55 p.m. and reconvened at 8:05 p.m.

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF THE 1998-1999 LIBRARY BUDGET


CONSIDER ADOPTION OF THE 1998-1999 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET


CONSIDER ADOPTION OF 1998 TAX RATE

Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council adopt Ordinance No. 233, setting the 1998 tax rate at $.46/$100.00 valuation. Seconded by Alderman Garcia. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVING DEPOSITORY CONTRACT WITH LYTLE STATE BANK

Alderman Evans made the motion that Council approve the depository contract with Lytle State Bank, as presented. Seconded by Alderman Garcia. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER RENEWING WRECKER SERVICE CONTRACT

Police Chief Kathy Ray told Council that Mike Gierisch had agreed to the same terms for the wrecker service contract as the previous year. Alderman Garcia made the motion that Council enter into a contract with Mike Gierisch for wrecker service. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER SERVICE CONTRACT WITH LYTLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Alderman Evans made the motion that Council approve the Fire Protection Service Contract with the Lytle Volunteer Fire Department. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER SERVICE CONTRACT WITH LYTLE VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICE


CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO MOBILE HOME COMMISSION

Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council appoint Jesse Camarillo to fill the vacancy on the Mobile Home Commission for the unexpired one-year term. Seconded by Alderman Garcia. Passed unanimously.
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CONSIDER RENEWING COMMUNITY SERVICE RESTITUTION AGREEMENT WITH THE 81ST AND 218TH JUDICIAL DISTRICTS
Alderman Evans made the motion that Council approve the Community Service Restitution agreement with the 81st & 218th Judicial Districts as written. Seconded by Alderman Garcia. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER HIRING OF PUBLIC WORKS' EMPLOYEES TO FILL VACANCIES
Public Works' Director Alfredo Aguinaga recommended Council hire Daniel Rios and Pedro Billalobos to fill the two vacancies in the Public Works' department. Alderman Garcia made the motion that Council hire Daniel Rios and Pedro Billalobos to fill the vacancies in the Public Works' department at minimum wage as per the Director's recommendation after they complete the physical and drug screen. Seconded by Alderman Evans. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ALLOWING PAYMENT OF INCOMING BILLS FROM THIS FISCAL YEAR'S BUDGET
City Secretary Josie Campa requested permission to pay some of the incoming bills from this fiscal year's budget. Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council allow the City Secretary to pay incoming bills from the 1997-1998 fiscal year's budget. Seconded by Alderman Evans. Passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT
Director of Public Works' Alfredo Aguinaga reported on the following items:
1 - well pump motor gave out past weekend and has been replaced;
2 - the old pump motor was taken in for repairs;
3 - Henry Soto and Hector Muniz tested for their "D" licenses in water; should know something in about seven (7) weeks;
4 - new street signs are being put up on Main Street;
5 - ditch digger is in for repairs;
6 - Case backhoe is in shop for repairs;
7 - have been patching streets, shredding and mowing;
8 - sewer and water samples have been good; and
9 - services for Pump house car wash have been installed.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT
Police Chief Kathy Ray reviewed her written report with the Council and reported that Chris Redman had resigned.

CITY SECRETARY'S REPORT
City Secretary Josie Campa told Council that she and two of the girls in the office attended a computer class at the school to assist them with the new computer system for the municipal court. Ms. Campa told Council she would like to see the City connected to the Internet as it is a valuable source of information.

MAYOR'S REPORT
Mayor Fincher told Council that bids will be obtained for improving Elisa and Newton Streets.

The Mayor told Council he had received a letter on the year 2000 conversion and asked them to review this letter for discussion in the near future.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

[Signatures]
Mayor
City Secretary