Minutes of Regular Meeting, September 16, 1999

Regular meeting with the following present: Mayor Horace Fincher; Aldermen Gerry Elias, Louis Trouart, Mark Bowen and Bennie Evans; City Secretary Josie Campa; Acting Police Chief Richard Priest; City Attorney Tom Cate. Alderman Garcia was absent.

Visitors: Lalo Gamboa, Scott Heath, Shannon Julian, Jennifer Powe, Chuck Ahrens, Julie Dunnavant, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Neagley, Monica Covarrubia, Joanna Benavides.

APPROVE MINUTES

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

City Secretary Josie Campa added bills from Skeeter Pilgrim and Attorney Tom Cate to original bill listing. Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council approve the minutes from the regular meeting August 9th; the budget workshop held August 16th; and the public hearings and special meeting held August 30th and payment of the bills, as presented. Seconded by Alderman Elias. Passed unanimously.

HEAR FROM CITIZENS

Alderman Evans thanked Acting Chief Richard Priest for the new decals on the police cars.

CONSIDER REQUEST FROM BEXAR MET WATER DISTRICT TO DECERTIFY PART OF LYTLE'S CCN - CHARLES AHRENS

Chuck Ahrens, representative for Bexar Met Water District, asked Council to consider decertifying part of the City's water certificate of convenience and necessity since Bexar Met has bought said area consisting of two hundred thirty-nine (239) acres from Kye Mask. He said TNRCC requires that Lytle decertify this area before Bexar Met can service it. After discussion, Alderman Elias made the motion that Council have the above mentioned area decertified from Lytle's CCN. Seconded by Alderman Evans. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER PROPOSAL FOR "LYTLE" NIGHT AT A SAN ANTONIO IGUANAS HOCKEY GAME

Shannon Julian, representative for the San Antonio Iguanas, asked Council to consider sponsoring a Lytle night at an Iguanas game and explained this opportunity for raising funds for a charity. After discussion, Alderman Evans made the motion that Council approve this request. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.
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PRESENTATION BY CITY PUBLIC SERVICE CONCERNING Y2K

Lalo Gamboa told Council that he has been assigned by City Public Service to serve Lytle in anything involving CPS. Scott Heath from City Public Service told Council that CPS is 100% convinced that they are ready for the year 2000. Mr. Heath gave Council a Year 2000 Readiness Project Status Presentation report and explained the report to Council.

CONSIDER LEASING OF GENERATORS IN PREPARATION FOR Y2K

Scott Heath from CPS told Council he feels the renting or leasing of generators for the City's wells is not necessary due to CPS's test results. Alderman Elias made the motion that the City not lease generators for the water wells. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF POLICE CHIEF KATHY RAY


CONSIDER ENTERING INTO AN INTERIM AUTHORIZATION WITHDRAWAL CONTRACT WITH EDWARDS AQUIFER AUTHORITY

After discussion, Alderman Evans made the motion that the City enter into an "Interim Authorization Withdrawal" contract with Edwards Aquifer Authority. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVING DEPOSITORY CONTRACT WITH Lytle STATE BANK

Alderman Trouart made the motion that Council renew the depository contract with Lytle State Bank. Seconded by Alderman Elias. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER RENEWING WRECKER SERVICE CONTRACT

Alderman Evans made the motion that Council renew the wrecker service contract with Mike's Garage. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER SERVICE CONTRACT WITH Lytle VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Alderman Elias made the motion that Council approve the new contract with the Fire Department. Seconded by Alderman Evans. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER SERVICE CONTRACT WITH Lytle VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICE

Alderman Evans made the motion that Council approve the newly revised contract with Lytle EMS. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER PURCHASE OF FLOW METER TO MEASURE INFUENT AT WASTEWATER FACILITY

Mayor Fincher told Council that a flow meter is needed for measuring influent to the sewer plant and that one would cost approximately $7,800.00. Alderman Elias made the motion that Council allow the purchase of this influent flow meter. Seconded by Alderman Evans. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER CARPORT FOR POLICE VEHICLES

Mayor Fincher told Council he had gotten a price from Kirk's Welding to move the police carport for $1,065.00. Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council approve the price quote from Kirk's Welding for moving the carport. Seconded by Alderman Elias. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ENTRANCE RAMP FOR CITY HALL BUILDING

Mayor Fincher told Council that he had gotten prices from three (3) contractors on the entrance ramp for City Hall and that Devora Construction was the lowest at $1,963.30. Alderman Elias made the motion that the Council approve Devora Construction to build the entrance ramp for City Hall for $1,963.30. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER LENGTH OF PROBATIONARY PERIOD FOR POLICE OFFICERS

After discussion, Alderman Elias made the motion that Council change the probationary period for the police officers from 9 months to 6 months. Seconded by Alderman Evans. Passed unanimously.

Council took a short break at 7:25 p.m. and reconvened at 7:37 p.m.

CONSIDER GROUP INSURANCE PLAN FOR CITY EMPLOYEES

After discussion, Alderman Elias made the motion that the City continue to use TML for the group insurance plan and to stay with the present plan. Seconded by Alderman Evans. Passed unanimously.
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CONSIDER CHANGING SIZE OF LYTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND SALARIES FOR POLICE OFFICERS
After discussion, Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council change the size of the police department from six officers to five officers. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF POLICE OFFICER FRANK REYES
Acting Chief Richard Priest recommended to Council that Frank Reyes be promoted to Corporal and be given $100.00 per month salary increase. Alderman Trouart made the motion that Council promote Frank Reyes to Corporal at Acting Chief Priest's recommendation and that he be given a $100.00 per month salary increase. Seconded by Alderman Elias. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER PROJECT FOR RC&D PROGRAM
Alderman Trouart made the motion that Council apply for funding through the RC&D program for an ambulance shed or library addition. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ALLOWING CITY SECRETARY TO ATTEND ELECTION SEMINAR
Alderman Elias made the motion that Council allow the City Secretary to attend the election seminar in December. Seconded by Alderman Evans. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO 1998-1999 BUDGET
City Secretary reviewed the proposed budget amendments with the Council. Alderman Evans made the motion that Council approve the amendments proposed for the 1998-1999 budget, as presented. Seconded by Alderman Elias. Passed unanimously.

DUE TO THE NUMEROUS BUDGET AMENDMENTS, A LIST WILL BE IN THE MINUTE ATTACHMENT FILE.

CONSIDER PAYMENT OF INCOMING BILLS FROM THIS FISCAL YEAR'S BUDGET
Alderman Bowen made the motion to allow the City Secretary to pay incoming September bills from the present fiscal year's budget. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT
Director of Public Works Alfredo Aguinaga was not present.

Mayor Fincher told Council that Mr. Aguinaga and the City crew were working on replacing a sewer line on Main Street and had already replaced part of the sewer main on Adams Street.

ACTING POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT
Acting Police Chief Richard Priest reviewed the written report with Council.

Mr. Priest told Council that the supplies, guns and rifles discussed previously had been purchased and that the department personnel have been qualified on these weapons.

Mr. Priest gave Council an update on the decals for the police vehicles.

The Acting Chief also told Council that he had purchased Halloween safety bags for a safety program for Lytle Elementary and the day cares in Lytle.

CITY SECRETARY'S REPORT
City Secretary Josie Campa told Council that there are parade entries for each Council member and asked Council members to pick up cars at Devine and get a driver for this event. She told Council they would be lining up at the Community Center parking lot.

MAYOR'S REPORT
Mayor Fincher reported on the following items:

1 - parade on Saturday has 97 entries;
2 - specs for Hwy. 132 water line will be started;
3 - annex building has been bricked;
4 - will hold a meeting with Mr. Worthey on the street paving project;
5 - siren on water tower will need to be worked on for disaster preparedness;
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MAYOR'S REPORT (CONT.)

6 - Lifesaver Train program will be held on October 24th and City of Lytle will receive 80 slots for this event;

7 - Sheriff's auction will be held next month and the two old police vehicles will be taken to this; and

8 - the Tourism Committee's New Year's Millennium Party will have Richard Hailey & the Neon Stars perform.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor

City Secretary