Minutes of Regular Meeting, October 9, 2000

Regular meeting with the following present: Mayor Horace Fincher; Aldermen Louis Trouart, Bennie Evans, Juan J. Garcia, Gerry Elias; City Secretary Josie Campa; Director of Public Works Alfredo Aguinaga; City Attorney Tom Cate; Police Chief Richard Priest. Alderman Mark Bowen was absent.

Visitors: Lou Ann Butler, Joan Speer, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Santos, Jerry Keenan, Julie Dunnavant, Sharon Bishop, Betty Jo Arredondo, Scott Russell, Mrs. Albert Martinez, Gabriel Garcia.

APPROVE MINUTES

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

City Secretary Josie Campa added the bill from Tom Cate to the bills list. This bill totaled $376.06. Alderman Garcia made the motion that Council approve the minutes of the regular meeting held September 11th, the minutes of the three public hearings held September 11th and the bills, as presented. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

HEAR FROM CITIZENS

Mayor Fincher told Council he had participated in the Somerset Homecoming Parade as they had requested and that magnetic signs would be ordered for future use in parades.

CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION FROM MOBILE HOME COMMISSION ON REQUESTS FROM ALBERT MARTINEZ AND MICHAEL SANTOS

A. After discussion, Alderman Garcia made the motion that Council approve the recommendation from the Mobile Home Commission on the request from Albert Martinez. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

B. After discussion, Alderman Garcia made the motion that Council approve the recommendation from the Mobile Home Commission on the request from Michael Santos. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Discussion. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER COMPLAINTS AND CONCERNS FROM PARK PLACE PROPERTY OWNERS ON PROPOSED MOBILE HOME SALES PROJECT

Mayor Fincher told Council that they were given letters from people in Park Place with concerns about the placement of a mobile home sales lot next to Park Place. Mayor Fincher told Council he doesn't feel the City has enough information to make a decision on this matter and recommended this item be turned over to the City Attorney for review, and then have the Attorney advise Council at the November Council meeting. Alderman Elias made the motion that Council get the City Attorney to research this item for the November meeting. Seconded by Alderman Evans. Discussion. Several residents from Park Place spoke and voiced their concerns and objections to the mobile home sales lot being proposed by Michael Santos. Property owners expressed concerns about placement of used mobile homes on this property. Mr. Santos told Council he does plan on having some used mobile homes on this property. After discussion, the motion was passed unanimously.

MEDIX - PRESENTATION ON AMBULANCE SERVICE

Medix personnel were not present, however, Mayor Fincher told Council that RLH is no longer serving Lytle and that Medix would be providing ambulance service for Lytle. He told them that Medix had hired an EMT from Lytle E.M.S. to help them make runs and show them where they are going.

CONSIDER LYTLE I.S.D.'S REQUEST FOR PAVING OF POCO STREET BETWEEN PRAIRIE AND N. BENTON STREETS

Mayor told Council that Aldermen Elias and Bowen were going to check on this item and that Alderman Bowen has been out of town a lot on his job and this had not been checked. The Mayor read the letter from Supt. Dr. Peter Cameron. After discussion, Council agreed to wait for Aldermen Elias and Bowen to look into this matter.
CONSIDER OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER
Mayor Fincher told Council that the Medina Valley Times had submitted circulation figures and rates. Lou Ann Butler submitted the same information for the Lytle Leader News. After review and discussion, Alderman Elias made the motion that Council appoint the Lytle Leader News as the City's official newspaper for the next year. Seconded by Alderman Evans. Passed unanimously.

Council took a short break at 7:34 p.m. and reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

CONSIDER LOW LEVEL ALARM FOR CITY’S WATER SYSTEM
Mayor Fincher told Council that he had talked to an electrician about installing low level alarms on the City's water system and said this would cost approximately $2,509.00. After discussion, Alderman Garcia made the motion that Council approve the installation of this low level alarm system. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER EAA’S PROPOSED INTERIM AUTHORIZATION WITHDRAWAL CONTRACT
Mayor Fincher recommended to Council that the City not enter into an "Interim Authorization Withdrawal" contract with the Edwards Aquifer Authority. Alderman Garcia made the motion that the Council not approve the "Interim Authorization Withdrawal" contract with EAA. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ADOPTING ORDINANCE CONCERNING ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN TYPES OF LANDSCAPE WATERING
Mayor Fincher recommended to Council that they have an ordinance drawn up calling for additional restrictions for landscape watering. After discussion, Alderman Elias made the motion that Council have the City Attorney write an ordinance calling for additional restrictions for certain types of landscape watering. Seconded by Alderman Garcia. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ADVERTISING FOR BIDS ON STREET IMPROVEMENTS
Mayor Fincher recommended to Council that they call for bids on improvements for the previously mentioned City streets and said he would like to add the following streets:

1. S. Benton from Hwy. 132 to Magnolia;
2. D'Hanis Street from Adams Street to end;
3. N. Benton from Laredo to Lake Street; and
4. Oak Street from Prairie Street to Somerset Street.

The Mayor told Council he feels the City has enough budgeted to do all these streets. Alderman Garcia asked Council to consider adding Houston Street from N. Prairie to N. Benton Street. After discussion, Alderman Garcia made the motion that all the streets previously mentioned and above mentioned be included when advertising for bids. Seconded by Alderman Elias. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ADVERTISING FOR BIDS ON NEW CASE BACKHOE
Council discussed calling for bids on a new Case backhoe. Alderman Elias made the motion that Council authorize advertising for bids on a new Case backhoe. Seconded by Alderman Evans. Vote - For - Aldermen Elias, Evans and Garcia. Alderman Trouart was opposed. Motion carried.

CONSIDER PURCHASING NEW POLICE VEHICLE
Police Chief Richard Priest told Council that the police department can get a police car from Houston Galveston COG for $19,181.00 or for $20,908.11 with emergency police interceptor options. He said that he could also get a fully equipped vehicle for $28,000.00. After discussion, Alderman Evans made the motion that Council authorize the Police Chief to order a new police car from HGAC. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER CELLULAR PHONE FOR ON-CALL DUTY PERSONNEL
Mayor Fincher recommended to Council that they consider getting a cellular phone for on-call duty personnel and that rules and regulations be written for the use of said cell phone. After discussion, Alderman Garcia made the motion that Council approve the Mayor's recommendation. Seconded by Alderman Evans. Passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS’ REPORT
Director of Public Works' Alfredo Aguinaga reported on the following items:

1. water leaks have been repaired;
2. shredding and patching have been done;
3. auction items are being separated;
4. siren coil starter points have been replaced;
5. replaced contact relays for booster pump station;
6. cathodic protection on gas system being done;
7. shop is being cleaned; and
8. inventory being taken.

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

Chief Priest told Council he has appointed Officer Santos Ramirez as investigator on several pending cases.

The Chief asked Council for comments concerning the Police Department.
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CITY SECRETARY'S REPORT
City Secretary Josie Campa reviewed her written report with Council and reported on the following:

1 - 1999-2000 budget overview - all funds did well, but the general fund did exceptionally well;
2 - savings in each fund are higher than the previous year;
3 - bids on elevated tank repainting project will be opened October 19th;
4 - bids for new sewer plant will be opened on November 15th and Council will probably award this at a special Council meeting to be held November 20th; and
5 - Natalia has invited our Council and Mayor to participate in their Veterans' Day festivities.

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

1 - will be advertising in October for bids on sewer plant; will hold special meeting November 20th to award bid; construction should start December 15, 2000 and end December 15, 2001;
2 - read difference in his utility bill between September and October;
3 - mariachi concert at center on October 21st;
4 - restrooms at park pavilion look beautiful;
5 - 3 out of 4 basketball nets at park are gone already;
6 - will make City's grant presentation at AACOG on November 9th;
7 - siren being a problem when it rains; is having phone company check it out; and
8 - roof leaking at Community Center again; Kirk Jackson is checking this out.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

[Signatures for Mayor and City Secretary]