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


APPROVE MINUTES AND APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS
Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council approve the minutes of the public hearing and regular meeting held on September 11th and the special meeting held September 18th and payment of the bills be approved as presented. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously.

HEAR FROM CITIZENS
Margaret Trouart asked Alderman Stone if he would present the items she had talked to him about for the museum. Mr. Stone said Mrs. Trouart had talked about having a raffle as a money making project for the museum. Mrs. Trouart was told this did not have to be on the agenda since Council had told the Museum Board that they could hold fund raisers while they are waiting to hear about the grant.

CONSIDER REQUEST FROM ALLEN BOHLEN, PUMPHOUSE CAR WASH TO AMEND NEW WATER RATES FOR USAGE IN EXCESS OF 75,000 GALLONS MONTHLY
Allen Bohlen owner of the Pumphouse Car Wash told Council he was very concerned with the water rate increase in Lytle, because he would have to pass this cost on to the consumer and won’t be able to stay competitive. He told Council he has looked at a recycling system but it is cost prohibitive. The Mayor and Council told Mr. Bohlen the reason for the increase. Mr. Bohlen asked Council if they would consider looking at the water rates once again. After more discussion, Alderman Cortez made the motion that Council consider Mr. Bohlen’s request at the October 30th meeting. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously.
CONSIDER ADOPTING ORDINANCE AGAINST BARS, X-RATED VIDEO AND BOOK STORES AND MASSAGE PARLORS WITHIN LYTLE CITY LIMITS—BEVERLY MCCUNE

Beverly McCune told Council she had talked to the Mayor about this item. Mrs. McCune addressed the Council about prohibiting bars, x-rated video and book stores to try to keep Lytle a nice town. Mrs. McCune told Council she would like to see an ordinance to prevent riffraff from coming in to Lytle. Mayor Fincher told Mrs. McCune that the City’s attorney will have to look into this matter before Council can take any action. Council agreed to have the attorney check on this item for the next regular meeting. No action was taken.

CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION URGING THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS TO STRONGLY ENFORCE THE U.S. IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT

Mayor Fincher told Council that the City of Farmers Branch is wanting Lytle to adopt a resolution urging the President and Congress to strongly enforce the U.S. Immigration and Nationality Act. Alderman Bowen asked Mayor if the Council could look into this matter for next month. Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council put this item on the next month’s regular agenda. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ANNEXATION REQUEST FROM TONY RENDON FOR THIRTY-FIVE (35) ACRES

Mayor Fincher told Council that we have never heard back from Mr. Rendon on whether he is going to purchase the thirty-five acres and that we need to give him a time limit so that the city can proceed with annexing the properties that have requested it. Alderman Stone made the motion that Council have the Mayor talk to Mr. Rendon about this matter and then bring it back to Council. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER REQUEST FOR VARIANCE ON 1.6 ACRE CORNER OF IH 35 AND FM 3175—JAMES HARSHMAN

James Harshman gave Council copies of a plat showing his property at the intersection of FM 3175 and IH 35 and asked them to consider granting a variance since the 20 foot setbacks were not originally set for this piece of property. Mayor Fincher recommended Council grant this request. Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council grant the variance for Mr. Harshman. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO LIBRARY BOARD

City Secretary Josie Campa told Council that the terms of Library Board members Ruble Farmer, Ruby Burns and Donna Hendrick were up and that they all have agreed to serve another term. Alderman Cortez made the motion that Council reappoint Ruble Farmer, Ruby Burns and Donna Hendrick to the Library Board for another term. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER SERVICE CONTRACT WITH FIRE DEPARTMENT

Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council approve the contract with the Fire Department for the next year. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF JESSICA GONZALES

City Secretary Josie Campa recommended to Council that Jessica Gonzales’ probationary period be extended six months. Alderman Stone made the motion that Council extend Jessica Gonzales’ probation another six months. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS’ REPORT

Director of Public Works’ James McGrath reported to the Council on the following items:

1-crew worked on 212 work orders last month;
2-a solenoid valve was installed on well #2, so that it will only come on for a few minutes to lubricate the well and this should save us several acre feet of water per year;
3-company coming this week to work on recirculation system at sewer plant, which will save city 10-12 acre feet of water per year;
4-crew did two water taps last month;
5-prepared Laredo Street for paving project;
6-Laredo and N. Benton Street were repaved and company did a great job;
7-crew marked school zones and crossing after repaving project;
8-crew fixed four water leaks past month; and
9-two gas leaks were also fixed.
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POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT
Police Chief Richard Priest reviewed his written report with Council.

CITY SECRETARY'S REPORT
City Secretary Josie Campa asked Council if they had any questions on her written report.

The City Secretary told Council the City had a really good fiscal year for 2005-2006 and that all the funds did well.

The City Secretary told Council that the city would be hosting a "Public Awareness" Program to meet Railroad Commission regulations in the near future and she will let them know when it will be held.

MAYOR'S REPORT
Mayor Fincher told Council that the company that repaved the streets did a heck of a good job.

The Mayor told Council there are two projects that Public Works will need to be working on and they are drainage at the sewer plant and the reconstruction of the N. Prairie intersection with FM 2790 and Lake Street.

The Mayor told Council he would talk to Mr. Rendon about his annexation request tomorrow.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Mayor

City Secretary