

Minutes of Special Meeting held September 18, 2017

Special meeting with the following present: Mayor Mark Bowen; Aldermen Jerry Stone, Ruble Farmer, Jamie Dahler, Sam Cortez; City Secretary Josie Campa; Animal Control Director Betty Kroeger; Director of Public Works James McGrath; Library Director Cassandra Cortez. Alderman Ruben Gonzalez was absent.

Visitors: Gabriel Romero, Ernie Kroeger, John Garza.

Mayor Bowen opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CONSIDER AND ACT UPON RENEWAL OF DEPOSITORY CONTRACT WITH LYTLE STATE BANK**

Alderman Stone made the motion that Council approve the depository contract renewal with Lytle State Bank. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER AND ACT UPON RATIFYING PROPERTY TAX REVENUE INCREASE REFLECTED IN PROPOSED 2017-2018 BUDGET**

Alderman Cortez made the motion that Council ratify the \$47,500.00 increase reflected in the proposed 2017-2018 budget. Seconded by Alderwoman Dahler. Passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER AND ACT UPON ADOPTION OF PROPOSED 2017-2018 BUDGET**

Alderman Stone made the motion that Council adopt the proposed 2017-2018 budget. Seconded by Alderman Farmer. Passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER AND ACT UPON ADOPTION OF 2017 PROPERTY TAX RATE**

Alderman Cortez made the motion that Council adopt the proposed tax rate of \$ 0.39 per \$100.00 valuation. Seconded by Alderman Farmer. Passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER AND ACT UPON ADOPTING ORDINANCE INCREASING WATER RATES AS APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL FOR THE PROPOSED 2017-2018 BUDGET**

Alderwoman Dahler made the motion that Council adopt the proposed increases to the water rate tiers. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER AND ACT UPON BIDS RECEIVED FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT LIFT STATION REHABILITATION**

After review of the bids received on the sewer plant's lift station rehabilitation, Alderman Stone made the motion that the bid of \$224,100.00 for R.P. Constructors be approved. Seconded by Alderman Farmer. Passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER AND ACT UPON PROPOSALS RECEIVED FOR "I T" SERVICES FOR CITY DEPARTMENTS**

City Secretary Josie Campa told Council that she and Alderman Gonzalez had talked to two companies about "I T" services and that Frontera Concepts had given a price that was slightly lower than the proposal submitted by Computer Solutions. After discussion, Alderman Farmer made the motion that Council approve the proposal from Frontera Concepts for \$26,975.00. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER AND ACT UPON PROPOSAL FOR WATER TOWER REPAIRS**

Alderman Stone made the motion that Council approve the proposal from Utility Service Company for \$5,500.00 to fix the leak on the water tower. Seconded by Alderman Farmer. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.