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.


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

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.