Minutes of Workshop held January 22, 2018

Workshop held with the following present: Mayor Mark Bowen; Aldermen Jerry Stone, Ruble Farmer, Jamie Dahler, Ruben Gonzalez, Sam Cortez; City Secretary Josie Campa.

Visitors: Jared Niermann, Philip Ruiz, Rudy Ruiz, Daniel Rios, Alex Sawicki, Wayland Simmons, Daniel Medina.

Mayor Bowen opened the workshop and turned the meeting over to Philip and Rudy Ruiz.

City Secretary Josie Campa introduced the Zoning Commission members to Council members and the consultants.

Rudy Ruiz gave a power point presentation on impact fees and why they are necessary, especially for a small city.

The City Secretary told Council that the current impact fees are: $900.00 for water and $750.00 for sewer per living unit and that if a resident or business requests a larger water meter then larger impact fees are required as per an AWWA formula. The City Secretary told Council that impact fees can also be set for streets, but Council had chosen to not have these last time.

Mr. Ruiz told Council he has been working on a land use survey and population projections for this study. Jared Niermann, TRC engineer told Council that TRC had done the impact fee study in the past, and he has been working on changes along with the Ruiz brothers.

Rudy Ruiz told Council and Zoning Commission members that public hearings would need to be held before Council can adopt new impact fees and said they can come in and review the map he brought before the next meeting. Mr. Ruiz told Council that these fees protect the citizens of Lytle and the Council members serve as the city’s gatekeepers. Mr. Ruiz encouraged Council members to look at enacting an impact fee for roads, too.

Mayor Bowen thanked the Zoning Commission members for attending the workshop, and looking at what direction the city wants to go in. He also encouraged them to look at Mr. Ruiz’ map for the next meeting.

Workshop was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.