Minutes of Regular Meeting, November 9, 1998

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

Visitors: Joan Speer, Esfrael Carrillo, Sharlene & Bill Morneau, John Devaney, Julie Dunnavant, Juan Garcia, Jr.

APPROVE MINUTES

APPROVE PAYMENTS OF BILLS

City Secretary Josie Campa added two bills to bills list - Tom Cate-$644.99 & Paradigm CAD-$1,499.00. Alderman Trouart made the motion that Council approve the minutes of the October 12th regular meeting and the bills list, as presented. Seconded by Alderman Elias. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER REQUEST FROM LYTLE YOUTH PROGRAM FOR USE OF CITY PARK BALLFIELDS & FACILITIES FOR 1999 SEASON - JOHN DEVANEY

John Devaney requested the Council approve renewal of the lease agreement with the Lytle Youth Program from February 1, 1999 through August 31, 1999. Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council enter into said lease agreement with the Lytle Youth Program. Seconded by Alderman Evans. Passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF COMMERCIAL PLANS & PROJECTIONS FOR RESTAURANT - JOAN SPEER & ESFRAEL CARRILLO

Jaan Speer & Esfrael Carrillo showed sketches of preliminary plans for a project on Horatio Garcia's property. Mr. Carrillo handed out brochures for Rillo's Restaurant and discussed his plans with Council.

DISCUSSION ON BEING IN CITY LIMITS - DELNITA LEVEL

This item was scratched from the agenda.

CONSIDER RENEWAL OF PARK MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS

Alderman Trouart made the motion that the park maintenance contracts be renewed as presented. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER PURCHASE OF RADIOS FOR CIVIL DEFENSE

After discussion, Alderman Elias made the motion that Council purchase three new radios for civil defense department at $650.00 each and that the budget be amended accordingly. Seconded by Alderman Evans. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ADOPTING WATER CONSERVATION ORDINANCE

After discussion, Alderman Evans made the motion that Council adopt Ordinance No. 234. Seconded by Alderman Elias. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ADOPTING ORDINANCE FOR CITY'S OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

Alderman Trouart made the motion that Council adopt Ordinance No. 235. Seconded by Alderman Evans. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ATASCOSA/MCMULLEN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

After discussion, Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council adopt the resolution supporting the Atascosa County Community College. Seconded by Alderman Elias. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER CHANGING POLICIES REGARDING DEPOSITS FOR USING COMMUNITY CENTER & DUE DATE OF FEES FOR COMMUNITY CENTER

City Secretary Josie Campa told Council the problems with receiving checks for deposits & fees for the community center at such a late date and recommended money orders be accepted if less than two weeks prior to use of center and for deposits. Alderman Elias made the motion that Council require money orders be given by people for deposit for center and that money orders also be required if payment of center fees is less than two weeks prior to event. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

REVIEW PLANS FOR COMMUNITY CENTER ANNEX & CONSIDER ADVERTISING FOR BIDS ON SAID PROJECT

Council reviewed the plans presented for the Community Center annex. Alderman Evans made the motion that Council advertise for bids for this project. Seconded by Alderman Elias. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER HIRING PUBLIC WORKS' EMPLOYEE

After discussion, Alderman Elias made the motion that Council advertise to fill the vacancy in the Public Works department. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.
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CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF ALICE PEREZ
City Secretary Josie Campa recommended Alice Perez be hired as a regular employee and be given a $.50 per hour increase in salary and all City benefits. Alderman Trouart made the motion to accept the City Secretary's recommendation and hire Alice Perez as a regular City employee with all City benefits and a $.50 per hour salary increase. Seconded by Alderman Evans. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER OVERALL COMPENSATION FOR CITY EMPLOYEES:
Alderman Elias made the motion that Council approve the overall compensation as budgeted. Seconded by Alderman Evans. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER CANCELLING REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING IN DECEMBER DUE TO CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS & ALLOWING BILLS TO BE PAID
Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council cancel the regular Council meeting in December due to the Christmas holidays and that the City Secretary be allowed to pay the bills. Seconded by Alderman Elias. Passed unanimously.

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

1 - water line extended to new water line;
2 - gas also extended to car wash;
3 - had a water main break at H.E.B.;
4 - fire hydrant near Long & Associates is leaking and will have to be repaired;
5 - had sewer stoppages due to weather;
6 - survey crew shot elevations on both water towers;
7 - nothing back on soil samples for elevation project;
8 - water line broken by fiber optic crew;
9 - both Elisa & Newton Streets are ready to be topped;
10 - James Bradley put on reserve to go to Bosnia;
11 - James Bradley working animal control now;
12 - Houston Street water line will be worked on during regular days and with overtime; and
13 - NPDES permit violations have been noted by EPA and City will need to work on correcting these problems.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT
Chief Ray reviewed her written report with Council, and said applications to fill the vacancies are still being accepted.

CITY SECRETARY'S REPORT
City Secretary Josie Campa reported on the following items:

1 - auditors will be here following week;
2 - James Bradley on call by reserves to go to Bosnia and is taking rabies pre-exposure vaccinations for animal control;
3 - sales tax for October was $17,742.67, more than $7,000.00 compared to last year's October total;
4 - finally got program from Office of Court Administration for Municipal Court and will start using this in January;
5 - Municipal Services Bureau will start work to collect warrants for City; and
6 - covered patio at park completed.

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

1 - will need to start work on items listed in impact study in January;
2 - will need to get prices on gas operated power unit for electrical outages to prepare for next year;
3 - need to get prices on back up motor for Well #3;
4 - Tourism Committee had bandstand built at City Park;
5 - Christmas decorations are being put up; FFAI helping with this project;
6 - Christmas lighting ceremony will be held November 28 at 7:00 p.m. in front of City Hall; Santa Claus will make an appearance and a hayride held;
7 - Polinsettia show line-up looks really good and read entertainment available out loud;
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MAYOR'S REPORT (CONT.)

8 - reported that lights for park pavilion will cost about $500.00;

9 - commended police and public works departments for work done during rainstorm in October; and

10 - said City had a good year and thanked Council for their efforts.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

[Signatures]
Mayor
City Secretary