Minutes of Regular Meeting held November 10, 2008

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

Visitors: Johnathan Bowen, Beau Perry, Brad Boyd, Bubba Light, Johnny Rodriguez, Julio Inocencio, Franklin Wanjura, Jim Becker, Tim Noonan, Sam Parks, Bobbie Lassiter, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Haney, Lisa Ponce, Bobby Roberts, Peter Bhakta.

APPROVE MINUTES AND APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Alderman Dahler made the motion that Council approve the minutes of the regular meeting held October 13th and payment of the bills, as presented. Seconded by Alderman Hernandez. Passed unanimously.

HEAR FROM CITIZIENS

Johnny Rodriguez, from the Lytle V.F.W. Post requested permission to place a sign at Veterans Park. Mr. Rodriguez also asked if a small plaque could be placed by the memorial to tell who built it. Mayor Bowen said both were good ideas and would be placed on the agenda.

Mr. Rodriguez told Council that the V.F.W. Post would like to erect memorials like in Natalia. Mr. Rodriguez said the post would like to see the park upgraded and made more presentable.

CONSIDER ENGINEER’S STUDY ON EXTENSION OF UTILITIES FOR MOTEL 6

Beau Perry told Council that he had gotten a cost estimate from researching the old plans, and said the engineer could be ready in (60) sixty days. Mr. Perry answered questions in the study made for extending utilities for the Motel 6, and said the estimate for the extensions is $575,000.00. After a lengthy discussion, Alderman Hernandez made the motion that no action be taken on this item at this time. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER PROPOSAL FROM TRC FOR DRAINAGE ISSUE ON WHITE CAP DRIVE

Beau Perry explained the options for correcting the drainage problem on White Cap Drive, and answered questions from Council. Mr. Perry told Council they recommend a culvert be installed and that the cost would be about $15,000.00. Alderman Dahler made the motion that Council approve the recommendations from TRC for repairing drainage problem on White Cap Drive. Seconded by Alderman Hernandez. Discussion. Passed unanimously.

JULIO INOCENCIO—STATUS OF BALL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Julio Inocencio asked Council about Ball Road improvements. Alderman Dahler told Mr. Inocencio that some work has already been done on Ball Road. Mayor Bowen told Mr. Inocencio that the grader will be fixed and will be used on Ball Road.

CONSIDER IMPROVEMENTS TO BALL ROAD—ALDERMAN ERIK DAHLER

Alderman Dahler talked to Council about what can be done for Ball Road now that the city knows about the easement. He asked about going out for bids next year and said he knew it would be doubtful if we can do it all due to prices for seal coat-overlay. Mr. Dahler asked Council to consider a temporary solution to keep dust down. Council discussed seal coating prices and agreed to allow the Mayor and Alderman Dahler to get a better figure for such a project. No action was taken on this item.

CONSIDER REQUEST FROM LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD FOR VACATION LEAVE FOR PERMANENT PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

City Secretary Josie Campa explained the request from the Library Advisory Board. Alderman Rudy Hernandez made the motion that Council grant the vacation time to the temporary part-time employees of the library for this year and have the salary committee review this matter for the future. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER INSTALLATION OF PENDANT LIGHTS AT PARK ENTRANCE ON ADAMS STREET

Lisa Ponce from CPS explained the pendant light project for the park entrance on Adams Street and said there could be a cost to the city for as much as $5,000.00 due to the railroad and the lights would have to be across the street. After discussion, Alderman Dahler made the motion that Council authorize Alderman Hernandez to work with CPS and submit proposals to Council and not do the pendant lights on Adams Street. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously.
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DISCUSS AND APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH EAST MEDINA COUNTY SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT (EMCSUD) FOR TRANSFER OF CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY (CNN) FROM EMCSUD TO CITY OF LYTLE
Alderwoman Dahler made the motion that Council approve the agreement with East Medina subject to the City Attorney's approval. Seconded by Alderman Sanders. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER OFFER FROM CLYDE HAAK TO SELL EDWARDS' WATER RIGHTS TO CITY
After discussion, Alderman Hernandez made the motion that Council move forward with the offer from Mr. Haak and City Attorney work out the terms and deal. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously.

Council took a short break at 7:50 p.m. and reconvened at 8:10 p.m.

CONSIDER PLANS FOR NEW ANIMAL SHELTER/KENNELS
Alderman Sanders told Council that the Advisory Committee feels it is time to get official plans for the shelter and said the plans would cost $800.00. Mr. Sanders said they have looked at different areas for the animal shelter and feel FM 2790 North would be the best location. After more discussion Alderman Hernandez made the motion that Council allow Alderman Sanders to get the plans for the animal shelter for up to $1,200.00. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER PROPOSALS FOR CODIFYING CITY ORDINANCES
City Secretary Josie Campa told Council she would like for City Attorney to look at the proposals to determine what is needed and that due to the election, Mr. Cate was not available. No action was taken on this item.

CONSIDER WEBSITE FOR CITY
Alderman Sanders told Council that he and the City Secretary had met with the school people and gather a lot of good advice for the city's website. He said he had checked other cities' web sites and a lot of the cities use Civic Plus.

After discussion, Alderman Stone made the motion that the city check with Civic Plus for the website, and report back to Council. Seconded by Alderman Dahler. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER RENEWAL OF PARK MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS
City Secretary Josie Campa told Council that the Galicia Park maintenance contract would remain the same and that Daniel Gallegos had given a price of $650.00 a month for the main park. After discussion, Alderman Hernandez made the motion that Council put the main park's contract out for bid again. Seconded by Alderman Sanders. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER LEASING TWENTY-FIVE ACRES BY WELL #3 TO DAVID NAEGELIN
Mayor Bowen told Council since the city mowed the twenty-five acres he has been asked about leasing the property for farming and keeping the property clean. The Mayor told Council that David Naegelin had offer to pay the city $250.00 a year for using said property. After discussion, Alderman Stone made the motion that Council approve this proposal and have the City Attorney draw up the written agreement. Discussion. Motion was modified to include that a termination clause of (60) sixty days be included in this agreement in case animal shelter space is needed. Seconded by Alderman Sanders. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER BRUSH PICK-UP AND INCREASING GARBAGE RATES TO PAY FOR ADDITIONAL BRUSH PICK-UP SERVICE
City Secretary Josie Campa explained the need to increase the garbage rates to help defray the cost of having brush picked up. Alderman Stone made the motion that Council increase the garbage rates $.50 cents a month effective January 1st to help defray the cost of having brush picked up. Seconded by Alderman Dahler. Discussion on procuring someone to handle brush. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF MORRIS R. (BUBBA) COLLINS
Mayor Bowen told Council that a few months ago they had discussed increasing Bubba Collins' salary since he does a lot of mechanic work. The Mayor asked that Mr. Collins be given a $1.00 per hour increase. Alderman Hernandez made the motion to increase Bubba Collins salary $1.00 per hour. Seconded by Alderman Sanders. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER HIRING OFFICE EMPLOYEE
City Secretary Josie Campa recommended to Council that Paola Rios be hired at $8.00 per hour due to duties she will have. Alderman Hernandez made the motion that Council hire Paola Rios for the office position at $8.00 per hour. Seconded by Alderman Sanders. Passed unanimously.
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CONSIDER OVERALL COMPENSATION FOR CITY EMPLOYEES
Alderman Hernandez made the motion that Council grant the overall compensation for the city employees, as budgeted. Seconded by Alderman Sanders. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER CANCELING DECEMBER REGULAR MEETING DUE TO HOLIDAYS AND ALLOWING BILLS TO BE PAID
Alderman Dahler made the motion that Council cancel the December Council meeting and allow the bills to be paid. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT
Director of Public Works James McGrath reported the following:
1-165 work orders were completed;
2-2 new water meters installed;
3-6 small water leaks fixed;
4-2 angle stops replaced;
5-2 gas leaks repaired;
6-1 gas service line repaired;
7-found problem with cathodic protection on FM 2790 N.;
8-12 applications received will be reviewed; and
9-valve not installed yet since we didn’t get a bid from a contractor, will try to find a contractor.

POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT
Police Chief Richard Priest told Council his report was for informational purpose only and reviewed the report with Council.

CITY'S SECRETARY’S REPORT
City Secretary reviewed her report with Council and said no action was required.

MAYOR’S REPORT
Mayor Bowen reported on the following:
1-TxDot hearing at center on November 13th;
2-Christmas Hayride will be held on first Saturday of December;
3-read thank you from Atascosa County Judge Diana Bautista;
4-5-year plan being worked on;
5-will reach out to citizens for what they want for Lytle;
6-thank Council for their hard work for the betterment of the city.

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Mark Bowen
Mayor

Jolie Campos
City Secretary