Minutes of Regular Meeting held November 11, 2002

Regular meeting with the following present: Mayor Horace Fincher; Aldermen Mark Bowen, Juan Garcia, Erik Dahler; City Secretary Josie Campa; Police Chief Richard Priest; Director of Public Works Alfredo Aquinaga. Aldermen Charles Bushart & Gerry Elias were absent.


APPROVE MINUTES & APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS
Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council approve the minutes from the public hearing and regular meeting held October 14th and payment of the bills as presented. Seconded by Alderman Dahler. Passed unanimously.

HEAR FROM CITIZENS
Alderman Bowen told Council about attending the Vietnam Wall programs at Natalia and thanked Alderman Dahler for his assistance with this assignment.
Mayor Fincher told Council he had attended a Veterans’ Day program at the elementary school. Alderman Garcia reported to Council that he had talked to TxDOT to get more information on the sidewalk grant and that the city doesn’t qualify at this time, so he will not be pursuing a grant at this time.

CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MOBILE HOME COMMISSION ON REQUESTS FROM KRISTINE DIXON AND EDWARD DIAZ
Alderman Garcia made the motion that Council approve both recommendations from the Mobile Home Commission. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.
Alderman Dahler suggested Council hold a work session concerning mobile homes. Mayor Fincher said Council could hold a workshop in January.

CONSIDER REQUEST FROM TOP GUN TELECOM TO PLACE ANTENNAS ON CITY WATER TOWER (S)
Mayor Fincher asked Alderman Dahler on information concerning this request. Alderman Dahler told the Mayor and Council that he doesn’t know how marketable water towers are and he would like to see the city get the best deal on this.
Kurt Mullen, President of Top Gun Telecom told Council that his company deals with wireless broadband internet service in smaller cities and deployment are lower. Mr. Mullen told Council there is a market for water towers and antennas, and this is an approach to keep costs down. He requested the city allow his company to use the city’s water tower (s) for his business and said it is an opportunity for the city to get some added revenue as well as broadband service. Mr. Mullen answered a few questions from Council members and presented a sample lease agreement. Mayor Fincher said he would like for the city’s attorney to look at the agreement, and also to see if other companies are interested. Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council have the city attorney look at the proposed lease agreement and check to see if other companies are interested. Seconded by Alderman Garcia. Discussion on when this will be back on agenda. Council agreed to have it on the January agenda. Motion was passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF PROCLAMATION FOR “LYTLE LADY PIRATE WEEK”
Mayor Fincher told Council he issued the proclamation for “Lytle Lady Pirate Week”, and read the proclamation aloud.

CONSIDER INTER-JURISDICTIONAL MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH ATASCOSA COUNTY
Alderman Garcia made the motion that the city attorney look over the Inter-Jurisdictional Mutual Aid Agreement with Atascosa County for the January meeting. Seconded by Alderman Dahler. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO COMMUNITY CENTER USER POLICY TO INCLUDE PARAGRAPH CONCERNING MAJOR DISASTERS
Council discussed the proposed-amendment to the community center user policy. Mayor Fincher told Council that he feels this paragraph is necessary. City Secretary Josie Campa asked about finding an alternative. Council agreed that this amendment needs to be rewritten and presented at the January meeting.
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CONSIDER POLICY FOR WATER CUSTOMERS TO FIX WATER LEAKS OR HAVE WATER DISCONNECTED
City Secretary Josie Campa asked Council to consider adopting a policy for water customers that do not fix water leaks to allow the city to disconnect water service in cases such as this. She explained some instances when customers allowed water to leak instead of having it fixed. Alderman Dahler asked the City Secretary to check the water conservation ordinance to see if this is included. After discussion, Alderman Dahler made the motion that Council authorize the City Secretary to develop a policy for such an instance and present it at the January meeting. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER REPAIRS TO CITY HALL ROOF
Mayor Fincher told Council there is new material for flat roofs and said he will check on this for the January meeting.

CONSIDER HIRING OFFICE EMPLOYEE TO FILL VACANCY
City Secretary Josie Campa told Council she would like to readvertise for the vacancy in the office. Alderman Garcia made the motion that the Council allow the City Secretary to readvertise for the position in the office. Seconded by Alderman Dahler. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER RENEWAL OF PARK MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS
Alderman Garcia made the motion that Council approve the park maintenance contracts with Arcadio Lopez, Jr. and Juan Escareno. Seconded by Alderman Dahler. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER OVERALL COMPENSATION FOR CITY EMPLOYEES
Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council approve the overall compensation budgeted for city employees. Seconded by Alderman Dahler. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER CANCELLING DECEMBER REGULAR MEETING DUE TO HOLIDAYS AND ALLOWING BILLS TO BE PAID
Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council cancel the December regular meeting and allow the City Secretary to pay the bills. Seconded by Alderman Garcia. VOTE: FOR-Aldermen Bowen and Garcia. AGAINST-Alderman Dahler. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT
Director of Public Works Alfredo Aguinaga reported on the following items:
1-had electrician set a timer at the lift station to regulate rain water coming into sewer plant;
2-contractor on Lytle State Bank project has installed 2037 feet of water line, 2370 feet of sewer line and 7 manholes and will be boring FM 2790 E next;
3-parking lot was cut for installing electrical service.
4-Railroad Commission was here and there will be several violations and some of these have already been taken care of;
5-the State is checking to see if the salt cedar trees by the City Hall are on the state right-of-way. If they are the State will cut down the trees, if not then they will trim the trees.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT
Police Chief Richard Priest reviewed his written report with Council.

Chief Priest told Council Officer Matt Dear came on board the end of October and is in training and fitting in well since he knows area.

The Chief reported that the officers are using the hand held radar and that they will be soon using it on N. Prairie Street.

Chief Priest told Council equipment for the new police car is coming in and that currently the department is not having problems with the car.

The Chief reported that he and the Sargent will be attending a 3 day seminar on Homeland Security.

The Chief said the high school is quieter so far this year.
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CITY SECRETARY'S REPORT
City Secretary Josie Campa asked Council if they had questions on her written report and said she didn’t have anything to add to her report.

MAYOR'S REPORT
Mayor Fincher reported on the following items:
1-Emergency Management Unit was packed on November 9th and has had someone say that other items will be donated for this unit;
2-progress on IH 35 project is going well;
3-has made a deal with Farmer's Tractor to trade manure spreader for an 8 foot disk and 2 6-foot shredders;
4-had a wonderful vacation;
5-Christmas Lighting ceremony is being held Saturday November 30th at 7:00 p.m. and more trailers are needed for this event.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Mayor

City Secretary