Minutes of Regular Meeting held June 11, 2018

Regular meeting with the following present: Mayor Mark Bowen; Aldermen Jerry Stone, Ruben Gonzalez, Jamie Dahler, Sam Cortez; City Secretary Josie Campa; Animal Control Director Betty Kroeger; Public Works Director James McGrath; Fire Marshal Matt Dear; Police Chief Richard Priest; City Attorney Tom Cate; Library Director Cassandra Cortez. Alderman Ruble Farmer was absent.

Visitors: Herman Patlan, Sam Parks, Kathryn Jones, Ronald Garza, Bob Roberts, Sr., Gerry Elias, Mr. & Mrs. Alfonso Rios, Gabriel Romero.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Mayor Mark Bowen called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS’/CITIZENS’ COMMENTS
Ronald Garza voiced his concern to Council about the area near his mother’s home on Hwy 132 being very dark. Mr. Garza requested an additional street light be added in that area. Mayor Bowen told Mr. Garza that this matter would be looked at.

Alderman Gonzalez told Council that the new Days Inn owner has repainted the motel and is adding more lighting on the outside of the business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS
Alderman Cortez made the motion that Council approve the minutes of the May 14th regular meeting and payment of the bills, as presented. Seconded by Alderman Gonzalez. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MOBILE HOME COMMISSION ON REQUESTS FROM (1) ALFONSO RIOS (2) HERMAN PATLAN
Alderman Stone made the motion that Council approve the recommendation from the Mobile Home Commission on the request from Alfonso Rios. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

Alderman Stone made the motion that Council approve the Mobile Home Commission’s recommendation on Herman Patlan’s request. Seconded by Alderman Gonzalez. Passed unanimously.
CONSIDER AND ACT UPON ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING COOPERATION WITH THE CITIES SERVED BY AEP TO REVIEW AEP TEXAS INC.’S REQUESTED APPROVAL OF AN ADJUSTMENT TO ITS ENERGY EFFICIENCY COST RECOVERY FACTOR AND HIRING LEGAL AND CONSULTING SERVICES TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE COMPANY AND DIRECT ANY NECESSARY LITIGATION AND APPEALS; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; REQUIRING NOTICE OF THIS RESOLUTION TO LEGAL COUNSEL.

Mayor Bowen read the caption of the proposed resolution concerning AEP’s request. After discussion, Alderman Gonzalez made the motion that Council adopt the resolution. Seconded by Alderwoman Dahler. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON REQUEST FROM BOB ROBERTS, SR. TO LEASE LAND AROUND LYTLE ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY AND WELL #3 FOR HAY OPERATIONS

Bob Roberts, Sr. requested that the city lease its property around the animal control facility and well to him for his hay operations. Mayor Bowen told Council this would save the Public Works’ Department a lot of time since they wouldn’t have to mow this area. The Mayor suggested that Council charge Mr. Roberts $10.00 an acre for the first and second years. After further discussion, Alderman Gonzalez made the motion that Council approve Mr. Robert’s request and have the City Attorney draw up the lease. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGES

Municipal Court Judge Gerry Elias told Council he would like to continue to serve as Lytle’s Municipal Court Judge. After discussion, Alderman Stone made the motion that Council re-appoint Gerry Elias as Judge and Debra Herrera as Associate Judge for Lytle’s Municipal Court.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO-TEM

Alderman Stone told Council he is willing to continue as Mayor Pro-tem if they will have him. Alderman Gonzalez made the motion that Council appoint Jerry Stone as Mayor Pro-tem. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON SPEED HUMPS AND/OR CUSHIONS ON N. PRAIRIE STREET AND JUAREZ STREET

Police Chief Richard Priest told Council that he would like to work with Mayor Bowen and TxDot on reconfiguring the FM 2790 N. and N. Prairie Street area. Chief Priest also told Council that he would like to gather data on N. Prairie Street when the department receives its radar trailer, and before recommending speed humps be placed on this street. The Chief told Council that Juarez Street is a dead-end street in Coal Mine that is very long. He said based on the complaints he has received about speeders, speed humps need to be installed on this street.
CONSIDER AND ACT UPON SPEED HUMPS AND/OR CUSHIONS ON N. PRAIRIE STREET AND JUAREZ STREET (CONT.)
Bob Roberts, Sr. complained to Council that the installation of speed humps in the city would be degrading and said people need to complain about this. After a lengthy discussion, Alderman Gonzalez made the motion that Council approve speed humps on Juarez Street. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON BUDGET FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF SEIZED MONEY AS REQUIRED BY THE TEXAS CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ARTICLE 59.06, SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF SUCH FUNDS
Police Chief Richard Priest presented a budget to Council for $14,215.21 of drug seizure money. He said this money would be used for a radar trailer ($8,565.00); six (6) body cams ($5,190.00) and police equipment ($460.21). Alderman Cortez made the motion that Council approve the Chief’s budget for the drug seizure money. Seconded by Alderwoman Dahler. Passed unanimously.

The Council took a short break at 7:29 p.m. and reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON APPOINTMENT OF DEPARTMENT LIAISONS
City Secretary Josie Campa read the department liaisons for the previous year. Mayor Bowen asked each of the Council members the department they want to work with this year. Alderman Gonzalez said he would like to keep Administration and Gas departments; Alderman Cortez said he would like to stay the same as last year with the Police and Park departments. Alderwoman Jamie Dahler told Council she would like to be liaison to the Library and Animal Control departments. Mayor Pro-tem Stone said he would like to keep the Water and Sewer departments. Mayor Bowen told Council he would take the E.M.S. and Fire departments and then Alderman Farmer could oversee the Street department. Alderman Gonzalez made the motion that Council approve the above mentioned department liaisons. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON HAVING CITY’S DELINQUENT TAX ROLL PRINTED IN THE CITY’S OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER
Alderman Cortez made the motion that Council approve the request from the Tax Collector to have the city’s delinquent tax roll printed in the city’s official newspaper. Seconded by Alderwoman Dahler. Passed unanimously.

ANIMAL CONTROL DIRECTOR’S REPORT
Animal Control Director Betty Kroeger gave her monthly report with a Power Point presentation.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR’S REPORT
Cassandra Cortez gave her Library Director’s Report with a Power Point presentation.
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR’S REPORT
The Director of Public Works report was given with a Power Point presentation by Director James McGrath.

POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT
Police Chief Richard Priest gave Council a Power Point presentation as his monthly report.

CITY SECRETARY’S REPORT
The City Secretary gave her monthly report with a Power Point presentation.

MAYOR’S REPORT
Mayor Bowen told Council that the Days Inn has changed rapidly since getting a new owner.

The Mayor told everyone that conserving water right now is very important, and asked for their cooperation.

Mayor Bowen told Council he had attended Ralph Weaver’s 95th birthday party and had issued a proclamation.

The Mayor reminded everyone that Paws of Summer is just around the corner.

Mayor Bowen reported to Council that he had attended an Emergency Management Conference in Atascosa County last week. He told Council that he will call for a “mock” emergency later this year.

The Mayor reported that Mr. Farmer is doing better and will have a procedure done next week, and he expects him back after that.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.