Minutes of Regular Meeting, November 13, 2000

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


APPROVE MINUTES
APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS
Alderman Trouart made the motion that Council approve the minutes of the public hearing and regular meeting held October 9th and payment of the bills, as presented. Seconded by Alderman Garcia. Passed unanimously.

HEAR FROM CITIZENS
Mayor Fincher told Council that H.E.B. has a new manager and that he is pleasant and very eager to work with the City.

CONSIDER CONCERNS FROM PARK PLACE PROPERTY OWNERS ON PROPOSED MOBILE HOME SALES PROJECT
Mayor Fincher asked City Attorney Tom Cate for his legal advice concerning the City's present zoning ordinance concerning the proposed mobile home sales lot and the concerns from Park Place residents. Mr. Cate told Council that legally Mr. Santos can place his proposed business on said property. Mayor Fincher then recommended to Council that they act according to the City's present laws. After discussion, Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council allow Mr. Santos to continue with his proposed business. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Discussion. Vote: For motion-Bowen, Trouart and Elias. Alderman Garcia abstained. Motion carried.

CONSIDER LYTLE I.S.D.'S REQUEST FOR PAVING POCO STREET BETWEEN N. PRAIRIE AND N. BENTON STREETS
Mayor Fincher told Council that the School's Superintendent wants alley (Poco St.) paved and told Council it's not feasible for City to pave this alley, and recommended Council allow school to use Poco Street for their proposed plans for new primary school. Alderman Elias made the motion that council deny the school's request to pave Poco Street, but to allow school to use said alley for their proposed plans. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.
CONSIDER ADOPTING ORDINANCE NAMING THE LEADER NEWS AS THE CITY’S OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

Alderman Elias made the motion that Council adopt Ordinance No. 253, naming the Leader News as the City’s official newspaper. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER BIDS RECEIVED ON 50,000 GALLON ELEVATED TANK REPAINTING PROJECT

City Engineer Paul Boedeker reviewed the bids received on the 50,000 gallon elevated tank repainting project. The bids were as follows:

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<th>Contractor</th>
<th>Interior</th>
<th>Exterior</th>
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<td>D&amp;W Contractors</td>
<td>$32,075.00</td>
<td>63,669.00</td>
<td>2,200.00</td>
<td>$97,944.00</td>
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<td>Utility Service Co.</td>
<td>$43,400.00</td>
<td>71,100.00</td>
<td>1,500.00</td>
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<td>NG Painting</td>
<td>$48,000.00</td>
<td>80,000.00</td>
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Mr. Boedeker recommended Council award bid to D&W Contractors. Alderman Elias made the motion that Council award the bid on the elevated tank repainting project to D&W Contractors for $97,944.00 per the engineer’s recommendation. Seconded by Alderman Garcia. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER BIDS RECEIVED ON STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Council discussed the bids received on the street paving project. They were as follows:

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<td>Cummings Full Service Paving Co.</td>
<td>$57,624.00</td>
<td>plus $.00 per square yard and includes $3,000.00 for patching streets prior to coating;</td>
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<td>Neal Worthey Contracting</td>
<td>$85,000.00</td>
<td>includes patching and materials;</td>
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<td>E.E. Hood &amp; Sons</td>
<td>$95 sq. yd. for single coat or $1.55 sq. yd. for double coat on City’s estimate (54,624 square yards) price exceeded Cummings; on Hood’s estimate (41,000 square yards) their price was lower, however it did not meet City’s bid specs.</td>
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Mayor Fincher recommended to Council that they approve the bid from Cummings and requested permission to have streets double coated or coated, as needed, as long as budgeted total was not exceeded. Alderman Garcia made the motion that Council award the bid on the street improvements to Cummings Full Service Paving Company and to authorize the Mayor to get streets double coated or coated, as needed, as long as budgeted amount is not exceeded. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Discussion. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER BIDS RECEIVED ON CASE BACKHOE

The City received one bid on a Case Backhoe from Texana Machinery for $46,806.00 and $750.00 additional for a windshield for said backhoe. Alderman Trouart made the motion that Council award the bid on the backhoe to Texana Machinery for $47,556.00 (includes windshield). Seconded by Alderman Elias. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER RENEWAL OF PARK MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS

City Secretary Josie Campa told Council that Arcadio Lopez, Jr. would like an increase on the park maintenance contract from $325.00 to $400.00 per month. After discussion, Alderman Elias made the motion that Council renew the park maintenance contracts with Arcadio Lopez and Juan Escareno, for $400.00 per month and $50.00 per month, respectively. Seconded by Alderman Garcia. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION SUPPORTING TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE’S STATEWIDE HEALTH INSURANCE

Alderman Elias made the motion that Council adopt the resolution supporting Texas Public School Employee’s Statewide Health Insurance. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER PROPOSAL ON REPAIR OF COMMUNITY CENTER FOUNDATION

Mayor Fincher told Council that he had someone look at the Community Center due to cracks in the floor and walls, and said it would cost about $10,000.00 to repair. Alderman Bowen said he would talk to contractor about this. No action was taken on this item.
CONSIDER REPORT FROM CITY SECRETARY ON DILAPIDATED BUILDINGS ON NORTH BENTON ST.

City Secretary Josie Campa told Council that she has received complaints on two properties on N. Benton Street having dilapidated buildings and requested permission to follow the code procedures for having these buildings removed.

Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council direct the City Secretary to file complaints in Municipal Court on these property owners and issue notices to fix up buildings or show just cause for not demolishing said buildings. Seconded by Alderman Elias. Passed unanimously.

Council took a short break at 7:15 pm and reconvened at 7:30 pm.

CONSIDER ADOPTING UPDATED FAIR HOUSING ORDINANCE

Alderman Elias made the motion that Council adopt Ordinance No. 254. Seconded by Alderman Garcia. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER PROPOSED PARK RESTROOM PROJECT

City Secretary Josie Campa told Council she had received a proposal on the restroom facility at City Park. She said the bid was for $19,000.00 and that since it exceeds the bid limit she had placed the item on the agenda for discussion. She said that plans and specs would have to be drawn up in order to put project out for bids. After discussion, Alderman Bowen made the motion that this item be placed on the January agenda. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF PROPOSED RULES FOR USE OF CELLULAR PHONE BY PUBLIC WORKS' EMPLOYEES

After review and discussion, Alderman Garcia made the motion that Council approve the proposed rules for use of City's cellular phone by Public Works' Employees. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER REQUEST FROM BUILDING INSPECTOR TO HAVE ALL BUILDING PERMITS VOIDED AFTER SIX (6) MONTHS AND REQUIRE BUILDERS TO RENEW SAID BUILDING PERMITS

After discussion, Alderman Bowen made the motion that no action be taken on this request. Seconded by Alderman Garcia. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER REQUIRING DEPOSIT FOR USE OF PARK PAVILION

City Secretary Josie Campa recommended to Council that a $50.00 deposit be charged for use of City Park Pavilion. After discussion Alderman Trouart made the motion that a $50.00 deposit be charged for reserving and use of City Park Pavilion to cover costs of clean up and damages. Seconded by Alderman Elias. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF KEVIN WARREN

Director of Public Works Alfredo Aguinaga recommended to Council that Kevin Warren's probation be extended three (3) months. After discussion, Alderman Elias made the motion that Council extend Kevin Warren's probation another three months as recommended by the Director of Public Works. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPOINTING ELIZABETH JASS AS A SIGNATORY AND MUNICIPAL COURT CLERK

City Secretary Josie Campe recommended to council that Elizabeth Jass be appointed as a signatory for the City and be promoted from Deputy Court Clerk to Municipal Court Clerk, and that she be given a salary increase of $1.00 per hour. Alderman Trouart made the motion that Council appoint Elizabeth Jass to the above mentioned as per the City Secretary's recommendation. Seconded by Alderman Elias. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER REQUEST FROM EMPLOYEES TO HAVE CHRISTMAS EVE HOLIDAY CHANGED TO DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

City employees requested Council allow them to change Christmas Eve Holiday from Friday, December 22nd to the day after Christmas. Alderman Garcia made the motion that council grant this request. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER OVERALL COMPENSATION FOR CITY EMPLOYEES

Alderman Garcia made the motion that Council allow overall compensation be paid to regular City employees, as per budget. Seconded by Alderman Elias. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER CANCELLING REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING IN DECEMBER DUE TO CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS AND ALLOWING BILLS TO BE PAID

Alderman Trouart made the motion that Council cancel the regular Council meeting in December, due to the Christmas holiday and to allow the City Secretary to pay bills. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT

Director of Public Works Alfredo Aguinaga reported on the following items:

1 - fixed main water breaks due to rains and ground shifting;
2 - gas pressure has been increased due to cold weather;
3 - trouble with bridge on CR 681 due to heavy rains, with county help repaired bridge and installed larger culvert;
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DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT (CONT.)
4 - crew has started putting up Christmas lights;
5 - crew has been patching streets with base due to the rains;
6 - lights on water towers are on again;
7 - cathodic protection on gas system is being checked and redone in some locations;
8 - needed more barricades during rains for closing off low water crossing areas; and
9 - gas regulator station in La Coste got flooded during rains.

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

The Chief told Council that there has been quite a bit of action over at the schools and Council may need to look into time P.D. spends at school.

The Chief reported that the new police car has arrived and waiting on radio for this unit to get here.

Chief Priest told Council that the department will be filling a non-paid position the middle of December.

The Chief said officers have been attending schools.

CITY SECRETARY'S REPORT
The City Secretary reviewed her written report with Council.

The City Secretary told Council that the Edwards Aquifer Authority had sent the material for the City's permit to pump from the Edwards Aquifer and that this item will be placed on the special meeting agenda for their decision.

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

1 - Christmas decorations are being put up around town;
2 - roof at center fixed again;
3 - still waiting for phone to be installed for low level alarm;
4 - lighting ceremony will be held Saturday after Thanksgiving; and
5 - made grant presentation at AACOG and City placed 12th out of 29.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

[Signatures]
Mayor
City Secretary