Minutes of Regular Meeting held August 13, 2018

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

Visitors: Luanna Buckner, Edwards Aquifer Authority Board member; Chris Schuchart, Medina County Judge; Sam Parks, Robert Brown, Jeanice Farmer, Kathryn Jones, Gabriel Romero.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Mayor Bowen opened the meeting at 6:32 p.m. and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS'/CITIZENS' COMMENTS
Fire Marshal Matt Dear told Council that he had been asked by Bexar County ESD representative if there was an issue between the City and the Fire Department because they had been asked how much the ESD pays the Lytle Fire Department. He told Council he assured them that the City and Fire Department have a good relationship and said if he had been asked, he would have provided the info requested. He then gave Council a report on the departments finances.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS
City Secretary Josie Campa added the gasoline bill from Texas Fleet Fuel for $535.36. Alderman Gonzalez made the motion that Council approve the minutes from the July 9th regular meeting, and the July 16th workshop and payment of the bills as presented. Seconded by Alderman Farmer. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON REQUEST FROM MAYUNE VOUTCH FOR ADDITIONAL STREET LIGHT AT THE END OF MAGNOLIA STREET AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH BENTON CITY ROAD
Mayune Vought was not present, so no action was taken. The City Secretary said she would check on this request.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON REQUEST TO INTERVENE IN CAUSE NO. 2018-01-31972-CV. UVALDE COUNTY UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT ET AL V. EDWARDS AQUIFER AUTHORITY, 38TH DISTRICT COURT, UVALDE COUNTY, TEXAS
Luanna Buckner, EAA’s Medina County representative talked to Council about the lawsuit filed and the EAA is trying to uphold their rules. She told Council they need cities to join this fight since this lawsuit will determine whether cities can acquire additional water rights from farmers in the future. She said cities will need more water in order to grow. Medina County Judge Chris Schuchart gave Council a brief history of the EAA rule allowing unrestricted water rights to be sold. He explained the lawsuit filed and what this could do for cities served by the Edwards Aquifer. Judge Schuchart told Council about the cities that had already agreed to go in on this
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lawsuit and what they had agreed to pay. He asked Council to consider joining this fight to protect its water resource. After a lengthy discussion, Alderman Stone made the motion that Council approve the City join the fight and contributed $5,000.00 in legal fees, and budget be amended accordingly. Seconded by Alderman Gonzalez. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON REQUEST FROM RONNIE CUELLAR SOLIS FOR A STREET LIGHT BEING PLACED ON POLE BY HER RESIDENCE ON CR 6842 AND CONSIDER AND ACT UPON REQUEST FROM RONNIE CUELLAR SOLIS TO PAVE CR 6842 INSIDE THE CITY LIMITS
These items were scratched since Ronnie Cuellar Solis was not present.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL STREET LIGHT FROM RONALD GARZA FOR HWY. 132 NEAR PATRICIA GARZA’S PROPERTY
City Secretary Josie Campa told Council she would look at the location for this street light for next regular meeting.

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON HIRING OF NEW FULL-TIME DIRECTOR FOR ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL DEPARTMENT AND TIME TABLE FOR HIRING Animal Control Director Betty Kroeger asked Council for permission to advertise for the full-time Director position, so that hiring can be done at the September meeting. Alderwoman Dahler made the motion that Council authorize the Animal Control Director to advertise for the full-time Animal Control Director position. Seconded by Alderman Farmer. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON REQUEST FROM POLICE CHIEF RICHARD PRIEST TO ADVERTISE FOR THREE (3) VACANT FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER POSITIONS WITHIN POLICE DEPARTMENT
Police Chief Richard Priest told Council he has three vacant positions in the department and asked for permission to advertise. Alderman Gonzalez made the motion that Council authorize the Chief to advertise for all three positions. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON ADOPTING ORDINANCE FOR SPEED HUMPS ON JUAREZ STREET
Alderman Gonzalez made the motion that Council approve the Ordinance for the speed hump on Juarez Street. Seconded by Alderman Farmer. Passed unanimously.

Council took a short break at 7:30 p.m. and reconvened at 7:45 p.m.
CONSIDER AND ACT UPON ADOPTING ORDINANCE FOR PARKING SPACES REQUIRED AT MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS
City Attorney Tom Cate told Council that he had drawn up two ordinances for parking spaces required for apartment complexes, one for 1 ½ spaces and one for two spaces. Council then discussed their preferences for parking spaces at apartment complexes. Alderman Farmer made the motion that Council approve the ordinance requiring two (2) parking spaces per apartment for all new apartment complexes. Seconded by Alderman Gonzalez. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON HIRING AUDITING FIRM FOR FY 2016-2017 AUDIT
City Secretary Josie Campa told Council that Beyer and Company would do the next year’s audit for $14,000.00. Alderman Gonzalez told Council he feels the city needs to get another auditor after 18+ years of it being the same auditor. Plus, he said it was highlighted during his AACOG training where cities should have a different set of eyes after five years. City Secretary Josie Campa told Council the city is still behind on audits and if a new auditor is brought in right now it would take longer and this would hurt the city’s bond rating. She said once the city is caught up she wouldn’t have a problem with changing, but now is not a good time. City Attorney Tom Cate presented a letter and opinions on changing auditors to Council and then Council members discussed this letter and the opinions given at length. After discussion, Alderman Stone made the motion that Council hire Beyer & Company for the 2016-2017 FY audit for $14,000.00. Seconded by Alderman Farmer.

VOTE: FOR: Aldermen Stone, Farmer and Dahler.
AGAINST: Alderman Gonzalez. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON STREETS TO BE RE-TOPPED THIS FISCAL YEAR AND ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR THIS PROJECT
Council discussed the streets to be included in this year’s street improvement project. Alderman Gonzalez told Council that he feels Wisdom Road, Adams Street from Somerset to park and S. Prairie need to be included. City Secretary Josie Campa told Council that Alderman Cortez had asked that Hidalgo Street and the canal on Lake Crest Drive be included. Council discussed the top nine streets listed in the pavement assessment report. After discussion, Alderman Farmer made the motion that Council advertise for bids for the following streets to be improved: N. Somerset Street from Laredo to railroad tracks; Adams Street from N. Somerset Street to N. Pecan Street; S. Prairie Street from Main Street to Mesquite Street; Wisdom Road from Laredo and N. Somerset Street to Lake Street; Hidalgo Street; and canal on Lake Crest Drive. Seconded by Alderwoman Dahler. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON CALLING FOR BIDS FOR BRUSH PICK-UP SERVICE FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR
Alderman Stone made the motion that the city advertise for bids for brush pick-up. Seconded by Alderman Gonzalez. Passed unanimously.
CONSIDER AND ACT UPON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO 2017-2018 FY BUDGET
City Secretary Josie Campa proposed the following amendments to the 2017-2018 budget:

**General Fund Revenues**
Current Ad Valorem Taxes - + $10,000.00
Delinquent Valorem Taxes - - $9,000.00
Penalty & Interest - - $5,000.00
Attorney’s Costs - - $2,000.00
Hotel/Motel Tax - + $8,000.00
Franchise Taxes - + $2,000.00
Sales Tax - + $20,000.00
Permits & Inspections - - $8,000.00
Total Added Revenues for General Fund - $16,000.00

**General Fund Expenditures**
**General Operating Dept.**
Group Insurance - - $2,000.00
Professional Fees - - $10,000.00
Attorney’s Fees - + $7,000.00
Attorney’s Cost for Delinquent Tax - - $2,000.00
Telephone - + $2,000.00
Electricity - + $3,500.00

**Public Safety Dept.**
Group Insurance - - $7,100.00
Attorney’s Fees - + $5,000.00
Telephone - + $7,000.00
Court Fees - + $2,600.00

**Culture/Recreation Dept.**
Center Repairs - + $1,500.00
Tourism Promotions - + $8,000.00
Center-Janitorial - + $500.00

Total Added Expenditures for General Fund - $16,000.00

**Water Fund-Expenditures**
Engineering Fees - - $6,000.00
Misc. Expense - + $6,000.00

Alderman Farmer made the motion that Council approve the proposed amendments. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously.
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**ANIMAL CONTROL DIRECTOR’S REPORT**
Betty Kroeger presented the Animal Control Director’s monthly report with a power point presentation.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR’S REPORT**
Public Works’ Director James McGrath gave a power point presentation for his report.

**POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT**
Police Chief Richard Priest gave his report with a power point presentation.

**CITY SECRETARY’S REPORT**
Josie Campa gave a power point presentation for her monthly City Secretary’s Report.

The City Secretary told Council that golf carts will be on the October agenda.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**
Mayor Mark Bowen told Council that two businesses in Lytle will be closing soon and he wants to provide them each with a plaque at September meeting. The City Secretary suggested proclamations since all the Carter kids could get a copy.

Meeting adjourned at 10:04 p.m.