Minutes of Special meeting held January 28, 2002

Special meeting with the following present: Mayor Horace Fincher; Aldermen Mark Bowen, Juan J. Garcia, Erik Dahler and Gerry Elias; City Secretary Josie Campa. Alderman Trouart was absent.

Visitors: Rolando Rios, Elaine Perales, Julie Dunnavant, Kelly Shaefer.

CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION FROM ROLANDO RIOS ON REDISTRICTING PLAN AND ADOPTING RESOLUTION /ORDINANCE APPROVING SAID PLAN

Rolando Rios presented the plan for redistricting and explained the reasons for this to be done. He answered a few questions and told Council if plan is adopted he can have the submission to the Justice Department ready in ten days to two weeks and City will have it done in time for May election. Mayor Fincher recommended to Council that the plan submitted by Mr. Rios be approved and that a resolution or ordinance be adopted contingent on the City Attorney’s approval. Alderman Garcia made the motion that Council adopt the redistricting plan, as submitted and that a resolution or ordinance approving this plan be adopted contingent on the City Attorney’s approval. Seconded by Alderman Dahler. Passed unanimously. Vote was as follows:

FOR: Mark Bowen, Alderman, District 1;
Juan J. Garcia, Alderman, District 2;
Erik T. Dahler, Alderman, District 3;
Gerry Elias, Alderman, District 5;

AGAINST: No opposition

Motion carried unanimously.
CONSIDER INCREASING WATER RATES DUE TO LEASING OF WATER RIGHTS
City Secretary Josie Campa explained the proposals for increasing water rates, and amounts needed for meeting payment of leased water rights. She said an increase of $1.50 per minimum for in City customers and $2.25 for out of town customers would be adequate. Council discussed price for water rights subleased and had City Secretary calculate what would be needed if price per acre feet would be raised to $125.00 instead of $99.00. After discussion, Alderman Elias made the motion that this item be tabled until the City has subleased the said water rights to determine what revenue the City will need. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER PURCHASE OF PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT
Mayor Fincher and Park liaison Juan Garcia showed Council the park playground equipment they had looked at, and said that two units would cost the City $3,918.00. Mr. Garcia told the Council that this price includes delivery and installation. Mayor Fincher recommended to Council that two units be purchased for the City Park. Alderman Bowen made the motion that the City purchase the two units of playground equipment for the park for the price of $3,918.00 for both units. Seconded by Alderman Elias. Discussion. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.