Minutes of Special Meeting held March 27, 2006

Special meeting with the following present: Mayor Horace Fincher; Aldermen Ruble Farmer, Jr., Erik Dahler, Sam Cortez, Gerry Elias; City Secretary Josie Campa; Director of Public Works James McGrath.

Alderman Bowen was absent.

Visitors: Anthony Araujo, Jay Dahler.

**CONSIDER PURCHASE OF WATER RIGHTS**

City Secretary Josie Campa gave Council a list of the people she had received calls from concerning selling water rights to the city and the prices they had given her. After discussion, Alderman Dahler made the motion that Council negotiate with Mr. Gidley for 50 acre feet of water at $2,000.00 per acre foot for the next fiscal year and also purchase the 24 acre feet of water from Josh Tolly at $1,900.00 per acre foot for this year, contingent upon the city’s attorney approval stating he meets all the requirements. Seconded by Alderman Elias. Passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER HIRING PUBLIC WORKS’ EMPLOYEES**

Director of Public Works James McGrath recommended to Council that the following be hired for the Public Works’ Department:

- Morris Collins, Jr. at $6.50 per hour
- Isaac Lara at $6.50 per hour
- Justin Robertson at $6.00 per hour
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CONSIDER HIRING PUBLIC WORKS’ EMPLOYEES (cont.)
Alderman Elias made the motion that the above mentioned be hired for the Public Works’ Department at the recommended starting salaries and contingent upon the background checks and physicals be completed satisfactorily. Seconded by Alderman Farmer. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER HIRING OFFICE EMPLOYEE(S)
City Secretary Josie Campa recommended to Council that Jessica Gonzales be hired to fill one of the vacancies in the office. Alderman Elias made the motion that Council hire Jessica Gonzales at $6.00 per hour upon completing the physical and background check satisfactorily. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF DANA CALDWELL
City Secretary Josie Campa asked Council to increase Dana Caldwell’s salary from $6.00 an hour to $7.00 an hour due to the added duties since Alice Perez’ departure. Alderman Cortez made the motion that Council increase Dana Caldwell’s salary to $7.00 per hour as requested by the City Secretary. Seconded by Alderman Farmer. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

[Signatures]

Mayor

City Secretary