Minutes of Special Meeting held May 6, 1999

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

CONSIDER PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL TRUCK(S) FOR PUBLIC WORKS' DEPARTMENT
City Secretary Josie Campa told Council that the Public Works' trucks are in really bad shape and that the new truck will take 8 to 10 weeks to get here after Council's approval. She told Council that due to the very low bid received on the 3/4-ton truck, there is still $10,000.00 left in the budget. The City Secretary told Council she had checked on prices for smaller trucks and that it is possible to get a Chevy S-10 for $11,485.00 and a comparable Isuzu pickup for $10,706.00. She told Council that since these vehicles are less than $15,000.00, bids do not need to be taken. After discussion, Alderman Elias made the motion that Council amend the budget to include the purchase of a 1999 Chevrolet S-10 pickup for $11,485.00 from Tom Benson Chevrolet and a 1999 Isuzu from Tom Benson Isuzu for $10,706.00. Seconded by Alderman Evans. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO 1998-1999 BUDGET
City Secretary Josie Campa reviewed the proposed amendments to the 1998-1999 budget with Council. Amendments were as follows:

GENERAL FUND

Revenues
- Franchise Taxes - +$6,000.00
- Sales Tax - +$45,000.00
- Garbage Fees - +$6,000.00
- Police Officers' Allocation - +$976.65

Expenditures
- General Operating - Telephone - +$1,500.00
- Public Safety - Civil Defense - +$2,000.00
- Public Works - Overtime Pay - +$1,000.00
- Street Signs - +$500.00
- Culture & Recreation - Cap. Improvement - Community Center - +$15,000.00
- Furnishings - Annex Bldg. - +$5,000.00
CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO 1998-1999 BUDGET (CONT.)

WATER FUND

Revenues
- Interest Earned - +$ 1,000.00
- Sale of Meters & Lines - + 600.00
- Available From Prior Years - + 3,000.00

Disbursements
- Unemployment Compensation - - 250.00
- Materials & Supplies - + 1,000.00
- System-Repairs & Maint. - + 6,000.00
- Insurance - - 2,000.00

GAS FUND

Expenditures
- Group Insurance - - $ 2,750.00

SEWER FUND

Revenues
- Sewer Fees - +$ 3,000.00

Expenditures
- Overtime Pay - - 500.00
- Consulting Engineer - - 1,500.00
- Vehicle Repairs & Maint. - + 800.00

Mayor Fincher told Council he had gotten prices on bricking the annex building and that for about $7,000.00, the City could get the building bricked. Council agreed to amend the budget to include an additional $7,000.00 for bricking the annex building. Alderman Trouart made the motion that Council approve the proposed budget amendments as listed above. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AND ADOPT RULES & FEES FOR COMMUNITY CENTER ANNEX BUILDING

Council discussed rules & fees for the new Community Center annex building. Mayor Fincher recommended the annex building be rented to taxpayers only. Council discussed this matter and agreed residents of Lytle could rent the building with the taxpayers getting a discount. Council discussed the hours of use for the annex building and agreed that the hours of use would be the same as the Community Center with the Senior Citizens and Nutrition Center being given the exclusive rights to use it from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on weekdays. Council discussed the rates and agreed on the following:

- $ 50.00 per day - taxpayers; and
- $100.00 per day - residents of Lytle.

Deposits are as follows:
- $100.00 - taxpayers; and
- $200.00 - residents of Lytle.

Council agreed the rest of the rules & regulations for the annex building would be the same as for the Community Center. Council asked the City Secretary to get the new hours, fees & rules typed up for consideration at the regular Council meeting.

CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF

A. ALICE PEREZ
B. ELIZABETH JASS
C. REBECCA ESTRADA

City Secretary Josie Campa recommended to Council that consideration of salary increases be given for Alice Perez, Elizabeth Jass and Rebecca Estrada. The City Secretary explained to Council that the duties have increased for these employees since Ruby Burns retired and that they now have added duties and more responsibilities. Ms. Campa recommended a raise of $2.00 per hour for Alice Perez; a raise of $1.00 to $1.25 per hour for Elizabeth Jass and a raise of $.75 to $1.00 per hour for Rebecca Estrada. After discussion, Alderman Elia made the motion that Council grant the City Secretary's requests and that Alice Perez be given a $2.00 per hour increase; Elizabeth Jass a $1.25 per hour increase; and Rebecca Estrada a $1.00 per hour salary increase. Seconded by Alderman Evans. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF

D. JOSIE CAMPA

City Secretary Josie Campa asked Council for consideration of a salary increase for herself. She told Council that her duties and responsibilities have increased over the years and gave examples. After discussion, Alderman Trouart made the motion that the City Secretary be given $4,000.00 per year increase in salary. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.