

Special meeting with the following present: Mayor Horace Fincher; Aldermen Bennie Evans, Juan J. Garcia and Gerry Elias; City Secretary Josie Campa; Police Chief Richard Priest. Aldermen Bowen and Trouart were absent.

Visitors: LouAnn Butler, Charles Cummings, Paul Myers.

**CONSIDER REQUEST FROM MICHAEL WOOTEN FOR AUTHORIZATION TO FIX UP RESTROOMS AT CITY PARK PAVILION**

Mayor Fincher reported to Council that he is still getting prices on restroom fixtures for the park pavilion and said he feels that \$3,000.00 should be enough for this project. Alderman Elias made the motion that Council set aside \$3,000.00 for fixing the restrooms at the City park pavilion and letting Michael Wooten do this project. Seconded by Alderman Evans. Passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER ADOPTING ORDINANCE CHANGING PARK HOURS**

Alderman Garcia made the motion that Council adopt Ordinance No 249. Seconded by Alderman Elias. Passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE BANNING THE DRILLING OF OIL WELLS IN THE CITY LIMITS**

Alderman Elias made the motion that Council adopt Ordinance No. 250. Seconded by Alderman Garcia. City Secretary Josie Campa told Council that the City Attorney had added a section concerning mining, as well. Motion was passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER TURNING OVER E.M.S. BUILDING TO LYTLE VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION**

Alderman Evans made the motion that the City turn over the E.M.S. building to the Lytle E.M.S. Seconded by Alderman Garcia. Passed unanimously.

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**CONSIDER TAX RATE FOR THIS YEAR**

The City Secretary and Mayor discussed the tax rate for 2000 with Council. Council was told this year's effective tax rate is \$.4494 and that the City could go up to \$.4628 with no problems, as per State law. Mayor Fincher suggested Council may want to set the tax rate at \$.46 since the City lost some revenues due to increase in over 65 exemption. Mayor Fincher told Council that he and the City Secretary had used the 46¢ rate for preparing the general fund budget. Council agreed to use \$.46 rate in the proposed budget. Council agreed to vote on this tax rate at the September 11th meeting.

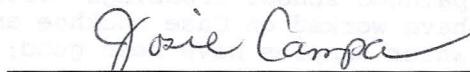
**INTERVIEW APPLICANT(S) FOR POLICE OFFICER POSITION**

**CONSIDER HIRING POLICE OFFICER TO FILL VACANCY**

The applicant to be interviewed, for the position of police officer, failed to show up; therefore, the special meeting was closed at 6:47 p.m.



Mayor



City Secretary