Minutes of Special Meeting held August 30, 1999

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


CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION FROM MOBILE HOME COMMISSION ON REQUEST FROM ROGER TREVINO

Alderman Elias made the motion that Council accept the recommendation from the Mobile Home Commission on the request from Roger Trevino. Seconded by Alderman Evans. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER BIDS RECEIVED ON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR DESIGNATED STREETS

Council reviewed the bids received on street improvements. The bids were as follows:

- Westhill Construction - $120,336.25;
- Neal Worthey Contracting - $77,917.50.

After discussion on bids received, Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council approve bids received from Neal Worthey Contracting contingent upon the Mayor's findings when he checks with references from prior jobs, and that the budget be amended accordingly. Seconded by Alderman Garcia. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF 1999-2000 LIBRARY BUDGET

Council reviewed the proposed library budget for the 1999-2000 fiscal year. Alderman Garcia made the motion that Council adopt this budget, as presented. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF 1999-2000 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Mayor Fincher told Council that members of the fire department have assured him that the EMS can stay in their building and asked Council's thoughts on giving them more money in the budget. Alderman Elias told Council that the problems previously discussed have not been ironed out. Fire Marshal Verlon Caraway asked Council to consider asking the fire department to submit copies of their reports to City Hall. Council agreed that the City should add requirements to the fire department contract for services. Alderman Elias made the motion that Council adopt the budget as presented and adopt Ordinance No. 241. Seconded by Alderman Garcia. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF 1999 TAX RATE

Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council adopt Ordinance No. 242, setting the 1999 tax rate at $.45 per $100.00 valuation. Seconded by Alderman Evans. Passed unanimously.
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CONSIDER PARTICIPATING IN THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM AND ENTERING INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH SAID PARTY

City Secretary Josie Campa explained to Council the pros of entering into an interlocal agreement with Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments and recommended Council approve this interlocal agreement. Alderman Evans made the motion that Council enter into an interlocal agreement with H-GAC. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER PURCHASING 1999 POLICE VEHICLE THRU H-GAC PROGRAM

City Secretary Josie Campa told Council that it had been brought to her attention that police unit #4 was in need of being taken off line and unit #6 was also in need of attention. Council asked Acting Chief Priest his opinion. Mr. Priest told Council that he would recommend taking unit #4 off line and that the department can operate effectively with four (4) good units.

City Secretary Josie Campa told Council that Philpott Motors has 1999 Ford Crown Victoria police interceptors on hand and if the City is part of H-GAC then it could purchase this car for $20,203.63 which includes the administrative fee of $318.17 and $165.00 for delivery. Alderman Elias made the motion that Council approve the purchase of said 1999 police vehicle and that the budget be amended accordingly. Seconded by Alderman Evans. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Mayor

City Secretary