Minutes Of Special Meeting held January 13, 2022

Special meeting with the following present: Mayor Ruben Gonzalez; Aldermen Jerry Stone, David Emery, Joseph Morrow, Sam Cortez, Charles Cate; City Secretary Josie Campa; Public Works Director James McGrath; Police Chief Richard Priest; Police Officer David Lopez; Animal Control Director Santiago Morantez; City Attorney Tom Cate; Code Compliance Officer Scott Traeger, Library Director Cassandra Cortez.


Mayor Gonzalez opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and led everyone in the pledge to the flag.

VISITORS'/CITIZENS' COMMENTS
None

PRESENTATION OF CHECKS TO WINNERS OF CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTESTS
No one was present for this item.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Alderman Emery made the motion that the minutes of the December 13th regular meeting, the December 20th emergency meeting, the December 22nd special meeting, and January 5th special meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by Alderman Cate. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CITY ATTORNEY’S MONTHLY BILL
Alderman Emery made the motion that Council approve the bill from the city attorney. Seconded by Alderman Stone. VOTE: For motion: Aldermen Emery, Stone, Cortez and Morrow. Alderman Cate abstained. Motion carried.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS
Alderman Cate made the motion that the bills, be approved, as presented. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

Alderman Cate made the motion that the following action items be tabled: 6E, 6P, 6S, 6T, 6U, 6V, 6W, 6X and 6Y for later meeting. Seconded by Alderman Emery. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON REQUEST FROM SOUTHWEST ISD FOR JOINT ELECTION ON MAY 7, 2022 WITH THE CITY OF LYTLE
Alderman Stone made the motion that Council grant this request for this year. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.
CONSIDER AND ACT UPON UPDATE ON PROPOSAL FROM LYTLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR PROCUREMENT, INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A DIGITAL SIGN FOR THE CITY OF LYTLE-BRAD BEAZER
Alderman Cate made the motion that Council suspend rules and consider item 6N at this time. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON REDISTRICTING OF CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS BASED UPON 2020 CENSUS AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE FOR REDISTRICTING PLAN
Alderman Cate made the motion that Council adopt an ordinance approving Plan D for redistricting of the city and that Council require all candidates to comply with the State law requirements of Type A General cities for all future elections. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

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Alderman Emery made the motion that Council table this item until chamber rep is present. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE USE OF THE HORACE FINCHER CENTER FOR LITTLE LEAGUE REGISTRATION ON JANUARY 15TH, 22ND AND 29TH AT NO COST TO LEAGUE-ANTHONY REYNA
Alderman Stone made the motion that Council allow the Little League to use the Horace Fincher on January 15th, 22nd and 29th. Seconded by Alderman Cate. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON REQUEST FOR RENEWAL OF CONTRACT FOR THE USE OF THE TEEBALL, BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL FIELDS AND CONCESSION STAND AT JOHN LOTT MUNICIPAL PARK FOR THE 2022 LITTLE LEAGUE SEASON-ANTHONY REYNA
Alderman Cortez made the motion that Council renew the contract with Little League for use of the ball fields and concession stand at John Lott Park. Seconded by Alderman Morrow. Passed unanimously.
CONSIDER AND ACT UPON BIDS RECEIVED FOR MAINTENANCE OF CITY PROPERTIES
Alderman Cate made the motion that Council accept the bid from 5C Lawn Services for $2,375.00 per month. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Motion amended to accept bid from 5C Lawn Services based on legal review by Alderman Cate. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON BIDS RECEIVED FOR STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
Alderman Stone made the motion that Council accept the bid of $227,095.60 from Fuquay, Inc. Seconded by Alderman Morrow. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON CALLING FOR AN ELECTION (CONSIDERAR LLAMAR PARA UNA ELECCION)
Alderman Cate made the motion that Council order an election for May 1st to elect Aldermen for Districts 4 and 5 and a Mayor. Seconded by Alderman Emery. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON HIRING TAX AND PERMIT CLERK FOR CITY OFFICE
Alderman Stone made the motion that Council hire Melinda Muraira at $15.00 per hour for the tax and permit clerk. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON HIRING PART-TIME LIBRARY EMPLOYEE
Alderman Cate made the motion this item be tabled until Library Director is present. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON HIRING PART-TIME ANIMAL CONTROL KENNEL TECHNICIAN
Alderman Cortez made the motion that Council hire Gregory Rivera at $11.00 per hour for 24 hours per week. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON APPOINTMENT OF LUIS DIAZ AS A RESERVE POLICE OFFICER
Alderman Cortez made the motion that Council hire Luis Diaz as per Chief’s recommendations. Seconded by Alderman Morrow. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF GRANT VAN GUNDY
Alderman Stone made the motion that Grant Van Gundy be hired as a full-time employee and his pay be increased to $16.00 per hour. Seconded by Alderman Cate. Passed unanimously.
CONSIDER AND ACT UPON PROPOSAL FOR MAINTENANCE OF SEPTIC TANKS AT ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY
Alderman Cortez made the motion that the proposal for septic tank maintenance at the Animal Control facility be approved tentatively until legal review. Seconded by Alderman Emery. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON RENEWAL OF DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION CONTRACT
Alderman Cortez made the motion that Council renew the contract with the Law Office of Thomas P. Cate. Seconded by Alderman Emery. VOTE: For motion: Aldermen Cortez, Emery, Morrow and Stone. Alderman Cate abstained. Motion carried.

Alderman Cate made the motion that Council reconsider Item 6J now that the Library Director was present. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON HIRING PART-TIME LIBRARY EMPLOYEE
Alderman Stone made the motion that Council hire Nicole Ramirez as a library clerk for 30 hours per week at $10.00 per hour. Seconded by Alderman Morrow. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON PROPOSAL FROM PEERLESS TO PURCHASE WELL PUMP MOTOR
Alderman Stone made the motion that Council approve the offer from Peerless for $7,000.00 for the well pump motor. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
Mayor Gonzalez reported on the following:
1 - IH 35 frontage road construction will start the middle of February;
2 - Lytle on list with Gravity for generator;
3 - attended Medina County Commissioners’ Court and they approved request to close CR 6843 and offered signage and materials to assist City;
4 - City Secretary’s 46th anniversary with the city is January 15th and Virginia Medina and Sergio Pena have January birthdays;
5 - keep Matt Dear in prayers since he lost his mother;
6 - keep Rosie Kutch’s family in prayers due to her death; and
7 - Wayne Herl is also needing prayers, as he is still in the hospital.

Alderman Cate made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Alderman Morrow. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.