Minutes of Special Meeting, November 15, 1999

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

Visitors: Julie Myers, Bertha Haass, Chris Hernandez, Dennis Haass, Gregoria Guzman, Julie Dunnavant, Elsie and Fred Rodriguez.

CONSIDER RESCINDING ACTION TAKEN ON GUZMAN FAMILY'S REQUEST FOR VARIANCE OF SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE

Gerry Elias told Council that he thought about his motion made at the regular meeting on November 8th concerning request from Guzman family and that he felt that since the Director of Public Works was not present at this meeting and they went against what the engineer advised, that he wants to withdraw his motion. After more discussion, Alderman Elias made the motion that Council rescind the motion he made at the November 8th regular meeting concerning the Guzman family's request for a variance of the subdivision ordinance. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Mr. and Mrs. Haass questioned Alderman Elias and the Council on this motion. Alderman Elias repeated his previous statement. Council then passed the motion to rescind previous decision unanimously.
CONSIDER REQUEST FROM GUZMAN FAMILY FOR VARIANCE OF SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE

Bertha Haass restated her position on requesting a variance of the City's subdivision ordinance. After a lengthy discussion, Alderman Elias made the motion to table this request for further research. Seconded by Alderman Garcia. Council agreed to have this item on the January agenda. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER REQUEST FROM FRANK HALL FOR VARIANCE ON NEW REGULATIONS FOR PLATTING

Council discussed Frank Hall's request for variance on new regulations for platting and Mayor explained it was due to Mr. Hall giving his daughter a lot but needing 14 feet of the back corner to remain his due to a storage shed being there. Mayor recommended Council grant this request. Alderman Bowen made the motion to grant Frank Hall the variance requested. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER LEASING OF WATER RIGHTS FROM GIDLEY FARMS

Mayor Fincher asked Council to consider leasing water rights from Gidley family, approximately 250 acre feet for a 5 year term at $99.00 per acre feet and negotiable for another five years. Alderman Bowen made the motion that the City secure a lease for water rights from the Gidley family. Seconded by Alderman Elias. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ADVERTISING FOR BIDS ON E.M.S. BUILDING

Mayor Fincher told Council that he has gotten a quote for the E.M.S building that is over $15,000.00 and recommended the City call for bids on this building. Alderman Garcia made the motion that the Council authorize advertising for bids on the E.M.S building. Seconded by Alderman Evans. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER OFFERING REWARD FOR INFORMATION ON PARK VANDALISM

Mayor Fincher told Council that he had talked with City Attorney and that the City can offer a reward leading to the arrest and conviction of those involved with vandalism of park gazebo, and asked Council to consider doing so. After discussion, Alderman Elias made the motion that the City offer a $200.00 reward through the next thirty days for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those who vandalized the park gazebo. Seconded by Alderman Garcia. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Mayor

City Secretary