CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Ruben Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

ROLL CALL
Mayor Ruben Gonzalez, Alderman Sam Cortez, Alderman David Emery and Alderman Michael Rodriguez were present. Alderman Charles Cate was in session via video conference.
Alderman Joseph Morrow was absent.

Staff Present: City Administrator Matthew Dear, City Secretary Paola Rios, Finance Director LaNet Hester, Animal Control Director Santiago Morantez, Police Chief Richard Priest, Public Works Director James McGrath, Code Compliance Officer Skip Traeger, Library Director Cassandra Cortez and City Attorney Jesse Lopez.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG
Led by Mayor Ruben Gonzalez

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD
There were no citizens to be heard.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Payments of Bills
i. Alderman David Emery made the motion, seconded by Michael Rodriguez to delay the item. A vote was taken (4:0 all ayes) the motion carried by all present.
ii. Alderman Michael Rodriguez made the motion, seconded by Alderman Sam Cortez to approve the item. A vote was taken (4:0 all ayes) the motion carried by all present.
OPEN SESSION – ACTION ITEMS

a. Consider and Act upon Advance Funding Agreement for a Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Program Project TXDOT-Selected On and Off System
   i. A motion was made by Alderman David Emery, seconded by Alderman Sam Cortez to take no action. A vote was taken (4:0 all ayes) the motion carried by all present.

b. Consider and Act upon bids received for city’s proposed agreement for municipal brush pick-up services
   i. A motion was made by Alderman Sam Cortez, seconded by Alderman David Emery to approve the contract for $5,245. After further discussion, vote was taken (4:0 all ayes) the motion carried by all present.

c. Consider and Act upon contract renewal with Volunteer Fire Department
   i. A motion was made by Alderman David Emery, seconded by Alderman Michael Rodriguez to approve the contract for $102,000. A vote was taken (4:0 all ayes) the motion carried by all present.

d. Consider and Act on Ordinance No. 22-10 adopting the budget of the City of Lytle, Texas, for Fiscal Year 2022-23, beginning October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023, and ordering same filed with the City Secretary and County Clerk
   i. A motion was made by Alderman David Emery, seconded by Alderman Michael Rodriguez to approve the item. After further discussion, a vote was taken (3 ayes, 1 no) the motion carried by all present.

e. Consider and Act upon Ordinance No. 22-11, approving the appraisal roll; setting the tax rate; specifying separate components of such rate for maintenance and operations and for debt services of the City of Lytle; and setting an effective date.
   i. A motion was made by Alderman David Emery, seconded by Alderman Sam Cortez that the tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of $0.3643/100 which is effectively a 10.6% increase in the tax rate. A vote was taken (3 ayes, 1 no) the motion carried by all present.

f. Update on drainage issues at Lake Shore Estates
   i. City Administrator Matthew Dear update council on the drainage issues. No action taken.

g. Consider and Act upon Ordinance No. 22-12, limiting the idling of heavy duty vehicle to five minutes; setting an Effective Date; establishing administrative penalty; and directing City Secretary to publish notice.
   i. A motion was made by Alderman David Emery, seconded by Alderman Sam Cortez to approve table item. A vote was taken (4:0 all ayes) the motion was carried by all present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

   i. No action taken

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

a. Santiago Morantez reviewed his Animal Control’s Report in a power point presentation.

b. Cassandra Cortez reviewed her Library Director’s Report in a power point presentation.

c. Code Compliance Officer Scott Traeger reviewed his report with council.
   1. Removed debris/bulky waste from 12 locations.
   2. Brush out at 12 p.m. late and early at 21 locations, advised of regulations.
   3. 26 yards addressed were maintained, 6 outstanding with letters, advised to maintain or the city will contract maintenance company and bill owner.
4. Turned off sprinklers at 12 locations and advised of state 3 restrictions.
5. At 4 locations, advised to obtain permit for storage building, fence build, house remodel and construction.

d. James McGrath reviewed his Public Works Director’s Report in a power point presentation.
e. Richard Priest reviewed his Police Chief’s Report in a power point presentation.

City Council took a break at 8:00 p.m. Everyone joined the mayor with sing Happy Birthday to Scott Traeger.

Council reconvened at 8:14 p.m.

f. LaNet Hester reviewed her Finance Report with council.
g. Paola Rios reviewed her City Secretary’s Report in a power point presentation.
h. Matthew Dear reviewed his City Administrator’s report in a power point presentation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL AND CITY STAFF

1. Alderman Emery updated on the Clean-up Day. Mayor asked if the school had been reached to allow us to place the dumpsters at the High School P-Lot.
2. Mayor talked about the well project for the 30th of September.
3. Thanked Public Works for all the work on last minute projects such as the main break at access road.
4. Thanked Chief Priest and Matthew Dear for the notifications. Alderman David Emery gave kudos to the Mayor for being there while the pipes were getting fixed.
5. Special Thanks to Animal Control for Bella’s Pantry. Kudos to Rachel for setting up the canopy.
6. Special thanks to City Staff on catching up with the Taxes and to Matthew for (check video)
7. Special thanks to City Staff on saving up money on energy bills by changing settings on the thermostats.
8. Reminded council if there’s input on something in the agenda to please send it to City Administrator and City Secretary and to not include all council to limit some interaction.
9. Mayor reminded Chief to send him a flyer for the National Night Out.
10. Reminder of the Church Festival, Alderman Sam Cortez spoke about what they will be selling that day.
11. Christmas Decoration starting to work in October to prepare.
12. Next meeting in October will be on a Tuesday due to the Holiday.
13. Reminded everyone for the nominations the end of October for the Citizen Award Candidates.
14. Congratulated the Lytle Pirates all around, they are doing great showcasing themselves on every sport and band competition.
15. Birthdays, Skipp, Juan on the 27th and Danny on the 7th.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman David Emery made the motion, seconded by Alderman Sam Cortez to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m. A vote was taken (4:0 all ayes) the motion carried by all present.