MINUTES
CITY OF LYTLE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 8, 2023

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, Alderman Michael Rodriguez, Alderman Joseph Morrow, and Alderman Charles Cate were present.

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 Jessie Lopez.

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

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD
No citizens to be heard.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes
i. Alderman David Emery made the motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Rodriguez to approve the minutes of April 10, 2023. A vote was taken (5:0 all ayes) the motion carried by all present.

ii. Alderman Michael Rodriguez made the motion, seconded by Alderman Joseph Morrow to approve the minutes of April 24, 2023. A vote was taken (5:0 all ayes) the motion carried by all present.

Approval of Payment of Bills
i. Alderman David Emery made the motion, seconded by Alderman Sam Cortez to approve the item. A vote was taken (5:0 all ayes) the motion carried by all present.
OPEN SESSION – ACTION ITEMS

a. Consider and Act upon Request from Christopher Bowen, with the city’s Keep Lytle Beautiful Commission to authorize travel and registration expenses in the amount of $1,200 to attend the Keep Texas Beautiful Conference on June 26-28, 2023, at the Galleria Westin Hotel in Houston, Texas.
   i. A motion was made by Alderman Charles Cate, seconded by Alderman Sam Cortez to approve the item. A vote was taken (5:0 all ayes) the motion carried by all present.

b. Consider and Act upon council’s appointment of members of the Ethics Commission and to affirm council’s approval of Ordinance 22-06.
   i. A motion was made by Alderman David Emery, seconded by Alderman Michael Rodriguez to approve the item, and proceed with all haste to put that into action. After further discussion, a vote was taken (2 ayes, 2 abstained, 1 no) the motion failed*. A motion was made by Alderman David Emery, seconded by Alderman Michael Rodriguez to approve Ordinance No. 22-06 as presented on August 22nd with the change from seven to five members and move ahead with all haste to nominate and appoint those members. A vote was taken (2 ayes, 2 abstained, 1 no) the motion failed*. After further discussion, Alderman Michael Rodriguez asked for a recount on the vote, again a vote was taken (2 ayes, 2 abstained, 1 no) motion failed*. A motion was made by Alderman David Emery, seconded by Alderman Sam Cortez to table the item until the next meeting. After further discussion, a vote was taken (4 ayes, 1 no) the motion carried by all present. *Note: The motion had passed as two Aldermen abstained, two Aldermen voted ayes and one Alderman voted no. In this case, there were two yes votes out of three. Motion passed.

c. Consider and Act upon the establishment of a City Online Message Board on the City’s website in accordance with Texas Government Code 551.006 for members of the governmental body to communicate or exchange information about public business or public policy.
   i. A motion was made by Alderman Charles Cate to approve the item, no one seconded the item, motion died.

d. Update on TCEQ requirements for community water testing for Lead and Copper sampling for period of July – December 2022 and upcoming testing plans for 2023.
   i. James McGrath stated that 40 samples were turned in last week for 2022 and they will be doing the other 40 in June. They are required to do them every three (3) years but since we have a new well. TCEQ requires you to do samples as soon as a couple of months after the well is on. For the next one they will be using the same homes. The homes have to be pre-approved and pre-1990 before they can do any sampling.

e. Consider and Act upon Resolution R23-06, expressing city’s opposition to HB1246 and SB369 providing for automatic disannexation for certain areas that do not receive full municipal services.
   i. A motion was made by Alderman Michael Rodriguez, seconded by Alderman Charles Cate to approve the item. A vote was taken (5:0 all ayes) the motion carried by all present.

f. Consider and Act upon Ordinance No. 23-06 established parking requirements for certain subdivision lots located in R-1 Zoning Districts.
   i. A motion was made by Alderman Michael Rodriguez, seconded by Alderman David Emery to approve the item. A vote was taken (4 ayes, 1 no) the motion was carried by all present.

g. Report and discussion regarding water system repairs scheduled for May 20, 2023, and city efforts to avoid water service disruptions.
   i. City Administrator Matthew Dear told council that there are three major repairs in the city that are going to require the system to shut down to reduce the pressure on the system to try to attempt the repairs. One is at the high school at their main meter, the second in front of the primary school that has
been leaking for a while and the other is inside the park. The plan is to start to shut the system down around 12:30 a.m. to be able to get back online around 4:30 a.m.

City Council took a break at 8:00 p.m.

City Council reconvened at 8:16 p.m.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Council went into Executive Session at 8:46 p.m.

City Council reconvened at 9:00 p.m.

Alderman Charles Cate left during the beginning of the executive session.

   i. No action taken.
b. Report and discussion regarding personnel in the public works department.
   i. No action taken.
c. Discussion regarding J. Campa personnel property matter.
   i. No action taken.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL AND CITY STAFF

1. Ashlee went to do her Certified Clerk for Court Testing and will get the results within a week.
2. Matt stated we need to re-advertise for Animal Control for full-time position.
3. The 3-inch water line was found on the bottom of the ditch.
4. RR Commission did their annual survey, no deficiencies found.
5. Richard Hughes stated he is ready to take on the role.
6. Santiago has an appointment tomorrow with Lytle Vet to take in 10 dogs.
7. Keep Lytle Beautiful had their annual clean-up from 9-12. Filled the dumpster at City Hall, the ones at the school one was full, the other was empty. Mayor said that there were a few people outside of the city limits who stopped by and asked what they were doing and decided to help clean-up. Mr. Barrera helped with picking up bulk items.
8. Thanked Chief for testing the sirens and all sirens are working.
9. Reminder the 15th of May is the budget workshop, the mayor asked Mr. Hughes to come and check it out.
10. May 18th school is having their school projects, please stop by and support the school.
11. Auction will be June 3rd.
12. Two-way road by the trailer homes coming to HEB and keep the bottom one way but they will let us know when they will make the changes.
13. Track will be going to State, leaving at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, please join us.
14. Lytle Baseball Team is doing great, they are going to Area. They will be competing Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Unfortunately the girls Softball Team came short, but they had an outstanding season.
15. Some sad news, Mrs. Vanwinkle passed away last night. Please keep the family in your prayers.
16. Also, lots of prayers please for Yolanda Garcia.
17. Reminder Mother’s Day Weekend.
18. Please visit our local stores and support them.

ADJOURNMENT
Alderman David Emery made the motion, seconded by Alderman Sam Cortez to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 p.m. A vote was taken (4:0 all ayes) the motion carried by all present.

ATTEST:

Signature  __________________________  __________________________  8/16/2023
Name / Title  Mayor, City of Lytle  Date

Signature  __________________________  __________________________  8/16/23
Name / Title  Police & Fire City Secretary  Date