CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Ruben Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM

ROLL CALL
Mayor Ruben Gonzalez, Alderman Miguel Aguirre, Alderman Richard Hughes, Alderman David Emery, and Alderman Michael Rodriguez were present.

Alderman Charles Cate came into session via video conference.

Staff Present: City Administrator Matthew Dear, Finance Director LaNet Hester, Animal Control Director Santiago Morantez, Police Chief Richard Priest, Public Works Director James McGrath, 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
Cori Mitchell talked to council regarding the Petunia Rescue Organization, they are a non-profit no-killing animal organization in Castroville and surrounding cities. Ms. Mitchell told Council their program is about stopping euthanasia.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes
i. Alderman David Emery made the motion, seconded by Alderman Miguel Aguirre to approve the minutes of May 8, 2023. A vote was taken (5:0 all ayes) the motion carried by all present.

ii. Alderman David Emery made the motion, seconded by Alderman Richard Hughes to approve the minutes of May 22, 2023. A vote was taken (5:0 all ayes) the motion carried by all present.

Approval of Payment of Bills
i. Alderman Michael Rodriguez made the motion, seconded by Alderman David Emery to approve the item. A vote was taken (5:0 all ayes) the motion carried by all present.
a. Consider and Act upon Task Order #23-07 in the amount of $2,644.00 with TRC Engineers for Engineering services related to Floodplain Permit Review of CPS Energy Benton City Road Utility Pole Replacement.
   i. A motion was made by Alderman David Emery, seconded by Alderman Michael Rodriguez to approve the item. A vote was taken (5:0 all ayes) the motion carried by all present.

b. Discuss, Consider and Act upon revision to the 2023 Street Pavement Project to reflect updated project costs.
   i. A motion was made by Alderman Michel Rodriguez, seconded by Alderman David Emery to approve the item and to include San Juan Street to reflect the updated project cost. A vote was taken (4 ayes, 1 no) the motion carried by all present.

c. Consider and Act upon entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Edwards Aquifer Authority for Permission to install a device for continuous monitoring at City Well #1.
   i. A motion was made by Alderman David Emery, seconded by Alderman Michael Rodriguez to table the item until they get the number for removing well head and motor before a decision can be made. Alderman David Emery amended his motion add City Administrator to approach Edwards Aquifer to see if they can help with the cost of this project, seconded by Alderman Michael Rodriguez. After further discussion, a vote was taken (5:0 all ayes) the motion carried by all present.

d. Update on Water System Infrastructure Improvements Opinion of Probable Cost from City Engineer.
   i. Scott Horowitz from TRC talked to city council and told them there was no update to what was given from the last time. Everything seemed to be staying the same, no change in the amount as of this time.

e. Consider and Act upon appointing members to fill vacancies on the City Ethics Commission.
   i. A motion was made by Alderman David Emery, seconded by Alderman Michael Rodriguez to appoint William Northern and Robert Perez to the Ethics Commission. A vote was taken (5:0 all ayes) the motion carried by all present.

f. Consider and Act upon authorizing the City Administrator to renew the Certificate of Deposit – Gas Fund (Account No. ending in 2469) at Lytle State Bank with funds totaling $250,000.00.
   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 was carried by all present.

g. Discuss, Consider and Act upon continued development of City Owned Real Property located near the Intersection of FM 2790 and CR 6710.
   i. A motion was made by Alderman Charles Cate, Seconded by Alderman Richard Hughes to table the item. A vote was taken (5:0 all ayes) the motion carried by all present.

h. Discuss, Consider and Act upon Formatting of Agendas for City Meetings to Include the Addition of the Author(s)/Requestor(s) of City Business for Council, Committees, et al to be Considered or Discussed.
   i. A motion was made by Alderman Charles Cate, seconded by Alderman Miguel Aguirre to approve the item. A vote was taken (3 ayes, 2 no) the motion carried by all present.

i. Consider and Act upon setting date for a council workshop on proposed Tax Abatement Program.
   i. A motion was made by Alderman David Emery, seconded by Alderman Richard Hughes to set the workshop meeting for June 27th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. A vote was taken (5:0 all ayes) the motion carried by all present.

j. Consider and Act upon formation of Annual Daniel J McGrath, D.V.M. Citizenship Award Committee and designate Chairman.
   i. A motion was made by Alderman David Emery, seconded by Alderman Richard Hughes to approve the nominees to the committee and designate Alderman Michael Rodriguez as the Chairman. A vote was taken (5:0 all ayes) the motion carried by all present.
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 was not here to review his Public Works Director’s Report.
d. Richard Priest reviewed his Police Chief’s Report in a power point presentation.

City Council took a break at 7:59 p.m. Mayor asked everyone to join him to sing Happy Birthday to Santi. Alderman Charles Cate left the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

City Council reconvened at 8:12 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Council went into executive session at 8:13 p.m.
City Council reconvened at 8:18 p.m.

   i. No action was taken.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL AND CITY STAFF

1. Matthew reported that Public Works got all the water repairs done and put water back on everybody.
2. Chief Priest wanted to mention on a personal note that his wife was okay and has a few little complications with the pregnancy, so he has been in and out.
3. Cassandra will have an event from 10 am to 4 pm.
4. Mayor thanked PD, Public Works, City Hall and City Administrator for a successful auction, $7,500 was raised.
5. Thanked Matt for the time council had a resident out of Twin Lakes and had addressed the condition of the road. Matt came up with a plan of the reconstruction of the road.
6. Thanked LaNet for helping on the adoption of and fostering of some dogs.
7. Special thanks to Santi and Animal Allies with putting things together for the Jason Michael Foundation.
8. Thanked LaNet and Paola for holding down the fort and taking care of business while people were out last week.
9. TXDOT update in the next few weeks, the only on-ramp going southbound is going to be diverted while they are working.
10. Lytle Chamber has a new president, Pam Fintel. Thanked Brad Beazer with the Music Festival and thanked him for all he did while he was president.
11. Congratulations to Larry Sanders who got selected to be the Texas VFW Commander to represent the whole state of Texas.
12. Congratulations to Lytle High School Band, they had some members that got recognized at State level for Solo and Ensemble event.
13. Congratulations to our Little League All-Star boys and girls who did good at the Natalia Tournament.
14. Reminder of the Outreach this Thursday and the Immunizations Bus for the kids before they go back to school to get the immunizations for free.
15. Reminder of free lunches at school.
16. Prayers for Father Tony at the Catholic Church for a speedy recovery.
17. Prayers for Ray Rex and friends tomorrow will be visitation services and mass services on Wednesday at 10 am.
18. Also asked for a bit of extra prayer for Haley Hughes who is taking on a new adventure, prayers for her and her parents.

19. Asked council to please check on our neighbors the elderly as we go into some of the hotter months. If you hear of anyone having some struggles, call, the Mayor, Matt, Chief or anyone and give us a call at priority.

20. David Emery wanted to share that the Lytle Cross Country started its summer practices they are starting at 7:15 am and you may see them anywhere around town maybe near the school or sometimes just around town and every week they will start earlier getting closer to sun up in a month or so. They will be running until cross country season is over in October. Just heads up and look out for the kids around those areas.

ADJOURNMENT
Alderman David Emery made the motion, seconded by Alderman Richard Huges to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m. A vote was taken (4:0 all ayes) the motion carried by all present.

ATTEST:

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

[Signature]  [Pawh L. Rice, City Secretary]  [8/16/23]
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