MINUTES
CITY OF LYTLE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 27, 2023

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

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

Alderman Richard Hughes was absent.

Staff Present: City Administrator Matthew Dear, Finance Director LaNet Hester, Animal Control Director Santiago Morantez, Police Chief Richard Priest, Interim Public Works Director Robert Hernandez, Library Director Cassandra Cortez, and City Attorney Molly Solis.

City Secretary Paola Rios was absent.

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

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD
Mr. Louis Martinez talked to council regarding setting speed bumps at N. Benton Street and Lake Street. Mr. Clayton talked about needing another turning lane at McDonald Street and IH 35 Access Road and entrance at Harris.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of Payments of Bills
   i. Alderman David Emery made the motion, seconded by Alderman Miguel Aguirre to approve the item. A vote was taken (3 ayes, 1 no by Alderman Cate) the motion carried by all present.
PUBLIC HEARING

a. Public Hearing regarding considering lowering speed limits on all city streets in the City of Lytle to 25 mph within the jurisdiction of the City of Lytle.
   i. Mayor Gonzalez opened the public hearing at 6:40 p.m. Mr. Clayton, Simon Garcia, Brad Boyd, Walter Finch, Samuel, Jonell Kennedy, and Bob Roberts Jr. all talked to city council, and all were against lowering the speed limit on all city streets. Mayor Gonzalez closed the hearing at 6:56 p.m.

OPEN SESSION – ACTION ITEMS

a. Consider and Act upon adoption of updated Zoning Map.
   i. A motion was made by Alderman Michael Rodriguez, seconded by Alderman Charles Cate to approve the item. A vote was taken (4:0 all ayes) the motion carried by all present.

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c. Consider and Act upon request for streetlights at 180 McCoy Lane.
   i. A motion was made by Alderman Michael Rodriguez, seconded by Alderman Miguel Aguirre to table item until council gets a better cost estimate. A vote was taken (4:0 all ayes) the motion carried by all present.

d. Consider and Act upon lowering the speed limit on all city streets to 25 mph within the jurisdiction of the City of Lytle.
   i. A motion was made by Alderman Miguel Aguirre, seconded by Alderman Michael Rodriguez to not approve the item. After further discussion, a vote was taken (3 ayes, 1 no by Alderman Cate) the motion carried by all present.

e. Consider and Act upon authorizing Task Order No. 23-11 with TRC Engineers in the amount of $9,400 for engineering services to review the submittal of the Preliminary Plat, Phase 3 Construction Plans, Secondary Access Road Construction Plans, all accompanying documents, and the anticipated submittal for the Final Plat for Saddle Ridge Phase 3.
   i. A motion was made by Alderman Charles Cate, seconded by Alderman David Emery to approve the item. A vote was taken (4:0 all ayes) the motion carried by all present.

f. Consider and Act upon setting allocation of the city’s 13 votes for Medina County Appraisal District Board of Directors.
   i. A motion was made by Alderman Charles Cate, seconded by Alderman David Emery to allocate all 13 votes to Cindy Segovia for Medina County Appraisal District Board of Directors. A vote was taken (4:0 all ayes) the motion was carried by all present.

g. Consider and Act upon Adoption of City Ordinance No. 23-14 Amending Ordinance No. 89 clarifying using the current TABC rule of measurement.
   i. A motion was made by Alderman David Emery, seconded by Alderman Charles Cate to approve the item. A vote was taken (4:0 all ayes) the motion was carried by all present.

City Council took a break at 7:52 p.m.

Council reconvened at 8:06 p.m.
DEPARTMENT REPORTS

a. LaNet Hester reviewed her Finance Report with council.
b. Council talked to City Administrator and Finance Director regarding the City Secretary’s Report.
c. Matthew Dear reviewed his City Administrator’s report in a power point presentation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL AND CITY STAFF

1. Alderman Rodriguez thanked council regarding the Annual Citizenship Award Committee and stated the awards will be presented on the next council meeting, December 11th.
2. Mayor thanked AP Energy for the installation of a light at the intersection going to Coal Mine.
3. Thanked all the area churches and school district for housing a community wide Thanksgiving Meal for 300 plus people. Thanked the Culinary Department, Chef Stewart, and Julian Lingo.
4. Thanked the Lytle VFW for hosting a Thanksgiving Meal for all the Veterans and their families in the area.
5. Thanked TXDOT for the turning lane project.
6. Thanked Paola and LaNet for the purchase of the Christmas Tree, thanked Matt and Public Works for putting it together.
7. Thanked Lytle State Bank for sponsoring the Christmas Decorating Contest.
8. Update on Rise Broadband, they are 90% complete. The plan is 132 South will get the fiber first by the end of December. The rest of Lytle, they are looking at the end of January.
9. Frontage Road TXDOT project continues into December completely done, might have some lane detours but they are still working on it.
10. Mayor and Matt hosted a meeting with TXDOT and other mayors, they found out that crash rates along I-35 between Devine and Lytle are higher than the statewide average. Also, crashes on 132 between Devine and Lytle are higher than the statewide average. They are looking into the future for I-35 to have 3 lanes. They also talked about ramps and the mayor provided feedback TXDOT from our citizens regarding the ramps. Medina County will be joining the AAMPO and Lytle will be in a different pot of money to be able to get some of our projects funded.
11. Still working on water projects, this Thursday, November 30th on 2790 the new Subdivision Rosewood all the way to Lucky Road, they will bring down the water to be able to connect into the new subdivision.
12. Our scheduled project where we were going to lower the water pressure by St. Andrew’s Church will be on Sunday December 17th.
13. Reminder, our city employees, council, and their families, we have the Christmas Dinner starting at 6 p.m.
14. Hayride event for December 9th starts at 6 p.m. Please encourage our citizens to decorate along the route we are taking, not just for the ride but also for the contest. High School Band will be in front of City Hall to entertain as the trailers pass by.
15. If you missed Robert’s Rules Training, we do have the video.
16. Mayor reminded Alderman Cate to not forget to turn in his Financial Disclosure Report.
17. Upcoming Birthdays Liza on the 11th and Wayne on the 12th of December. We have one here today, Alderman Charles Cate.

ADJOURNMENT
Alderman David Emery made the motion, seconded by Alderman Charles Cate to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. A vote was taken (4:0 all ayes) the motion carried by all present.