

Minutes of Special Meeting held June 15, 2009

Special meeting with the following present: Mayor Mark Bowen; Aldermen Ward Sanders, Jerry Stone, Rudy Hernandez; City Secretary Josie Campa. Aldermen Sam Cortez and Kevin Keith were absent.

Visitors: Hector Barrera, Laura Barrera.

CONSIDER REQUEST FROM CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS COMMITTEE TO ALLOW LARGE ANIMAL IN PARK FOR "SATURDAY IN THE PARK" FESTIVAL ON JUNE 27, 2009

City Secretary Josie Campa told Council that the Christmas Decorating Committee is requesting permission to have a longhorn steer in the park during their festival on June 27th. Alderman Hernandez made the motion that Council grant this request. Seconded by Alderman Sanders. Discussion. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER CALLING FOR BIDS ON N. SOMERSET STREET PROPERTY

City Secretary Josie Campa told Council that she has had some inquiries about the property on N. Somerset Street. After discussion, Alderman Hernandez made the motion that Council let sealed bids on the N. Somerset Street property and a minimum bid of \$45,000.00 be set with a \$1,000.00 non-refundable deposit, if person is awarded the bid. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Discussion. Passed unanimously.

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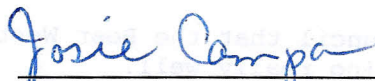
CONSIDER ANIMAL SHELTER COSTS AND CONSTRUCTION

Alderman Sanders explained what has been done at the new animal shelter and that since ADA laws required certain items and the Health Department required larger cages for the animals, the shelter is larger than originally planned. Alderman Sanders explained the money saved by the city serving as the contractor, but that the money budgeted will not hold out due to the added square footage. Alderman Hernandez asked how much money is needed to complete shelter. Alderman Sanders said approximately \$30,000.00. City Secretary Josie Campa told Council she had gone back five years and reviewed the monies left over each year for animal control, pest control, and capital improvements in the general fund. The City Secretary told Council that nearly \$41,000.00 was left over from those five years. After a lengthy discussion, Alderman Hernandez made the motion that Council approve \$41,000.00 be moved forward from previous years to complete the animal shelter, except for the parking lot. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.



Mayor



City Secretary