

Minutes of Special Meeting held September 6, 2011

Special meeting with the following present: Mayor Mark Bowen; Aldermen Ruble Farmer, Ward Sanders, Jerry Stone, Kevin Keith; City Secretary Josie Campa; Director of Public Works James McGrath; Police Chief Richard Priest; Fire Chief Matt Dear.

Visitors: Philip Ruiz, Rudy Ruiz, Emiliano Guerrero, James La Combe, Larry Sanders, Kathy Dodson, Edgar Dodson, Mr. Harris.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ON A CONSTRUCTION (SMALL PURCHASE PROCUREMENT) CONTRACT AWARD FOR FLOOD AND DRAINAGE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS ALONG THE LAREDO STREET-WISDOM ROAD VICINITY AND FUNDED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF RURAL AFFAIRS (TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE) TxCDBG CONTRACT 710431**

Emiliano Guerrero from TRC told Council that one bid was received on the additional drainage work. He said this bid was from Myers Concrete Construction and totaled \$47,858.30. Philip Ruiz reminded that the bids for the drainage project on Wisdom Road were so low that this allowed for additional work. He told Council that there was good news and they were able to increase the grant contract and still have monies left after the added work. Mr. Ruiz told Council if they accept the bid they need award it subject to written verification of the state agency that monitors this grant. After more discussion, Alderman Stone made the motion that Council approve the bid from Myers Concrete Construction, the sole vendor that bid this project in the amount of \$47,858.30, subject to written verification from the state. Seconded by Alderman Farmer. Passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER REQUEST FROM VFW POST #12041 TO ALLOW HORSES IN THE PARK FOR THE FREEDOM WALK FESTIVAL**

Larry Sanders from VFW Post #12041, brought Council up to date on the upcoming Freedom Walk Festival. Mr. Sanders asked Council's permission to have horses in the park on Saturday morning, since they will post the colors at this event and will lead the Freedom Walk. Alderman Keith made the motion that Council grant this request. Seconded by Alderman Sanders. Passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER REQUEST FROM POLICE CHIEF TO ORDER NEW POLICE VEHICLE FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR**

Police Chief Richard Priest explained to Council that he has been having problems with the police unit that is going to be replaced by the new unit that was budgeted. He told Council that he can't see spending a lot of money on repairs, if this car is going to be taken off-line very soon. He asked Council's permission to order the vehicle as soon as possible and then pick it up on October 3rd, in the new fiscal year. Alderman Stone made the motion that Council approve Chief's request. Seconded by Alderman Keith. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.