

Minutes of Special Meeting held August 20, 2018

Special meeting with the following present: Mayor Mark Bowen; Aldermen Jerry Stone, Ruben Gonzalez, Ruble Farmer, Jamie Dahler and Sam Cortez; City Secretary Josie Campa; Public Works Director James McGrath; Animal Control Director Betty Kroeger; Library Director Cassandra Cortez; Police Chief Richard Priest; Fire Marshal Matt Dear.

Visitors: Gabriel Romero and Kaveh Khorzad via telephone.

Mayor Bowen opened the special meeting at 6:30 p.m. and led everyone in the pledge to the flag.

The Mayor told Council that Kaveh Khorzad would talk to Council on the phone since he had a prior commitment and couldn't be in Lytle.

Kaveh Khorzad joined the meeting via telephone.

**CONSIDER AND ACT UPON DISCUSSION AND/OR PROPOSALS FROM  
SOUTHWEST ENGINEERS CONCERNING WELL #4**

Mr. Khorzad told Council about Well #4 and that it is pumping 600 gallons per minute. He said it did pump 630 gallons at 585 feet.

Mr. Khorzad then explained the need for a change order due to the pump needing to be placed at 585 feet instead of at 399 feet.

City Secretary Josie Campa and Mayor Bowen asked Mr. Khorzad to address other items that could change things and not require a change order.

Mr. Khorzad then talked to Council about acidizing the well if they want to maybe get a higher yield from the well. Mr. Khorzad told Council that typically acidizing a well could double the yield and that this isn't always the case.

Mr. Khorzad reviewed added costs that are involved with acidizing a well and said it could cost the city anywhere from \$100,000.00 to \$130,000.00. He said the advantage to acidizing the well now is saving additional costs for removing the pump and then resetting it. Mr. Khorzad told Council if the acidizing were to produce a higher yield then the pump wouldn't have to be set as low as the 585 feet.

Mayor Bowen asked Mr. Khorzad to give Council his recommendation for Well #4.

Kaveh Khorzad told Council that the well's yield of 600 gpm's is more than enough to meet the city's current needs and State requirements. He said this yield would provide enough for another eight hundred (800) customers. Mr. Khorzad told Council that if the city needs more water at a later date due to growth that the well could be acidized at that time.

**CONSIDER AND ACT UPON DISCUSSION AND/OR PROPOSALS FROM SOUTHWEST ENGINEERS CONCERNING WELL #4 (CONT.)**

Mayor Bowen asked Mr. Khorzad about the additional costs if acidizing is done in a few years. Mr. Khorzad told Council most of the costs would remain close to what it is today, however the added cost would be due to having to pull the pump and then resetting it and having to change the pump and bowls depending on the yield. He said additional pumping tests would have to be done and that this could cost the city as much as \$200,000.00 for the acidizing project.

Mr. Khorzad recommended the Council hold off on acidizing the well until more water is needed.

Council discussed the time line if the well is acidized with Mr. Khorzad, who said it could be an additional two weeks.

After more discussion, Alderman Gonzalez made the motion that Council go with Mr. Khorzad's recommendation and not have Well #4 acidized at this time. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER AND ACT UPON PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE ORDER FOR WELL #4**

Mr. Khorzad discussed the need for a change order for Well #4 project, since the pump is needing to be set at 585 feet. Mr. Khorzad explained the cost involved for setting this pump at this level with the total being another \$10,233.00. Alderman Cortez made the motion that Council approve Change Order #3 for \$10,233.00 Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.