

Special meeting with the following present: Mayor Horace Fincher; Aldermen Louis Trouart, Bennie Evans, Gerry Elias, Juan Garcia and Mark Bowen; City Secretary Josie Campa.

Visitors: Paul Boedeker, Philip Ruiz, Rudy Ruiz.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL FOR ADVERTISING FOR BIDS ON 100,000 GALLON OVERHEAD WATER STORAGE TANK**

Mayor Fincher told Council that he had been told by a guy at Pittsburgh Tank Company that they have a 100,000 gallon water tower that they would let the City have for \$228,000.00, turnkey.

The Mayor told Council he had checked with Philip Ruiz and the City Attorney about this and that he feels if the City is going to have to spend \$40,000 to \$60,000 on repairing the old 50,000 gallon tank, this might be something for Council to consider.

Paul Boedeker told Council that the present 50,000 gallon water tank will have to be sandblasted and recoated on the inside and then painted on the inside. He said the minimum amount of money this would cost is \$40,000.00. He said he thinks the new tower would be better if Council opts to go with it; however, the project would have to be advertised for bid since the amount is too large to change order. Mr. Boedeker told Council Pittsburgh Tank is willing to stand by and let us go out for bids on a new water tower and if the bid is awarded to Pittsburgh on the new tank, then they would terminate the present contract for \$4,000 to \$6,000. However, if the bid would go to another company, the amount of terminating their contract would be higher. Mr. Boedeker told Council it will be difficult for other companies to compete with Pittsburgh because the contract will require a 30 day time frame.

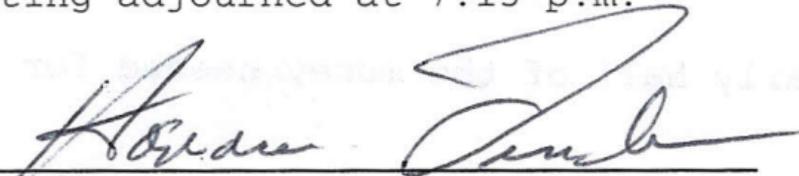
Philip Ruiz told Council that he has talked to the State's grant people about amending the contract and that they have no problem with this as long as the City meets the May 10th deadline. He told Council that should they award a bid for new water tower instead of going with present project, as long as the State sees something to show project is underway, he feels they would allow for an extension.

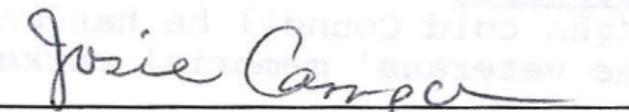
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CONSIDER APPROVAL FOR ADVERTISING FOR BIDS ON 100,000 GALLON OVERHEAD WATER STORAGE TANK (CONT.)

After more discussion, Alderman Bowen made the motion that the City advertise for bids on a 100,000 gallon elevated water tank. Seconded by Alderman Garcia. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

  
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Mayor

  
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City Secretary