

Minutes of Special Meeting held June 28, 1999

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

Visitors: Leonicio Moreno and Uvaldo Ramirez.

Mayor Fincher called the special meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**CONSIDER NEW PHONE SYSTEM FOR CITY HALL**

City Secretary Josie Campa reported that she had gotten a price of \$6,423.50 on a 15-phone Partner Plus system. She said the City could pay it out monthly on a 3-year, 4-year or 5-year plan, but said this would cost the City an additional \$1,800.00 to \$3,000.00 in interest and recommended this not be done. She told Council that the last phone system was ten phones and had cost \$5,000.00 ten years ago.

Ms. Campa told Council she had noticed the price quote was for all fifteen phones to be 18-buttons and that only half the phones would have 18-buttons; therefore, the cost of the new system would be even less. After discussion, Alderman Elias made the motion that Council approve the Partner Plus phone system, as presented by the City Secretary and that the budget be amended accordingly. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO 1998-1999 BUDGET FOR REMODELING CITY HALL**

The Mayor and City Secretary explained some of the change orders needed in the remodeling project and the cost involved, and the need for some new furnishings to compliment the remodeling done in the City Hall. The City Secretary told Council that she and the Mayor felt an additional \$6,000.00 was needed for remodeling and \$10,000.00 is needed for furnishings for the City Hall. Alderman Evans made the motion that Council approve the amendments requested by the Mayor and City Secretary for the remodeling project and furnishings. Seconded by Alderman Elias. Passed unanimously.

**INTERVIEW APPLICANTS FOR POLICE OFFICER POSITION(S)**

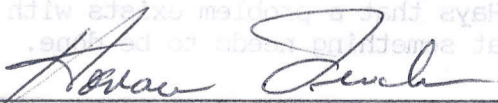
Mayor Fincher announced at 6:45 p.m. that Council would go into closed session as allowed in Chapter 551.074, Subchapter D of the Government Code. The meeting was reopened at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Fincher announced that Council had interviewed Leonicio Moreno and Uvaldo Ramirez for the police officer positions.

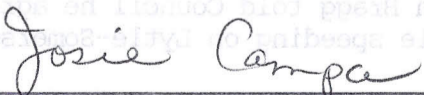
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**CONSIDER HIRING POLICE OFFICER(S)**

Alderman Elias made the motion that Council hire Uvaldo Ramirez at \$1,350.00 per month after successfully completing his tests. Seconded by Alderman Trouart. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

  
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Mayor

  
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City Secretary