

Special meeting with the following present: Mayor Horace Fincher; Aldermen Jerry Stone, Mark Bowen, Erik Dahler, Rudy Hernandez, Sam Cortez; City Secretary Josie Campa; City Attorney Tom Cate; Director of Public Works James McGrath.

Visitors: Johnathan Bowen, Bobbie Lassiter, Guadalupe and Bertha Bustamante, Eliza Bustamante-Garcia, Stella Montoya, Mr. Montoya, Geronimo Bustamante, Richard Cortez.

Mayor Fincher opened the special meeting at 6:30 p.m.

**CONSIDER REQUEST TO OPEN UP BLOCK OF JUAREZ STREET IN COAL MINE THAT WAS PLATTED BUT NOT DEVELOPED**

Mayor Fincher explained to Council that a block of Juarez Street was platted, but never developed. He said a couple was wanting to build a house on the end of that street and would like the street opened. Alderman Dahler made the motion that Council approve this request. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Discussion. Alderman Dahler amended his motion to include checking with Mr. Worthey on a price for getting this work done. Alderman Stone seconded the amended motion. Passed unanimously.

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**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RE-PLAT IN LAKE SHORE ESTATES-TONY RENDON**

Mayor Fincher read the letter from TRC Engineers giving the approval on Tony Rendon's plat approval. Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council approve the re-plat presented by Tony Rendon and approved by the engineer. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER BID(S) RECEIVED ON STREET IMPROVEMENTS**

Mayor Fincher told Council that only one bid had been received on the street improvements for CR 681. The bid from Neal Worthey Contracting is for \$46,000.00. Alderman Hernandez made the motion that Council accept the bid from Mr. Worthey. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER HIRING PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE(S)**

Director of Public Works James McGrath recommended to Council that William Dixon be hired to fill one of the vacancies in Public Works. Alderman Hernandez made the motion that Council hire William Dixon at \$7.00 per hour once he completes his physical and drug screen satisfactorily. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER REQUEST FROM HORACE FINCHER TO WAIVE DEPOSIT ON COMMUNITY CENTER**

Mayor Fincher asked Council to waive the deposit on the Community Center for an event he is hosting in May of 2008. After discussion, Alderman Dahler made the motion that the Council waive the deposit on the center for all taxpayers, but they be held accountable for any damages. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Discussion. Alderman Hernandez asked Alderman Dahler to amend his motion to include this be done on a 12-month trial basis and then reviewed. Alderman Dahler agreed to this amendment to his motion. Alderman Cortez seconded the amended motion. Discussion. Council agreed the written contract would reserve the center. Passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER ADDING MONDAY, DECEMBER 31ST (NEW YEAR'S EVE) AS A HOLIDAY FOR 2007**

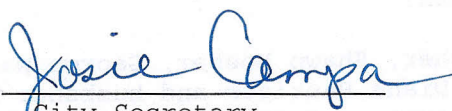
Alderman Bowen made the motion that Council allow City employees to have December 31st as another holiday this year. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER REPORT FROM WATER COMMITTEE AND TAKE ACTION ON COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION**

Mayor Fincher told Council that he should have a letter of intent to sell water rights back by the October 8th meeting. The Mayor told Council that if we do buy this water, whatever the city does not use, can be leased out. Alderman Dahler asked about financing for this water. The Mayor said it would all be on the agenda on October 8th and said no action was needed tonight.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

  
Mayor

  
City Secretary