

NEWSLETTER:

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## City of Lytle

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Dist. 1-Ruben Gonzalez  
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Dist. 3-Laura Reyna  
Dist. 4-Jerry Stone  
Dist. 5-Erik Dahler

### CITY SECRETARY

Josie Campa

April 1, 2020

### CITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Please be advised that the Council has a newsletter sent on a quarterly basis to inform and remind the public about important events.

### COVID-19 A.K.A CORONAVIRUS

Since COVID-19 a.k.a Coronavirus was declared a pandemic on March 11<sup>th</sup>, we felt the need to send several enclosures concerning this viral disease with your newsletter. In fact, most of this quarterly newsletter will pertain to this deadly disease. We are enclosing the Declaration of Public Health Emergency issued by the Mayor and City Council on March 18<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. We have also enclosed information from the Metropolitan Health District for everyday actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses and a handout listing effective handwashing techniques from Bexar County Emergency Management. We hope these enclosures assist our public with learning more about this life-threatening disease. **IF WE ALL LISTEN TO AND FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES BEING HANDED DOWN BY THE CDC-CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION, MAYBE WE CAN STOP THE SPREAD OF THIS HORRIBLE DISEASE.**

### MAY 2, 2020 CITY ELECTION POSTPONED UNTIL NOVEMBER

At a special City Council meeting held on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, Council voted to postpone the upcoming May 2<sup>nd</sup> City election. As per the Texas Governor's Proclamation authorizing and allowing political subdivisions to move their general and special elections to the next uniform election date, Council acted to do this. Please keep in mind that health risks to the election workers and voters were considered when enacting this postponement. Therefore, the elections for the City will be held on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020, which is a Tuesday.

### WATER CONSERVATION

At the time this newsletter was being written, the level of the Edwards Aquifer was about eleven (11) feet above the trigger level for Stage 1 water restrictions. Therefore, we'd like to ask all our water customers to conserve water as much as possible. If we don't get rain soon, Stage 1 will be declared before we know it and then it will be mandatory restrictions on water usage.

**UPCOMING SCHEDULED CITY HOLIDAYS**

City employees will have a holiday on Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> in observance of Good Friday. The Memorial Day holiday falls on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> for the city staff. In observance of Independence Day (4<sup>th</sup> of July), city employees will be off on Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**2020 EASTER EGGS-TRAVAGANZA CANCELLED**

It is with great regret that we announce the **CANCELLATION** of this year's Easter Eggs-travaganza. Due to the recommendation from the CDC and the disaster declaration by Texas Governor Greg Abbott, we felt the cancellation of this event was necessary to safeguard our citizens.

Plans are being worked on to try and hand out bags of Easter candy to the children in this area. As soon as these plans are completed, we will have something on the city's website, the City Hall marquee and the Leader News.

**2020 4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY FIREWORKS**

At this time, it is too soon to say that the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration will be cancelled. If the coronavirus situation improves by the end of June or hopefully sooner, then we will try our best to hold this celebration. We will have more news on this in our future newsletter.

**RABIES VACCINATION DRIVE CANCELLED**

Due to recent events, the Lytle Veterinary Clinic has **CANCELLED** the 2020 Rabies Vaccination Drive.

**VACANCY ON CITY COUNCIL FILLED**

It's with a very heavy heart that we report that on February 19<sup>th</sup>, District 5 Alderman Ruble Farmer passed away. Mr. Farmer was one of the most respected Council members the City has ever had serve. He was also one of the most dedicated Councilman to serve our city. In fact, Mr. Farmer is the only person in the history of the City of Lytle to serve on the Council four different times. Mr. Farmer also served as a member of the city's Library Board for nearly twenty-five (25) years. The Mayor, Council members and city employees truly appreciate Mr. Farmer's outstanding service to our city, as we know most of our citizens do too. We'd like to take this opportunity to offer our condolences once again to Mrs. Farmer and to thank her for sharing Ruble with us for so many years.

Since the Council postponed the city election until November, this meant District 5 would not have a representative on the Council for the next eight (8) months. Therefore, Council filled the vacancy created by Mr. Farmer's passing on March 23<sup>rd</sup> with former Council member Erik Dahler. Mr. Dahler will serve until the November election.

**REMINDERS NOT INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER**

You will notice that this quarterly newsletter does **NOT** include the reminder sheets. Due to the number of pages used to inform the public on the coronavirus, we felt reminders could be left out this time. If you need info you can go to the city's website: [www.lytletx.org](http://www.lytletx.org) and look at previous newsletters.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

**DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC, THE CITY COUNCIL AND I FELT THE NEED FOR THE DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY. I URGE EVERYONE TO READ THE INSERTS PROVIDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER. IF WE ALL BAND TOGETHER AND FOLLOW THE RECOMMENDED GUIDELINES FROM CDC, MAYBE WE CAN SLOW THE SPREAD OF THIS DEADLY VIRUS, AND OUR LIVES CAN RETURN TO NORMALCY SOONER THAN LATER.**

I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and looking forward to spring weather. I know many of you have started or will be starting on your spring garden. Hopefully, along with the nice weather will come more rain and some beautiful wild flowers.

Looking around town new businesses are continuing to come and be a part of our community. With several new projects to break ground soon, Lytle continues to be blessed. Hopefully, before long we can land another sit-down type restaurant which many citizens ask me about.

I want to thank all of our great volunteers that help in our city. Especially the VFW and their staff of officers who do an outstanding job, along with their ladies' auxiliary that help the city, school and wherever the need is. Thank you!!

Mayor  
Mark L. Bowen

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**IMPORTANT CITY TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

Lytle City	(830) 709-3692
Lytle Public Works	(210) 251-8578
Lytle Police Dept.	(830) 709-0277
Lytle Animal Control	(830) 709-3832
Lytle EMS and Police	(830) 769-3434 or 9-1-1
Lytle Fire Department	(830) 709-2326 or 9-1-1
C.P.S. Energy	(210) 353-HELP (4357)
	1-800-870-1006 – Toll Free

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