

**City of Alton City Commission
Regular Meeting 7:30 pm
February 14, 2017 Minutes**



Members Present

Mayor Salvador Vela
Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr
Commissioner Ricardo Garza
Commissioner Richard Arevalo
Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr

City Staff Present

Jorge Arcaute
Baudelia Rojas
Ric Gonzalez
Jeff Underwood
Rosie Tello
Rudy Garza
Janie Gaytan
Steve Pena
Samm Mercado

Others Present

Jill Baumgartner
Chrstitian Lentz

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE A QUORUM IS PRESENT:**
With a quorum of the Alton City Commission present, Mayor Salvador Vela called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.
- II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG**
Mayor Salvador Vela led the group in prayer. Commissioner Ricardo Garza led in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
- IV. CONSENT AGENDA:**
Approve the minutes of the City Commission meeting of January 24, 2017.
Motion to approve the minutes as presented was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 5-0.
- V. NEW BUSINESS:**
- 1. Adoption of Ordinance 2017-01, an ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Alton, Texas ordering a General Election to be held May 6, 2017 for the**

purpose of electing a City Commissioner Place 2, City Commissioner Place 3 and City Commissioner Place 4, establishing early voting locations and polling places for said election, and making provisions for the conduct of the election, waiving second and third reading.

Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

2. Consider and approve agreement renewal with John R. Milford dba South Texas Mediation and Consulting for economic development consulting services.

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated consulting agreement has been renewed for several years. Recommends City pay 50% and CADC 50% for this contract renewal. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Consider and approve the 2017 Alton Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan.

Jeff Underwood, Assistant City Manager stated city staff has worked with the public and parks master plan consultant, Halff Associates to develop a parks master plan that will assist in guiding the City in matters related to the maintenance, development and programming of the city's existing parks and recreational facilities along with future facilities. The adoption of the plan will enable the City of apply for Texas Parks and Wildlife grants. Christian Lentz with Halff presented a power point presentation to the City Commission on the Alton Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Consider and approve Resolution 2017-03 adopting the budget and work plan for Year 30 of the Hidalgo County Urban County Program.

Jeff Underwood, Assistant City Manager stated the Urban County Program requires the City to adopt, through resolution, the annual budget and work plan for the new year's funding allotment. At this time there are sufficient funds to make the annual payment on the Section108 loan and not enough funds for any other projects or assistance to subrecipients. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Consider and approve authorizing staff to seek sealed bids for the installation of sanitary sewer lines at Palm Subdivision Unit 2.

Jeff Underwood, Assistant City Manager stated Palm Subdivision is located outside Alton City limits on South Stewart Road. The homes in the subdivision are

currently on septic tanks and Hidalgo County will be repaving the street in the near future. Therefore City staff believes this is the appropriate time to determine if installing a sanitary sewer system in the subdivision is financially feasible. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Approve the Investment Reports of the 3rd and 4th quarters of 2016 according to the Public Funds Investment Act.

Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Consider and approve Resolution 2017-04 authorizing publication of the City's Notice of Intent to Issue Certificates of Obligation in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 as authorized under state law for purposes of paying contractual obligations of the City to be incurred for certain projects and to pay for the cost of issuance of the certificates of obligations and making other provisions regarding matters incident thereto.

Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

8. Consider and approve Resolution 2017-05, a resolution authorizing the purchase of real property.

Ricardo Gonzalez, City Attorney recommended going into executive session on this item.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071 & 551.072

• Real Estate: Item #8 – Resolution 2017-05

Motion to enter into executive session at 8:07 pm was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 5-0.

VII. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

• Real Estate: Item #8 – Resolution 2017-05

Motion to enter into open session at 8:15 pm was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and second by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

Recommend approval of Resolution 2017-05. Motion moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and second by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr. Motion carried 5-0.

VIII. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:

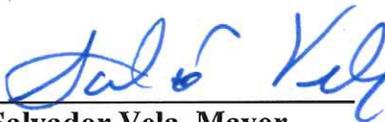
Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated the Public Works Director received a letter from the Texas Association of Regional Councils. The funding report showed the Alton Recycling Program receiving grants through the Regional Solid Waste Grants Program funds and where the funds have been utilized within the recycling program.

Public hearing was held last month at Alton Elementary for the East Main project. The new ISO rating is a 3.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 pm was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

CITY OF ALTON



Salvador Vela, Mayor

ATTEST:



Baudelia Rojas TRMC, CMC, CPM
City Secretary

