

**City of Alton City Commission
Regular Meeting 7:30 pm
May 23, 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
Rosie Tello
Jeff Underwood
Samm Mercado
Steve Pena
Janie Gaytan
Rudy Garza
Javier Garcia

Others Present

Bobby Villarreal
Danny Flores
Nicholas Martinez

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 OF 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. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing to solicit input on a proposed budget and program amendment to the City of Alton's Urban County Program Budget for Year 27 (2014) & Year 29 (2016).

Mayor Salvador Vela opened the public hearing at 7:31 pm for any comments from the public regarding the proposed budget and program amendment. Upon no comments from the public, Mayor Salvador Vela closed the public hearing at 7:35 pm.

V. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Approve the minutes of the City Commission meeting of May 9, 2017.

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

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Consider and approve appointment of City Commission member as Mayor Pro Tem.

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated due to charter requirements, a Mayor Pro Tem is selected once the newly elected Commission has been sworn. Commissioner Cantu motioned to approve Arturo Galvan Jr and Mayor Pro Tem and was second by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

2. Consider and approve a proposed budget and program amendment to the City of Alton's Urban County Program Budget for Year 27 (2014) & Year 29 (2016).

Jeff Underwood, Assistant City Manager stated public hearing was held regarding the proposed amendment. The budget and program amendment will move unused money from the repayment of Section 108 loan in 2014 to the Fire Department line item and money from Senior Services in 2016 to the Fire Department line item. The amendment places approximately \$16,000 in the Fire Department line item. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Approve the re-appointment of Municipal Court Judge and Alternate Judge.

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager recommended re-appointment of Municipal Court Judge Carlos Ortegón and Alternate Judge Patricia O'Caña for an additional one year term each. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Adoption of Ordinance 2017-04 appointing 6 members to the previously established Board of Directors for Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number 1, City of Alton Redevelopment Project, waving second and third reading.

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager recommended the appointment of the City Commission and Mona Parras from the Hidalgo County Precinct #3 to the Board of Directors. Motion to approve waiving second and third reading was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Adoption of Ordinance 2017-05 granting to One Gas, Inc acting by and through its Texas Gas Service Company Division and its successors and assigns for a period of twenty-five (25) years from approval and acceptance of this ordinance, a non-exclusive franchise.

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated period for franchise was for 25 years. City Attorney Ricardo Gonzalez recommended a term of 20 years with 4% rate. Staff recommends approval with the recommendation from Counsel. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

6. **Consider and approve a Cooperation Agreement with the County of Hidalgo for years 2018, 2019 and 2020 of the Community Block Grant Program.**
Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 5-0.
7. **Consider and approve Resolution 2017-11 finding that AEP Texas Inc's application to amend its distribution cost recovery factors to increase distribution rates within the City should be denied; finding that the City's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed by the company; finding that the meeting at which this resolution is passed ins open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of this resolution to the company and legal counsel.**
Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.
8. **Adoption of Proclamation 2017-05 proclaiming May 21-27, 2017 as National Public Works Week.**
Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated proclamation was for National Works Week. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 5-0.
- * **City Commission recessed meeting at 7:47 pm.** Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.
- * **City Commission reconvened meeting at 7:52 pm.** Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 5-0.
9. **To approve the City of Alton's Annual Audit Financial Report for the year ended September 30, 2016.**
No action.

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

VII. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

VIII. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 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 CPM, TRMC|CMC
City Secretary**



Approved by City Commission 06/13/17