

**City of Alton City Commission
Regular Meeting 7:30 pm
March 8, 2016 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
Jeff Underwood
Rudy Garza
Rosie Tello
Steve Pena
Samm Mercado

Others Present

Juan Iracheta

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 7:37 pm.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

III. CONSENT AGENDA:

Approve the minutes of the City Commission meeting of February 9 and February 25, 2016.

Discuss and consider a conditional use permit request by Patricia Lorenzo for a portable building at 2616 E Main Avenue, legally described as Alfredo's Plaza, all of Lot 6 except the south 340 feet.

Discuss and consider a conditional use permit requested by CLDC Alton, LP, to allow an irrigation water well at 320 S Stewart Blvd., Also legally described as La Esperanza-Alton Subdivision Lot 1, Alton, Hidalgo County, Texas.

Discuss and consider a conditional use permit request by Mr. Juan D Iracheta to allow an accessory building at 2618 E Stevenson Ave., also legally described as Magnolia Point Lots 23 & 24, Alton, Hidalgo County, Texas.

Discuss and consider a conditional use permit request by Mr. Blesson George, dba El Portal Food Mart to obtain a Wine and beer Retailer's Off-Premise permit at

1701 N Alton Blvd, also legally described as the 25.32AC of Lot 45-6, West Addn. to Sharyland, Alton, Hidalgo County, Texas.

Discuss and consider a conditional use permit request by Orchard Estates LP to allow an irrigation water well at 1100 S Stewart Blvd., also legally described as Orchard Estates Subdivision, Lot 1, Alton, Hidalgo County, Texas.

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.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss and consider renewal for Ambulance Services with Hidalgo County EMS.

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated city has had a good experience with Hidalgo County EMS. Contract has a rollover of 3 years. 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.

2. Discuss and consider terminating agreement between the City of Alton and Texas A&M University Colonias Program.

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated the contract would end in August/September 2016. There are many programs being implemented by the City that it requires the use of the Recreation Center. Staff recommends approval. Motion to terminate contract at the end of the three year term was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Adoption of Ordinance 2016-04, an ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Alton, Texas providing a water conservation plan and a public education/information program, waiving second and third reading.

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated the ordinance is just an update. 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 the first reading of Ordinance 2016-05 amending existing sign ordinances and adopting new sign regulations.

Jeff Underwood, Assistant City Manager stated the City is experiencing new growth. Ordinance allows for slightly larger signs in commercial areas, which is a request from many of the national chain retailers. The ordinance also incorporates the requirements for political signs and digital signs that were included in previous ordinances. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve first reading was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Acceptance of Solid Waste Grant, Contract Number 16-21-G02 from the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council in the amount of \$29,2955.00 for the Alton Recycling Program.

Rudy Garza, Public Works Director stated the grant will be utilized for the Alton Recycling Program by acquiring personnel to staff drop off location. It will also be used to purchase recycling bins and educational material for school presentations. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Adoption of Resolution 2016-06, approving the 2016 Public Investment Policy.

Rosie Tello, Finance Director stated the policy was set forth for specific investment policy and strategy guidelines for the City in order to achieve goals of safety, liquidity, yield and public trust for all investment activities. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 5-0.

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

VI. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

VII. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:

Samm Mercado, Special Projects Coordinator stated the Alton Gala is scheduled for March 12th at the Cosmopolitan Event Center.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 pm was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

CITY OF ALTON



Salvador Vela, Mayor

ATTEST:



Baudelia Rojas TRMC, CPM
City Secretary

Approved by City Commission 03/22/16

