

**City of Alton City Commission  
Regular Meeting 7:30 pm  
August 9, 2016 Minutes**

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**Members Present**

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

**Members Absent**

Commissioner Richard Arevalo

**City Staff Present**

Jorge Arcaute  
Baudelia Rojas  
Rudy Garza  
Jeff Underwood  
Steve Pena  
Janie Gaytan  
Samm Mercado

- 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. **CONSENT AGENDA:**  
**Approve the minutes of the City Commission meeting of July 26, 2016.**  
Motion to approve the minutes as presented was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 4-0.
- V. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  1. **Adoption of Ordinance 2016-11, an ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Alton, Texas, approving a negotiated resolution between the City of Alton and Texas Gas Service regarding the company's April 28, 2016 cost of adjustment filing; declaring existing rates to be unreasonable; adopting new tariffs that reflect rate adjustments consistent with the negotiated settlement and finding the rates to be set by the attached tariffs to be just and reasonable;**

**providing for the recovery of the city’s and TGS’ reasonable and necessary rate case expenses; adopting a savings clause; determining that this ordinance was passed in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act; declaring an effective date; repealing any prior ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance and requiring delivery of the ordinance to the company’s and the City’s legal counsel, waiving second and third reading.**

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated the ordinance was an agreement to settle the cost of service adjustment. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and seconded by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 4-0.

**2. Consider and approve renewal of Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with Palm Valley Animal Center for fiscal year 2016-2017.**

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated contract is basically the same as last year. The rate increased from \$70.00 to \$80.00 due to increased costs. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 4-0.

**3. Discuss and consider the approval of Resolution 2016-12, opposing the recent administrative efforts by TxDOT to no longer apply the economically disadvantaged county program to off-system transportation projects.**

Jeff Underwood, Assistant City Manager stated TXDOT has assisted local government with off-system roadway improvements with money from the Economically Disadvantaged County Program. Funding is typically used for right of way acquisition and construction. The Transportation Commission has discussed removing this assistance. All counties and cities in the RGV are asked to pass the resolution in opposition of funding removal. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 4-0.

**4. Discuss and consider the approval of contract extension between the City of Alton and CEST, LLC for General Services.**

Jeff Underwood, Assistant City Manager stated the City had entered into an agreement with Construction and Electrical of South Texas (CEST) in August 2015 to provide general services. The contract has given staff the ability to effectively and efficiently address short term labor and equipment needs. Staff recommends approval of a one year extension. Motion to approve was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 4-0.

**5. Discussion on the 2016 Effective Tax Rate, Rollback Tax Rate and Last Year’s Tax Rate for proposing the adoption of the new tax rate.**

Motion to approve proposed tax rate of 0.4490 was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 4-0.

**6. Presentation of the City of Alton proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.**  
Presentation only item.

**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:**

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated that Master Parks Plan is underway and almost complete. Staff will be holding a meeting on August 11, 2016.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 4-0.

**CITY OF ALTON**



**Salvador Vela, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**



**Baudelia Rojas TRMC, CPM  
City Secretary**



Approved by City Commission 08/23/16