

**City of Alton City Commission
Regular Meeting 7:30 pm
March 12, 2013 Minutes**



Members Present

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

Members Absent

Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr

City Staff Present

Jorge Arcaute
Baudelia Rojas
Steve Peña
Rosie Tello
Rudy Garza
Javier Garcia
Enrique Sotelo
Noe Garza
JJ Salinas
Ricardo Gonzalez

Others Present

Gus 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. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

III. CONSENT AGENDA:

Approve the minutes of the City Commission meeting of February 26, 2013.

Motion to approve the minutes was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 4-0.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Certification of unopposed candidates for the May 11, 2013 General Election.

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated no one filed against the incumbents for the May election. A certification of unopposed candidates is presented. Staff recommends

approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 4-0..

2. Adopt Ordinance 2013-04, an ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Alton, Texas, cancelling the May 11, 2013 general election and declaring the unopposed candidate for the office of City Commission Member Place 2, City Commission Member Place 3 and City Commission Member Place 4 as elected; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict; finding and determining that the meeting at which this ordinance was passed was open to the public as required by law; waiving second and third reading and providing for an effective date.

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated certification of unopposed candidates was presented previously and as such, the election would be cancelled. Motion to approve was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and second by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 4-0.

3. Approve appointment(s) to the Alton Municipal Court.

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated there was an increase in activity in the municipal court, he was recommending appointing an additional judge. Judge Lefevre would be promoted to Associate Municipal Judge and Gus Martinez would be appointed as Alternate Municipal Judge. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 4-0.

4. Approve the disposal of Police Department abandoned vehicles through a public auction.

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated the Police Department had several abandoned vehicles and would like to proceed with a public auction. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 4-0.

5. Adopt Resolution 2013-04, a resolution supporting the current drought situation and water delivery issues.

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated the resolution was given by the LRGVDC to obtain support of the current drought situation. Several cities have already approved it. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and second by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 4-0.

6. Approve change order No. 2 for the CWSRF Texas Water Development Board Sewer Project.

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated a change order has been submitted. The change order is in the amount of \$532,834.00. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 4-0.

7. Approve the 2013 Investment Policy.

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated the investment policy has been presented and approved annually. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Ricardo Garza and second by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 4-0.

8. Reappoint Zoning Board of Adjustments members.

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated the Zoning Board of Adjustments terms were about to expire. Recommends reappointment of Raul Rodriguez, Julian Carranza and Carlos Perez for a two year term. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 4-0.

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

None

VI. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

VII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

La Pointe project has been completed. There will be a meeting with USDA on Thursday, March 14 at 2:00 pm. The groundbreaking will be scheduled soon. The Alton preparedness profile through TDEM is currently in the advanced level.

The Alton Sports Authority is working on a basketball league. For baseball, they would like the Mayor to throw the first pitch. The City received a good report from the Passport Division based on their site visit recently.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 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, CPM
City Secretary

