

**City of Alton City Commission  
Regular Meeting 7:30 pm  
April 9, 2013 Minutes**

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**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  
Steve Peña  
Rudy Garza  
Javier Garcia  
Enrique Sotelo  
Noe Garza  
JJ Salinas  
Ricardo Gonzalez

**Others Present**

Hilario Ortiz, Emigdio Salinas, Ester Garza, Jonathan Sanchez, Stephanie Olmedo, Noel Garza

**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 7:33 pm.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**III. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Approve the minutes of the City Commission meeting of March 26, 2013.**

**Approve conditional use request for a non-conforming use restaurant business called Tacos La Jarra located at 2616 East Main Avenue.**

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

**IV. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Adopt Resolution 2013-05, a resolution establishing rules and regulations regarding the use of excessive force during nonviolent civil rights demonstrations, including physically**

**barring entrance to a facility or location which is the subject of such demonstrations and providing penalties for violations thereof.**

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated the resolution is a support resolution which Urban County asks to pass every year in support. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and second by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 5-0.

**2. Approve Memorandum of Understanding authorizing Veterans Memorial High School JROTC to Adopt-A-Park .**

Rudy Garza, Public Works Director stated the Veterans Memorial High School JROTC and requested to adopt Josefa Garcia Park. The goal of the program is to build a sense of ownership in the community and provide beautification. Public works will provide trash bags and tools necessary to accomplish the endeavor. 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.

**3. Award bid for Ambulance Service from Hidalgo County EMS.**

Steve Peña, Assistant City Manager stated three firms submitted bids for the ambulance service. After grading and evaluation, staff recommends selecting Hidalgo County EMS. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 5-0.

**4. Approve the City of Alton's Annual Audit Financial Report for the year ending September 30, 2012.**

Noel Garza, Reyna & Garza CPA's, briefed the commission on the annual financial report for the period ending September 30, 2012. They have an unqualified opinion which is the highest opinion which is a good indication of the financial statements. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and second by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

**5. Adopt the establishment of the "Volunteer Firefighters Fund" a Special Revenue type fund; its corresponding new bank account, "City of Alton-Volunteers Firefighters Fund" at Lone Star National Bank and authorize the City Commission Members and City Manager as signers of such account.**

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated the Fire Chief has started his outreach. As he collects donations, he would like to re-establish the volunteer force. This will be under the city's umbrellas accounts. 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.

**6. Approve the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2012 Quarterly Investment Report according to the Public Investment Act.**

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated the public funds investment act requires these reports. 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. **Adopt Resolution 2013-06, a resolution authorizing the conveyance of certain real property described as Lot 9B Alton Industrial Park, volume 52, page 11; from the City of Alton (“Alton”) to the City of Alton Development Corporation (“CADC”); and authorizing the Mayor to execute a special warranty deed in favor of the CADC.**

Ric Gonzalez, City Attorney stated the city purchased the property from the corporation that was going to build a restaurant. The CADC wants to market that lot and are requesting to be sold to them. This resolution does that. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and second by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 5-0.

8. **Approve the removal of the \$281,520.00 receivable of the sewer fees in arrears from the accounting records.**

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated that it was a recommendation from Mr. Noel Garza to deal with sewer fees arrears that have been carried for several years. 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.

**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:**

Emigdio Salinas with LEMC stated sewer project was moving along. One lift station is 75% complete and the other is 20% complete. The trunk line is a little bit behind schedule and is currently 25% complete. Ahead of schedule with the subdivisions.

LaPointe was completed about a month ago and Tri City was supposed to be completed last week but there was not asphalt available. Will be completed by Friday.

Alton Fire Station they are currently clearing the site.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 pm was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and second by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 5-0.

CITY OF ALTON

  
Salvador Vela, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Baudelia Rojas, CPM  
City Secretary

