

**City of Alton City Commission  
Regular Meeting 7:30 pm  
August 27, 2013 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  
Steve Peña  
Rudy Garza  
Javier Garcia  
Ricardo Gonzalez  
Rosie Tello  
Janie Gaytan

**Others Present**

Eva Mireles

**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. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Salvador Vela led the group in prayer. Commissioner Ricardo Garza led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Eva Mireles with the Hidalgo County Tax Office came in at 7:39 pm after item had been discussed. Since Commission approved tax rate of 0.4624, there will be no need to hold public hearings. Adoption of tax ordinance will be held September 24, 2013.

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Approve the minutes of the City Commission meeting of August 13, 2013.**

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

**V. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Approval of budget amendment of the City of Alton General Fund Budget 2012-2013.**  
Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated budget amendment is presented with final numbers for the end of the fiscal year. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and second by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 4-0.
2. **Discussion on effective 2013 tax rate, rollback tax rate, and last year's tax rate for proposing adoption of new tax rate.**  
Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated it has been six years where City Commission has approved lowering tax rate. Recommends rate of 0.4624 for 2013. If approved, there will be no need for public hearings and tax rate ordinance would be approved last meeting in September. Staff recommends approval. Roll call vote: Commissioner Garza **for**; Commissioner Cantu **for**; Mayor Pro Tem Galvan **for** and Mayor Vela **for** proposed tax rate of 0.4624. Motion to approve was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and second by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 4-0.
3. **Approve Interlocal Cooperative Agreement renewal between Palm Valley Animal Center and the City of Alton for the operation of a regional animal shelter.**  
Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated agreement was a renewal. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 4-0.
4. **Adoption Resolution 2013-10, a resolution in support of infrastructure improvements in the developments in its extra-territorial jurisdiction.**  
Jorge Arcaute, City manager stated resolution was presented by LUPE. Other cities have already approved resolution. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 4-0.

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

**Pending and/or potential litigation: Cause No. T-857-08-E City of Alton, et al vs. Daniel Vallejo**

Motion to enter into executive session at 7:41 pm was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 4-0.

**VII. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

**Pending and/or potential litigation: Cause No. T-857-08-E City of Alton, et al vs. Daniel Vallejo**

Motion to enter into regular session at 8:07 pm was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and second by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr. Motion carried 4-0.

No action on item.

**VIII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:** None

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:081 pm was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan and second by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 4-0.

CITY OF ALTON

  
Salvador Vela, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Baudelia Rojas, CPM  
City Secretary

