

**City of Alton City Commission  
Regular Meeting 7:30 pm  
January 28, 2014 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  
Ricardo Gonzalez  
Rosie Tello  
Noe Garza  
Enrique Sotelo  
JJ Salinas  
Janie Gaytan

**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 7:34 pm.

**II. PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Public hearing to solicit input from interested parties on the city's proposed Budget and Program Amendment to its Urban County Program Year 25 (2012).**

Mayor Salvador Vela opened the public hearing at 7:35 pm. Steve Peña, Assistant City Manager presented the Commission and those present the proposed budget and program amendment. He stated amendment would reduce the street improvements line items for years 22-24 and reduce the repayment of Section 108 for year 25. This would create a fire station line item for the purchase of equipment for the Alton Fire Station for years 22-25. He then asked if anyone present had any comments. With no comments from the audience, Mayor Salvador Vela closed the public hearing at 7:37 pm.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Approve the minutes of the City Commission meetings of January 14, 2014.**

**Approval of preliminary and final plat for RSBR DG (Alton) Subdivision.**

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

**V. NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Approve Urban County budget and program amendment reducing street improvements line items for year's 22-24/reducing repayment of Section 108 for year 25 and creating a fire station line item for the purchase of equipment for the Alton Fire Station for years 22-25.**

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated public hearing was just held. There was surplus funding which will be utilized for the fire station for purchase of equipment. There were no comments from the public. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and second by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 5-0.

- 2. Adoption of Resolution 2014-03 supporting the submittal of an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the development of an affordable rental housing community named Orchard Estates located on 10+/- acres of land.**

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated the resolution was for support for the proposed project. They found adjacent land which better suits them. 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.

- 3. Adoption of Resolution 2014-04 authorizing the collection of Municipal Court fines and fees and entering into a contract agreement with Linebarger, Goggan Blair & Sampson LLP for services.**

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated resolution was to enter into a contract agreement for the collection of municipal court fines and fees. 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. Approve the disposal of Police Department vehicles through a public auction.**

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated the department had several vehicles which needed disposition. 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.

**5. Approve proposal for FM 676 (Mile 5 West Section) Project from BTI Inc, Consulting Civil Engineers.**

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated that would be BTI Inc. Compensation would be \$1000 monthly for the next 18 months. Motion to approve was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and second by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr. Motion carried 5-0.

**6. Appointment of designee, an alternate and proxies for the Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Committee for fiscal year 2014.**

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager recommended a designee, an alternate and a proxy. Commissioner Ricardo Garza appointed as designee, City Manager as Alternate and the Assistant City Manager as a proxy. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 5-0.

**7. Approval of revised construction schedule for the Fire Station Project.**

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated a new construction schedule was received. Completion date which is set at September 15, 2014. 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.

**8. Approve recommendation on cost increase request from DKIII Hornback for USDA funding.**

No action.

**9. Approve the disposition of surplus vehicles, equipment and other minor items.**

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated there were several items surplus and minor items which needed disposition. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and second by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 5-0.

**10. Adoption of Resolution 2014-05 authorizing and directing the Alton Chief of Police to submit an application to the Lower Rio Grande Development Council-Criminal Justice Division for the JAG Recovery Act Grant.**

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated resolution was authorizing the Chief of Police to submit a grant for two officers. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 5-0.

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

None

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

**VIII. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:**

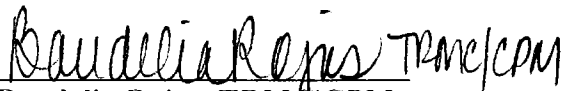
**IX. ADJOURNMENT:**

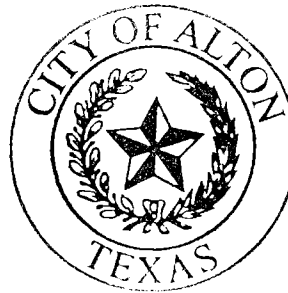
Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 pm was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and second by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 5-0.

**CITY OF ALTON**

  
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Salvador Vela, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Baudelia Rojas, TRMC/CPM  
City Secretary



Approved by City Commission 02/11/14