

**City of Alton City Commission
Regular Meeting 7:30 pm
July 22, 2014 Minutes**



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
Jeff Underwood
Rudy Garza
Ricardo Gonzalez
Javier Garcia
Rosie Tello
Janie Gaytan
Steve Peña

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 COMMENT: None

III. CONSENT AGENDA:

Approve the minutes of the City Commission meeting of July 8, 2014.

First reading of Ordinance 2014-08, relating to landscaping and buffering of new construction sites.

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

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss and consider naming a representative to the Texas A&M University-Kingsville Regional Task Force for storm water rules compliance.

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated the agreement with Texas A&M was approved at the last meeting and was needing to name a representative to the task force. Staff recommends naming Rudy Garza, Public Works Director as representative. Motion to approve was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and second by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

2. Discuss and consider the approval of continuing service agreement for professional grant funding research and grant proposal writing with Rural Development Foundation.

Jeff Underwood, Asst. City Manager stated the foundation will seek out grant opportunities that match the City's needs. If successful in obtaining a grant, they will be compensated a fee of 10% of the total grant. There are no monthly retainer fees and contract can be voided with 30 days notice. 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. Discuss and consider authorizing the solicitation of Request for Qualifications for Geo-Technical Engineering Services.

Jeff Underwood, Asst. City Manager stated staff is seeking to advertise for request for qualifications from Geo-technical engineering firms to provide geo-technical, construction and materials testing for construction projects with the City of Alton. This would be on a consultant basis. 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 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 is the same as previous year. Rates will remain the same as fiscal year 2013. 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.

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

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated there were several vehicles, equipment and minor items which need to be surplus. 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.

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:

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 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, TRMC/CPM
City Secretary