

**City of Alton City Commission  
Regular Meeting 7:30 pm  
August 12, 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  
Jeff Underwood  
Rudy Garza  
Ricardo Gonzalez  
Javier Garcia  
Rosie Tello  
Janie Gaytan  
Steve Peña

**Others Present**

Miguel Lopez  
Martha Lopez  
Jose Luis Lopez  
Juana Lopez  
Cassandra Loza-Losoya

**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 7:45 pm.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

**III. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Approve the minutes of the City Commission meeting of July 22, 2014.**

**Adoption of Ordinance 2014-08, relating to landscaping and buffering of new construction sites, waiving third reading.**

**Discussion and consideration to approve Ordinance 2014-09 approving a petition for voluntary annexation from Sergio and Ana Bertha Vera for property legally described as a 4.98 acre tract of land out of the south 10.0 acres out of Lot 42-1 West Addition to Sharyland Subdivision, Hidalgo County Texas, waiving second and third reading.**

**Discussion and consideration to approve Ordinance 2014-10 approving a zone change request from Casa Linda Development corporation from R-2 Single Family Residential to MF Multi-Family Residential for property described as a 10.01 acre tract of land being the west 658.46 feet out of the south 683 feet of John H Shary Subdivision, Hidalgo County Texas, waiving second and third reading.**

**Discussion and consideration to approve Ordinance 2014-11, relating to amendments to the City of Alton Subdivision Ordinance.**

Motion to approve the consent agenda was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and second by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Approve amendment to Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Tax Assessment and Collection between the City of Alton and Hidalgo County.**

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated the amendment was for fees for taxes collected from October 1<sup>st</sup> through October 30, 2015. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and second by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

**2. Approve Memorandum of Agreement between AVANCE and the City of Alton for an AVANCE JR Club and Youth Civic Engagement program.**

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated agreement was for use of the Recreation Center for an after school program through AVANCE for one full year. Staff recommends approval subject to legal review from counsel. Motion to approve was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and second by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 5-0.

**3. Discuss and action approving Resolution 2014-17, Lone Star National Bank Collateral transfer loan number 251486.**

Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and second by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

**4. Discussion and consider authorizing the solicitation of request of qualifications for a firm to perform a Utility Impact Fee and Rate Study.**

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated chosen firm will investigate the need for impact fees for new land developments that utilize City sewer services and usage rates. Recommendation of firm will be presented to City Commission for approval. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and second by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

**5. Presentation of the City of Alton preliminary budget for Fiscal year 2014-2015.**

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated preliminary budget is balanced. Public hearing will be held August 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. 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.

**6. Discussion on the effective 2014 tax rate, rollback tax rate, and last year's tax rate for proposing adoption of the new tax rate.**

Eva Mireles from the tax office briefed the Commission on the tax rate, rollback tax rate and last year's tax rate. Staff recommended a tax rate of \$0.4591 which is below the effective tax rate. Ms. Mireles stated no public hearings would need to be held if approving the tax rate of \$0.4591. Notice will be published August 22<sup>nd</sup> and City will adopt on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Roll call vote: Commissioner Garza **for**; Mayor Vela **for**; Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr **for**; Commissioner Richard Arevalo **for**; Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr **for**. Motion to approve the tax rate of \$0.4591 was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and second by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr. 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 7:55 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



Approved by City Commission 08/26/14