

**City of Alton City Commission
Regular Meeting 7:30 pm
October 14, 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
Steve Peña
Janie Gaytan

Others present

Rick Tello

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 7:30 pm.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG:

Mayor Salvador Vela led the group in prayer. Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

IV. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Public hearing to solicit input from interested parties regarding a grant application with USDA Rural Development for the purchase of a fire engine.

Public hearing was opened at 7:31 pm. Mayor Vela asked if there were any comments from the public present. No comments. Public hearing was closed at 7:32 pm.

V. CONSENT AGENDA:

Approve the minutes of the City Commission meetings of September 23, 2014.

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.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider and approve letter of support for the City of Alton Fire Truck Community Facilities Grant and Loan Application to USDA Rural Development.

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated public hearing was just held which is a requirement by USDA. 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.

2. Approval of purchase of radios for Police, Fire and Public Works Departments.

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated a communications upgrade is necessary to comply with the P25 standards of new wave of technology for the departments. A down payment of \$94,436.50 will be needed with the balance to be paid off with the certificate of obligation TIRZ debt issue and balance financed over 3 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.

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

VIII. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

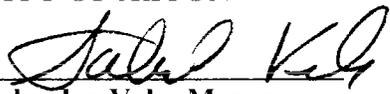
IX. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated the City is the 4th lowest in property tax rate. Early voting for November elections will begin October 20 thru October 31st. A pre-bid conference for the Old Townsite Drainage system will be held October 15th. Another meeting for the yard lines will be held October 22nd.

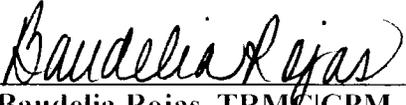
X. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 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

