

**City of Alton City Commission  
Regular Meeting 6:30 pm  
March 24, 2015 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  
Ricardo Gonzalez  
Rosie Tello  
Enrique Sotelo  
Janie Gaytan  
Rudy Garza  
Javier Garcia

**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 Ricardo Garza led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Approve the minutes of the City Commission meeting of February 24, 2015 and March 16.**

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

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Adoption of Ordinance 2015-04 an ordinance authorizing the issuance of "City of Alton, Texas Combination Tax And Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2015"; providing for the payment of said certificates by the levy of an ad valorem tax upon all taxable property within the city and further securing said certificates by a lien on and pledge of the pledged revenues derived by the City from the**

**operation of the city’s utility/water system; providing the terms and conditions of said certificates and resolving other matters incident and relating to the issuance, payment, security, sale, and delivery of said certificates; authorizing the execution of a paying agent/registrar agreement and providing an effective date, waiving second and third reading.**

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated the issuance of the certificates of obligation is for the utility fund on the ongoing plumbing connections. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and second by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 5-0.

**2. Approve the appointment of Judge and Alternate Judge for the May 9, 2015 General Election.**

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager recommended appointment of Grace Rivera as Elecion Judge and Gloria Vallejo as Alternate Judge. 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. Approve the appointment of Ballot Board Judge for the May 9, 2015 General Election.**

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager recommended appointment of Esmeralda Raya as Ballot Board Judge for the Alton General Election in May. 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.

**4. Adoption of Resolution 2015-08, consolidating the City of Alton Vital Statistics Records to the Hidalgo County Clerk’s office.**

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated that consolidation of vital statistics records would better serve the needs of the citizens of Alton so all records would be in a centralized location. 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.

**5. Consider and approve first reading of Ordinance 2015-05, an ordinance regulating mobile food vendors.**

Jeff Underwood, Asst. City Manager numerous inquiries regarding the possibility of operating a mobile food vending establishment have been received. In an effort to regulate the industry, staff is proposing the ordinance which paces strict regulations on all mobile food vendors, specifically pushcart vendors. Staff is proposing that only 6 permits be issued per year. 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. Recognition of Alton area Teachers of the Year.**  
Presentation.

**7. Adoption of Resolution 2015-09 in support of the Deferred Action for Parental Accountability (DAPA) and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Programs.**

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**

None

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

**VIII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated the Annual Gala will be held April 11<sup>th</sup> and the baseball opening ceremony will be held April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Rudy is holding a recycling competition among several Alton area schools. He is also looking to expand the recycling program.

The median in front of city hall will be worked on in the following weeks.

There are a total of 225 plumbing connections. The drainage pond is about 80% covered and a landscaping plan is being worked on to convert it into a park.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 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|CFM  
City Secretary



Approved by City Commission 04/14/2015