

**City of Alton City Commission  
Regular Meeting 7:30 pm  
August 11, 2015 Minutes**

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**Members Present**

Mayor Salvador Vela  
Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr  
Commissioner Ricardo Garza  
Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr

**Members Absent**

Commissioner Richard Arevalo

**City Staff Present**

Jorge Arcaute  
Baudelia Rojas  
Jeff Underwood  
Rudy Garza  
Ricardo Gonzalez  
Javier Garcia  
Jose Perez

**Others Present**

Daniel Diaz

**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 7:39 pm.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

**III. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Approve the minutes of the City Commission meeting of July 14, 2015.**

**Adoption of Ordinance 2015-11 changing the classification for zoning purposes of the following tract of land: a 21.82 acre tract of land out of Lot 391, John H. Shary Subdivision, Alton, Hidalgo County, Texas; providing for the amendment of the official zoning map of the City of Alton, Texas in accordance with the foregoing zoning classification changes; providing for a savings and repeal clause; providing for an effective date, waiving second and third reading.**

**Consider and approve the preliminary and final plat for Stewart Landing Subdivision Phase II, legally described as a 21.82 acre tract of land out of Lot 391, John H Shary Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas.**

Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 4-0.

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

**1. Discuss and consider renewing the Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement contract with Palm Valley Animal Center for fiscal year 2015-2016.**

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated renewal rates would stay the same. No changes were made to the agreement. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve renewal was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and second by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 4-0.

**2. Consider and approve awarding a bid for contract labor for general services.**

Jeff Underwood, Assistant City Manager stated that on August 3<sup>rd</sup> staff accepted 1 sealed bid for contract labor for general services from Construction & Electrical Co of South Texas LLC - \$25.00/man-hour. The contractor will provide the City with painting of city facilities, brush pick-up, demolition of small structures, etc. Services are for one year with an option for another 2. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 4-0.

**3. Consider and approve awarding a bid for the demolition of the fire station located at 207 W Main Avenue.**

Jeff Underwood, Assistant City Manager stated that on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, staff accepted 3 sealed bids for demolition of the existing fire station. RL Abatement, Inc \$16789.00; Construction & Electrical Co of South Texas \$19,500.00 and Five Star Galaxy Construction \$45,000.00 submitted their bids. Staff recommends approval of the lowest responsible bidder of RL Abatement, Inc. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 4-0.

**4. Consider and approve awarding bid for the reconstruction of Lucia Street and Jefferson Street.**

Jeff Underwood, Assistant City Manager stated that on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 3 sealed bids were received. Bids submitted were over the budget. Staff recommends rejecting bids and re-bid at a future date. Motion to reject bids was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and second by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr. Motion carried 4-0.

**5. Discussion and consideration on Change Order No. 4 to the construction contract with DKIII Hornback, RFD for the Alton Fire Station Construction Project and all related matters.**

No action.

6. **Presentation of the City of Alton proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.**  
Presentation only item.
7. **Discussion on the 2015 Effective Tax Rate, Rollback Tax Rate and Last Year's Tax Rate for proposing the adoption of the new tax rate.**  
Motion to approve effective tax rate of 0.4540 was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr. Motion carried 4-0. Motion to adopt the tax rate September 15<sup>th</sup> was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and second by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan. Motion carried 4-0.
8. **Consider and approve financing for the purchase of new fire trucks.**  
Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated staff had been looking into financing of new fire trucks. Republic First National has provided information on financing at 2.9% APR. They are even open for trade in on some trucks. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 4-0.
9. **Consider and approve the first reading of Ordinance 2015-12, amending Ordinance 2015-06-0414 as amended, concerning sewer rates and related matters.**  
Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated residential base rate would increase from \$16.75 to \$18.00 and water consumption rates per 10,000 gallons would increase. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve first reading was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 4-0.
10. **Consider and approve the first reading of Ordinance 2015-13, amending Ordinance 2014-01-0527 as amended, concerning solid waste rates and related matters.**  
Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated the MS4 and brush fee would increase. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 4-0.

V. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071 & 551.072**  
None

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

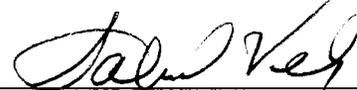
VII. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated Fire Station is in substantial completion. Plumbing connections would have project completion by end of next week. A total of 420 connections.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:**

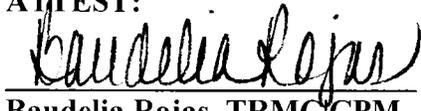
Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 4-0.

**CITY OF ALTON**



**Salvador Vela, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**



**Baudelia Rojas, TRMC/CPM  
City Secretary**

