

City of Alton City Commission  
Special Meeting 7:30 pm  
September 29, 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  
Steve Peña  
Rudy Garza  
Rosie Tello  
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 7:31 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:**
- IV. **CONSENT AGENDA:**  
**Approve the minutes of the City Commission meeting of September 3 and September 8, 2015.**  
Motion to approve the minutes as presented was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.
- V. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  1. **Adoption of Ordinance 2015-14, an ordinance authorizing the issuance of “City of Alton, Texas Combination Tax And Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2015A”; 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, an escrow agreement and providing an effective date, waiving second and third reading.**

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated the ordinance was part of the loan component for the USDA plumbing connections project. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

**2. Approve the City of Alton Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.**

Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

**3. Adoption of Resolution 2015-17, designating reimbursement rates for per diem and mileage as per personnel policies for the 2016 calendar year.**

Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

**4. Adoption of Resolution 2015-18, designating the schedule of City holidays for the 2016 calendar year.**

Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr. Motion carried 5-0.

**5. Adoption of Resolution 2015-19, designating official City newspapers for the publication of legal notices, advertisements or publications of any kind which may be required by law to be published.**

Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 5-0.

**6. Adoption of Ordinance 2015-15 fixing the rate and tax levy for the City of Alton, Texas for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2015 and ending September 30, 2016, upon all taxable property in said City of Alton, Texas in conformity with the laws of the State of Texas and the Ordinances of said City; and providing for a waiver of second and third reading; and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith.**

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated this was the 7<sup>th</sup> year the City has lowered its taxes. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

**7. Approve the Organizational Chart for Fiscal year 2015-2016.**

Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 5-0.

**8. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Region One Education Service Center, Office of Adult Education and the City of Alton.**

Jorge state the MOU was adult education through Texas A&M and also La Union del Pueblo Enter (LUPE). Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

**9. Consider and approve awarding bids for the installation of landscaping at the Main Street Park and the new fire station.**

Jeff Underwood, Assistant City Manager stated sealed bids were received for the installation of landscape, irrigation and hardscape features. One bid was received for each project. Bids for Main St. Park – Native Land Design \$64,399.00 and Fire Station – Native Land Design \$63,351.71. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

**10. Approve the disposition of fire department surplus equipment.**

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated that the fire station has an updated air compressor system, the previous system located in the old fire station is no longer needed. Recommendation to donate the Max Air-High Pressure air compressor system to the La Joya Fire Department and donate other equipment to one of the City's Sister Cities. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 5-0.

**11. Discuss and approve TML MultiState IEBP Rerate and Continuation of Coverage Agreement for plan year 2015-2016 for employee medical benefits.**

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated this was the 8<sup>th</sup> year the City with Texas Municipal League. Monthly rate per employee would be at \$279.88. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr. Motion carried 5-0.

**VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071 & 551.072  
b) Personnel: City Manager's Evaluation**

Motion to enter into executive session at 7:47 pm was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 5-0.

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

**b) Personnel: City Manager's Evaluation**

Motion to enter into open session at 8:13 pm was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 5-0.

No action on items discussed in executive session.

**VIII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 pm was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and second by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr. Motion carried 5-0.

**CITY OF ALTON**



**Salvador Vela, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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

Approved by City Commission 10/13/15