

**City of Alton City Commission  
Regular Meeting 7:30 pm  
November 10, 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  
Ric Gonzalez  
Jeff Underwood  
Janie Gaytan  
Steve Peña  
Rudy Garza  
Samm Mercado  
Rosie Tello

**Others Present**

Eva Mireles

**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:**

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Approve the minutes of the City Commission meeting of October 27, 2015.**

Motion to approve the minutes as presented was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 5-0.

**V. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Adoption of Resolution 2015-21 a resolution indicating the number of votes for the Appraisal District board of directors for 2016-2017 as expressed by the elected City Commission of the City of Alton.**

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated Commission had 10 votes and recommended all votes for Amador Requenez as in previous elections. 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.

**2. Consider and approve the First Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with Hidalgo County regarding improvements to FM 676 (Mile 5) from Alton Boulevard to Taylor Rd.**

Jeff Underwood, Assistant City Manager stated the original agreement was for the development of Mile 5 from La Homa Rd to Taylor Rd. TxDOT has agreed to take the lead on the development of the west side project. The amendment removes the west side of the project from the agreement and the corresponding money. 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. Presentation of the annual Tax Collection report from the office of Pablo “Paul” Villarreal Jr, Tax Assessor & Collector for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.**

Eva Mireles with the office of Pablo “Paul” Villarreal, Tax Assessor & Collector briefed the Commission on the report for fiscal year 2014-2015.

**4. Discussion and consideration on change order #2 to the construction contract with G&G contractors for the USDA Alton Sanitary Sewer Yardline Project and all related matters.**

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated the engineer informed the City the contractor is substantially complete with the yard line project. The change order is basically a reduction. Total project cost was \$637,817.00. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and second by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr. Motion carried 5-0.

**5. Consider acceptance of completion of USDA Plumbing Connections Project.**

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated the there are only 4 items pending on the project. Staff recommends acceptance of project completion. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

**6. Consider and approve the first reading of Ordinance 2015-17, an ordinance relating to the regulation of cell phone towers and all related matters.**

Jeff Underwood, Assistant City Manager stated the City’s current ordinances relating to broadcast, cell and radio towers needs to be updated to meet current Federal regulations. 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. Consider and approve the renewal of Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Alton and the City of La Joya allowing City of Alton personnel to conduct fire code inspections for the City of La Joya.**

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated the memorandum of understanding was a renewal changing the fees from \$50.00 to \$75.00 and term of 2 years. 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.

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

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

**VIII. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:**

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated mosquito spraying Monday and Tuesday. Texas Recycles Day is November 15<sup>th</sup>. The first fire academy graduation ceremony is scheduled for Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Eight cadets will be graduating. The Fire department will be hosting a Thanksgiving dinner Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 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**

