

**City of Alton City Commission
Regular Meeting 7:30 pm
December 8, 2015 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
Ric Gonzalez
Jeff Underwood
Steve Peña
Rudy Garza
Samm Mercado
Javier Garcia
Janie Gaytan

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. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

III. CONSENT AGENDA:

Approve the minutes of the City Commission meeting of November 24, 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.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Adoption of Ordinance 2015-18 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 certificated 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.**

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

- 2. Consider and approve request by the Hidalgo County Democratic Party to use a City of Alton facility as a voting site during the March 2016 Primary Elections.**
Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated request was received to use City facility for the March primaries. 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.
- 3. Consider and approve terminating services with Alexia Financial.**
Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated that the City is not seeing the return on investment with Alexia Financial. His recommendation is terminating all services and also as agent on record effective January 1, 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.
- 4. Consider and approve awarding contract to lowest bid for new rooftop air conditioning package units for City facilities.**
Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated bids were received for new rooftop air conditioning package units on November 23rd. The hail storm from April damaged the rooftop air conditioning system severely. Staff recommends awarding bid to lowest responsible bidder being Air Extreme Supply LLC for \$123,117.00. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.
- 5. Approve cancellation of City Commission meeting of December 22, 2015.**
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 application submittal for Solid Waste Grant for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.**
Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated application for Solid Waste Grant is for \$30,000.00 for a full time staff and educational material. Motion to approve application submittal and Resolution 2015-23 was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.
- 7. Approve the 2015 Tax Roll totals from the County of Hidalgo Tax Assessor-Collector as per Section 26.09(e) of the Texas Property Code.**
Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

8. Consider and approve agreement renewal with John R. Milford dba South Texas Mediation and Consulting for economic development consulting services.
Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated there were no changes from previous agreements. 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.

9. Consider and approve an Interlocal Agreement between County of Hidalgo and the City of Alton for Rural Fire Service for 2016-2019.
Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated agreement was for years 2016-2019. The numbers for reimbursement levels have increased per 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.

10. Approve Reyna & Garza PLLC engagement letter for audit services for the year ending September 30, 2015.
Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated agreement was for audit services and was at same cost as previous year. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 5-0.

11. Approve the 4th quarter of 2014 and 1st, 2nd, 3rd quarter of 2015 investment reports according to the Public Investment Act.
Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

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

VI. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

VII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated the set up for the parade will be at the new park where the pond was. Samm Mercado, Special Projects Coordinator briefed the Commission on the parade. There are 45 entries which includes 7 bands.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 pm was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 5-0.

CITY OF ALTON



Salvador Vela, Mayor

ATTEST:



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

