

**City of Alton City Commission
Regular Meeting 7:30 pm
September 25, 2018 Minutes**



Members Present

Mayor Salvador Vela
Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr
Commissioner Ricardo Garza
Commissioner Richard Arevalo

Members Absent

Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr

City Staff Present

Jorge Arcaute
Jeff Underwood
Ricardo Gonzalez
Baudelia Rojas
Rosie Tello
Steve Pena
Javier Garcia
Janie Gaytan
Jonathan Flores
Jesse Pena

- 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:**
- III. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
- IV. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
Approve the minutes of the City Commission meeting of September 11, 2018.
Motion to approve was moved Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 4-0.
- V. **NEW BUSINESS**
 1. **Consider and approve the second budget amendment of the City of Alton General Fund for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.**
Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 4-0.

2. Discuss and consider the approval of the City of Alton Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated the budget being presented is balanced. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 4-0.

3. Adoption of Resolution 2018-16 designating the schedule of City holidays for the 2019 calendar year.

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated holiday schedules are presented on an annual basis. There will be a total of 11 holidays and personal day at their discretion. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 4-0.

4. Adoption of Resolution 2018-17 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.

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated designation of official city newspapers is done on an annual basis. Recommends Progress Times as official city newspaper. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 4-0.

5. Adoption of Resolution 2018-18 designating reimbursement rates for per diem and mileage as per personnel policies for the 2019 calendar year.

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated mileage rates would be \$0.49, per diem for staff \$45 and per diem for Commission \$55. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 4-0.

6. Approve the Organizational Chart for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 4-0.

7. Adoption of Ordinance 2018-06 fixing the rate and tax levy for the City of Alton, Texas for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019, 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 tax rate is recommended at \$0.4440, M&O at \$0.3113 and I&S at \$0.1327. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 4-0.

8. **Consider and approve Ordinance 2018-07, amending ordinance 2007-05, regulating the operation of wreckers and/or towing services within the boundaries of the Alton, Texas; providing for certain responsibilities, penalties for violation of said ordinance and ordaining other provisions relating to the subject matter thereof; waiving second and third reading of the ordinance and providing for a severability clause and further providing for an effective date.**

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated ordinance was for regulating operation of wreckers and/or towing services. Recommended changing radius to ten miles instead of 20. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 4-0.

9. **Consider and approve Ordinance 2018-08, an ordinance adopting and enacting a new code for the City of Alton; providing for the repeal of certain ordinances not included therein; providing a penalty for the violation thereof; providing for the manner of amending such code; and providing when such code and this ordinance shall become effective; waiving second and third reading.**

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated ordinances had been codified into a new code for the City. Process took almost a year to complete. Code of ordinances will now be available online. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 4-0.

10. **Consider and approve an Interlocal Agreement with Hidalgo County for the administration and distribution of Housing and Urban Development funding through the Urban County Program.**

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated agreement was for the administration and distribution of HUD funds through the Urban County Program. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 4-0.

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

c) Real Estate

Motion to enter into executive session was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza at 8:00 pm. Motion carried 4-0.

VII. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

c) Real Estate

Motion to reconvene at 8:23 pm was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 4-0.

Ric Gonzalez, City Attorney stated negotiations were to continue and authorize Mayor to sign the necessary documentation as necessary to effectuate the sale of property. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 4-0.

VIII. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager reminded the Commission of the La Union Del Pueblo graduations which will be held September 27th.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 4-0.

CITY OF ALTON



Salvador Vela, Mayor

ATTEST:



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



Approved by City Commission 10/23/18