

**City of Alton City Commission
Regular Meeting 7:30 pm
December 11, 2018 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
Jeff Underwood
Ricardo Gonzalez
Baudelia Rojas
Samm Mercado
Steve Pena
Rosie Tello
Janie Gaytan
Jonathan Flores

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 7:34 pm.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

III. CONSENT AGENDA:

Approve the minutes of the City Commission meeting of November 27, 2018.

Discuss and consider the approval of a reimbursement agreement with Fortis Land Company LLC for improvements made to Alton Pointe Phase III Subdivision.

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

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider and approve an Interlocal Agreement between the County of Hidalgo and the City of Alton for Rural Fire Service for 2019-2021.

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated the Interlocal agreement was for a three year period. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 5-0.

- 2. Consider and approve the disposition of surplus equipment and other minor items.**
Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated surplus equipment and other minor items needed to be disposed of. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.
- 3. Consider and approve Noel Garza CPA, PC engagement letter for audit services of the financial statements of the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018.**
Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 5-0.
- 4. Consider and approve the selection of engineering firms for public projects within Alton.**
Jeff Underwood, Assistant City Manager stated staff had received statements of qualifications on December 7th. Engineering firms are Chanin, South Tex Infrastructure, LandTech, J. Hinojosa, Halff and LEMC. Recommendation to utilize all six firms. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.
- 5. Consider and approve the selection of land surveying firms for public projects within Alton.**
Jeff Underwood, Assistant City Manager stated staff had received statements of qualifications on December 7th. Surveying firms were ROW Surveying, CVQ and Halff. Recommendation to utilize the top 2 firms, Halff and CVQ. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 5-0.
- 6. Approve the cancellation of the City Commission meeting of December 25, 2018.**
Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 5-0.
- 7. Consider and approve adoption of Ordinance 2018-10, an ordinance abandoning a utility easement, the subject tract of land being a 0.004 acre (155.63 sq. ft.) tract out of a dedicated 0.032 acre tract of land by virtue of document 1010625 official records of Hidalgo County, Texas to the City of Alton, Texas; authorizing the publication and recording of said ordinance in the “official records” of Hidalgo County, Texas; providing for an effective date; severability clause and waiving second and third reading.**

Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved 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:

Samm Mercado, Recreation Director stated that there would be a music festival and the recreation center on December 13 and December 14.

Jeff Underwood, Assistant City Manager stated that there are ongoing renovations of the walking trail at the Sylvia Vela park.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 5-0.

CITY OF ALTON



Salvador Vela, Mayor

ATTEST:



Baudelia Rojas CPM, TRMC|CMC
City Secretary

