

City of Alton City Commission
Regular Meeting 7:30 pm
January 22, 2019 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
Janie Gaytan
Jesse Pena

Others Present

Berenice Garcia
Jose De Leon III

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: None

IV. CONSENT AGENDA:

Approve the minutes of the City Commission meeting of January 8, 2019.

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

V. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Discuss and consider approving Ordinance 2019-04, prohibiting the discharge of firearms within the corporate limits of the City of Alton; prohibiting concealed handguns on city owned premises, providing for other regulations, severability clause; effective date and waiving second and third reading.**

Jonathan Flores, Police Chief stated the ordinance was being requested as an added safety measure to keep the community safe during functions held at city buildings, and furthermore to help curtail the instances of celebratory gunfire within our city

limits. Staff recommends approval. Ric Gonzalez, City Attorney recommended approval of first reading. Motion to approve first reading was moved Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 5-0.

2. Discuss and consider request to apply for a STEP Comprehensive grant through Texas Traffic Safety.

Jonathan Flores, Police Chief stated the STEP Comprehensive Grant provides funding to deploy additional officers on the road to focus on traffic safety relation to the several offenses. Total grant award is \$32,856.13 with a match requirement of \$6,841.13. 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. Discuss and consider appointment and/or re-appointment of the Emergency Management Coordinator.

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager recommended the re-appointment of Steve Pena as Emergency Management Coordinator and Captain John Alvizo as Assistant Coordinator. 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.

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 reported that the ends of year departmental reports were given to each of the Commission. He briefed the Commission on the accomplishments of each department.

- SOP's from Police Dept
- Recycling
- 1 year anniversary of the Digitech Library 01/23/19
- Sales tax allocation up to \$1 million
- Finance director received the GFOAT award for the annual budget
- City Secretary was Clerk of the Year for the RGV and nominated for Clerk of the Year in the state of Texas

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

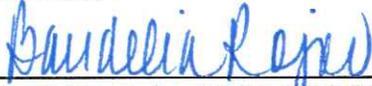
Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 pm was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 5-0.

CITY OF ALTON



Salvador Vela, Mayor

ATTEST:



Baudelia Rojas CPM, TRMC|CMC
City Secretary



Approved by City Commission February 12, 2019