

**City of Alton City Commission
Special Meeting 7:30 pm
June 5, 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

Jeff Underwood
Ricardo Gonzalez
Baudelia Rojas
Steve Pena
Rosie Tello
Jonathan Flores
Samm Mercado

- 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 7:32 pm.

- II. **CERTIFICATION OF POSTING:**

- III. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
Approve the minutes of the City Commission meeting of May 14, 2019.
Discuss and consider a conditional use permit for Javier Garcia to allow for a guest house as an accessory structure at property located at 705 N Inspiration Blvd, legally described as the north 5 acres of Lot 44, Goowdwin #3A, Alton Texas.
Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 5-0.

- IV. **NEW BUSINESS**
 1. **Consider and approve selection of Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Alton and RATES/RGV for the Regional Stormwater Taskforce.**
Jeff Underwood, City Manger stated the agreement was an annual renewal with UTRGV for the membership in the stormwater taskforce. They assist the City with compliance TCEQ 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.

- 2. Discuss and consider awarding bid for Tierra Estates Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project.**
Motion to reject was moved by Arturo Galvan Jr as Mayor Pro tem was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.
- 3. Consider and approve re-appointment of City Attorney as per City Charter.**
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.
- 4. Consider and approve re-appointment of Municipal Court Judges.**
Municipal Court Judge – Carlos Ortegon and Associate Municipal Judge – Patricia O’Cana Olivarez for one year respectively. 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.
- 5. Consider and approve appointment of Municipal Court Clerk.**
Appointment of Patty Cash as Municipal Court Clerk for three years as per city charter. 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.
- 6. Consider and approve cancellation of City Commission meetings of June 11th and June 25th, 2019.**
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 Ordinance 2019-09 appointing 6 members to the previously established board of directors for Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number 1, City of Alton Redevelopment Project, waiving second and third reading.**
Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated the ordinance was required and appointed the current members with the change for Precinct 3 representative being Victor Gallardo. 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.
- 8. Discuss and consider approval of Resolution 2019-08 authorizing the formation of a Complete Count Committee for Census 2020.**

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated that in an effort to obtain as much participation in Census 2020, the US Department of Commerce is requesting governmental entities form committees to encourage respective communities to complete the decennial census forms. The committee will consist of Steve Pena, Jeff Underwood, Baudelia Rojas, and Marco Lopez (LUPE). 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.

9. Discuss and consider awarding a bid for Contract Labor for General Services.

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated the contract for general services had expired and all extensions exhausted. Staff advertised for sealed bids and received two bids April 25, 2019. Calico Construction and RC8 Construction LLC. Both companies will be used. The contract is for two years with an option for two more one year contracts. 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.

10. Discuss and consider awarding a bid for Grounds Maintenance at City Facilities.

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated the contract for grounds maintenance had expired and all extensions exhausted. Staff advertised for sealed bids and received two bids April 25, 2019. A third bid was received but was received after the deadline. The two bids are Southern Landscapes for \$69,000/year and Calico Construction for \$182,652/year. Recommendation to go with Southern Landscapes. The contract is for two years with an option for two more one year contracts. 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.

11. Consider and approve renewal of Interlocal between the City of Alton and the City of Mission regarding the use of the animal control facility located and operated in Mission, Texas.

No action.

12. Discuss and consider the approval of Ordinance 2019-10 amending Ordinance 2018-02 related to Building Construction Codes and Fee Schedules.

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated a State Law, HB 852 was recently passed and no longer allows cities to determine residential building permit fees based on construction valuation. The law was signed May 21st and became effective immediately. Staff is recommending a change in permit fee computation to a price per square foot in lieu of construction valuation. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve waiving second and third reading was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

13. Consider and approve the first budget amendment of the City of Alton General Fund, Sewer Fund and Solid Waste Fund for fiscal year 2018-2019.

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.

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

- a) Pending and/or potential litigation: Consultation with City Attorney regarding legal aspects of wastewater treatment services.
- b) Personnel
- c) Real Estate:
 - i. Discussion and consideration of possible purchase of real estate described as Lot 42-2, West Addition to Sharyland Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas.
 - ii. Discussion and consideration of possible purchase of real estate described as Lot 42-10, West Addition to Sharyland Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas.

Motion to enter into executive session at 7:46 pm was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

VI. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

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Motion to enter into open session at 8:04 pm was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0. No action on items discussed.

VII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 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 CPM, TRMC|CMC
City Secretary



Approved by City Commisison 07/09/19