

**City of Alton City Commission
Regular Meeting 7:30 pm
October 22, 2019 Minutes**



Members Present

Mayor Salvador Vela
Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr
Commissioner Ricardo Garza
Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr

Members Absent

Commissioner Richard Arevalo

City Staff Present

Jeff Underwood
Baudelia Rojas
Ricardo Gonzalez
Steve Pena
Cristina Garcia
Janie Gaytan
Jesse Pena
Samm Mercado

Others Present

Isabel Aranda-Amigos del Valle
J.A. Meave
Jessica Ochoa-Nuestra Clinica del Valle
Mimi Reyes
Margaret Hansen
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 7:32 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. **CERTIFICATION OF POSTING**
- IV. **PUBLIC HEARING**
Solicit input from interested parties on the City of Alton's needs under the Urban County Hidalgo County Program Fiscal Year 33 (2020).
Mayor Salvador Vela opened the public hearing at 7:31 pm. Jessica Ochoa, Nuestra Clinica del Valle and Isabel Aranda, Amigos del Valle requested funds. They presented their requests to the City Manager. Public hearing was closed at 7:34 pm.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

J.A. Meave, Mimi Reyes and Margaret Jensen spoke during public comment and addressed the issues of animals in flea markets. They ask that the commission approve an ordinance prohibiting the selling of animals in flea markets and inside city limits.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Approve the minutes of the City Commission meeting of September 24, 2019.

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

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Consider and approve second reading Ordinance 2019-15, an ordinance to include procedures for public testimony; decorum and persons present; providing for severability clause; providing for effective date and dispensing with the reading requirement; and ordaining other matters related to the foregoing, waiving third reading.**

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated the public testimony ordinance was reviewed by the City Attorney with no changes. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve second and waiving third reading was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 4-0.

- 2. Consider and approve appointment of Alternate Judge for the Alton Municipal Court.**

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated the court has had two judges and an alternate would assist with the workload. Recommendation to appoint Eric Flores as Alternate Judge for one year. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 4-0.

- 3. Consider and approve Ordinance 2019-18, a curfew for minors, regulating the use of streets during nocturnal hours and providing a penalty for violation of this ordinance; and providing for a severability clause, waiving second and third reading.**

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

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

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated the agreement was for the administration and distribution of HUD funds through Urban County Program. Staff recommends

approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 4-0.

5. Consider and approve Resolution 2019-22, supporting the rehabilitation of Los Naranjos Apartments.

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

6. Discuss and consider approval of Resolution 2019-23, indicating the number of votes for the Appraisal District Board of Directors for 2020-2021 as expressed by the elected City Commission of the City of Alton.

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated the City had 10 votes for the selection of director for the Appraisal District. Five votes were for Joe Olivarez and five for Amador Requenez. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 4-0.

7. To approve the establishment of the “CADC Debt Service Fund” a Special Revenue type fund; its corresponding new bank account at the Lone Star National Bank and authorize the Commission members and City Manager as signers of such account.

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

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

IX. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

X. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 4-0.

CITY OF ALTON



Salvador Vela, Mayor

ATTEST:



Baudelia Rojas CPM, TRMC|CMC
City Secretary

