

**City of Alton City Commission
Regular Meeting 7:30 pm
January 28, 2020 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
Baudelia Rojas
Ricardo Gonzalez
Steve Pena
Janie Gaytan
Rosie Tello
Jesse Pena
Jonathan Flores
Javier Garcia
Samm Mercado
Cristina Garcia

- 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 7:33 pm.
- II. **CERTIFICATION OF POSTING**
- III. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
- IV. **CONSENT AGENDA**
Approve the minutes of the City Commission meeting of January 14, 2020.

Discuss and consider a conditional use permit for Melissa Luna, Carson & Barnes Circus for an outdoor event, Circus for temporary use at 1408 S Alton Boulevard, also legally described as a 12.0 tract of land, more or less out of Lot 37-7, West Addition to Sharyland Subdivision.
Motion to approve the minutes was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.
- V. **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Consider and approve the appointment and/or re-appointment of the Emergency Management Coordinator and the Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator.**

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated the state requires that all cities appoint or re-appoint their Emergency Management Coordinators. Recommendation to re-appoint Steve Pena as Emergency Management Coordinator and Mark Perez as Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator. 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.

- 2. Consider and approve contract with Texas Department of Public Safety which allows the City to provide information necessary to deny renewal of driver license of a person who fails to appear for a complaint or citation or fails to satisfy judgment by the Alton Municipal Court Judge.**

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated the contract was to accommodate Chapter 706 of the Texas Transportation Code. Fees for the failure to appear changed in 2020 and this is reflected in the new contract. 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.

- 3. Discuss and consider the approval of the Alton Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2020 to 2024.**

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated City staff met and redefined the City's Vision and Mission statements and developed a Strategic Plan for the next five years, 2020-2024. The strategic plan will assist with the budget process for the time period covered. 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. Discuss and consider approval of Resolution 2020-01, authorizing the filing of a grant application with the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC) for a regional solid waste grant; authorizing Salvador Vela, Mayor to act on behalf of the City of Alton in all matters related to the application; pledging that if a grant is received the City of Alton will comply with the grant requirements of the LRGVDC, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the State of Texas.**

Jesse Pena, Public Works Director stated the purpose of the grant is to provide funding for eligible local and regional municipal solid waste management projects. The application is requesting funding for to purchase equipment for the Alton Recycling Program. 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.

5. Consider and approve declaring Volvo Garbage Truck as surplus and allowing for its disposition through sealed bids.

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated the 1999 Volvo garbage truck was purchased from the City of Edinburg in 2012. The truck is in need of costly repairs and has therefore not been used in over 12 months. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Richard Arevalo. 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:

Baudelia Rojas, City Secretary briefed the Commission on the Alton Youth Leadership Academy. 26 students participated from MCISD elementary/middle schools, four from SISD elementary and one LJISD middle school. The participants were presented with a certificate of completion and a goodie-bag for their participation.

Jeff Underwood, City Manager reminded the Commission on the upcoming ribbon cutting ceremony for Wing'N'Go located on west Main. LUPE is working on their Census outreach by holding some events at the Recreation Center.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza 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 Commission 02/11/2020