

**City of Alton City Commission  
Regular Meeting 7:30 pm  
July 28, 2020 Minutes  
Virtual Meeting**

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**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  
Ricardo Gonzalez  
Baudelia Rojas  
Cristina Garcia  
Jonathan Flores  
Samm Mercado  
Steve Pena  
Rosie Tello  
Mauro Sandoval

**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. CERTIFICATION OF POSTING**

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Approve the minutes of the City Commission meeting of July 14, 2020.**

**Discuss and consider approving request by Rio Delta Engineering to rezone 6.73 acre tract at 1215 W Main Ave., from "R-2" Single Family Residential-Lot District and a portion being "C-1" Neighborhood Commercial District to "R-3" Single Family Residential-Small Lot District.**

**Discuss and consider approving Ordinance 2020-13, voluntary request annexation from Rodolfo and Patricia Trevino to annex 2.00 acre tract of land out of Lot 317,**

**John H Shary Subdivision; with a zone request of “R-1” Single Family Residential-Large Lots District; waiving second and third reading.**

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

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Discuss and consider approving Resolution 2020-11 authorizing the Alton Chief of Police to submit an application to the Department of Homeland Security for the Stonegarden Grant.**

Jonathan Flores, Police Chief stated the grant provides funding to the agency to conduct enhanced patrol functions in order to deter criminal activity as it pertains to border related crimes. The police department has been awarded \$65,000. 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.

**2. Discuss and consider the approval of an Interlocal agreement between the City of Alton and Hidalgo County for the 2020-2021 Urban County Program.**

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated the interlocal allows the City access to the CDBG funds. This year the City will have access to \$270,886 for approved projects. An addendum included in this item is the first amendment to the cooperation agreement for fiscal years 2021-2023 which includes the use of City’s population for entitlement program funds. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve the interlocal agreement for FY 2020 and the cooperation agreement first amendment for FY 2021-2023 was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 4-0.

**3. Consider and approve authorizing staff to advertise request for proposals for bank depository services.**

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated the agreement with Southern Landscapes for grounds maintenance is about to expire. At this point requesting approval to request bids for grounds maintenance. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve subject to legal review was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 4-0.

**4. Discuss and consider approving a contract with Scripture Ambulance Service for temporary service to assist with emergency medical calls as necessitated by COVID-19.**

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated Scripture ambulance service has assisted in providing services to the residents throughout the past two weeks. A Scripture ambulance service has assisted with different calls and recommends an extension of two additional weeks. This is reimbursable through the CARES act. 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.

**5. Updated Mayoral Declaration of Local State of Disaster due to public health emergency.**

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated the disaster declaration presented is to extend through August 11, 2020. It is keeping in line with the Governors orders and no changes have been made. 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.

**ADDENDUM**

**6. Consider and approve Ordinance 2020-14 extending the Disaster Declaration proclaimed by the Mayor on July 25, 2020 or shall be renewed and continued until the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 2020 or until earlier terminated by order of the City Commission and ordaining other provisions related thereto; waiving second and third reading.**

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated a local declaration of disaster was issued on July 25<sup>th</sup> due to Hurricane Hanna which is only for seven days. The ordinance is extending the disaster declaration until September 1, 2020. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve subject to was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 4-0.

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

**VII. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

**VIII. CITY MANAGERS REPORT:**

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated the GAP program has spent almost \$63,000 and the MRAP almost \$16,000. Funds allotted to these programs need to be spend by the end of August 2020. Investigator Romo with the Alton Police Department graduated recently with his Associates and will be pursuing his bachelor degree.

In preparation for Hurricane Hanna, 4,000 sand bags were distributed. Every department and their staff assisted in bagging the sand. There were also several volunteers who helped fill the sand bag. Many thanks to those gentlemen who helped. Public Works, Fire, Police, Administration and Community Services departments were ready as of Saturday for Hurricane Hanna preparations.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:**

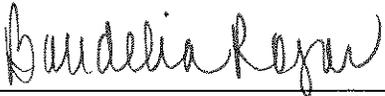
Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 pm was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 4-0.

CITY OF ALTON



Salvador Vela, Mayor

ATTEST:



Baudelia Rojas CPM, TRMC|CMC  
City Secretary



Approved by City Commission Aug 11, 2020