

**City of Alton City Commission
Regular Meeting 7:30 pm
August 11, 2020 Minutes
Virtual Meeting**



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
Cristina Garcia
Samm Mercado
Steve Pena
Rosie Tello
Mauro Sandoval

Others Present

Crystal Puente, Hidalgo County Tax Office

- 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. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
- IV. **CONSENT AGENDA**
Approve the minutes of the City Commission meeting of July 28, 2020.

Discuss and consider approving request by CLH Engineering Inc requesting preliminary plat approval of the proposed Jade Point Subdivision.
Motion to approve was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.
- V. **NEW BUSINESS**
 1. **Presentation of the City of Alton proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.**
Jeff Underwood, City Manager briefed the Commission on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2020-2021.
 2. **Discussion on the 2020 No New Revenue Tax Rate and Voter Approval Tax Rate for proposing the adoption of the new tax rate.**

Jeff Underwood, City Manager briefed the Commission on the 2020 New Revenue Tax Rate. Ms. Crystal Puentes, Hidalgo County Tax Office stated that the new no revenue tax rate is 0.4257 which is the rate that will produce last year's tax levy. The voter approval tax rate is at 0.4367 which is the high that the city may adopt without being subject to a petition from its citizens. Public hearing will be held September 3, 2020. Motion to adopt the voter approval tax rate of 0.4367 was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 5-0.

3. 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 of Alton. Since the inception of the agreement, there have been 31 calls that have been serviced. Scripture ambulance 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 subject to legal review was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Discuss and consider amending the CARES Act Relief Funding Budget.

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated a revised budget for the CARES Act includes changes from category 4 – expenses to facilitate compliance with COVID-19 to category 1 – medical expenses. 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 5-0.

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 25, 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 Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

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

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 8:05 pm was made by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and second by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

VII. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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- 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 open session at 8:18 pm was made by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

No action.

VIII. CITY MANAGERS REPORT:

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated vector control began right after Hurricane Hanna. They went last week and have begun this week to spray as well. Brush is being picked up by the Public Works Department. \$70,000 has been given for the MRAP and GAP. Mrs. Rosie Tello, Finance Director has received for the 5th year the Government Financial Officers Association award for distinguished Budget presentation.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

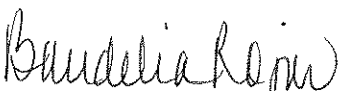
Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 pm was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 5-0.

CITY OF ALTON



Salvador Vela, Mayor

ATTEST:



Baudelia Rojas CPM, TRMC|CMC
City Secretary

