

City of Alton City Commission
Regular Meeting 7:30 pm
November 10, 2020 Minutes
Virtual Meeting



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
Samm Mercado
Steve Pena
Rosie Tello
Mauro Sandoval
Jonathan Flores

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. 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 COMMENT

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Approve the minutes of the City Commission meeting of October 27, 2020.
Motion to approve the minutes was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 4-0.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Approve the investment report of the 3rd quarter of 2020 according to the Public Funds Investment Act.**

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated the investment report is required and goes in line with the fiscal year. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 4-0.

- 2. Discuss and consider approval of Resolution 2020-19, approving the engagement of bond counsel services with the J. Ramirez Law Firm; and other matters in connection therewith.**

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated last meeting an application was filed with the Texas Water Development Board for flood infrastructure at North Stewart Road. The City would need to name a bond counsel for the project. The J. Ramirez Law firm has served as bond counsel in a number of debt issuances. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 4-0.

- 3. Discuss and consider the approval of the sale of land to TxDOT related to East FM 676 Road Improvement Project for TxDOT parcels 35, 94, 97, 100, 134 and 158; authorizing the City Manager to sign all necessary documents.**

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated that most of the items were previously presented to the Commission. The settlement amounts are: Parcel 35 - \$24,395; Parcel 94 - \$7,110; Parcel 97 - \$29,473; Parcel 100 - \$56,174; Parcel 134 - \$1,201 and Parcel 158 - \$2,443. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve settlement amounts and allow City Manager to sign all necessary documentation was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 4-0.

- 4. Discuss and consider canceling the City Commission meeting of November 24, 2020.**

Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. 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 December 8, 2020. It is keeping in line with the Governors orders. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 4-0.

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

VIII. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

IX. CITY MANAGERS REPORT:

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated the National Guard will be conducting Covid testing Saturday, November 14 at the Alton Recreation Center.

The economic support program has ended. County still has funds and applicants are being referred to them.

Christmas decorations have started to go up at city facilities. There will be a Christmas tree lighting on December 2nd at 6 pm and a toy giveaway on December 11th from 6 pm to 8 pm. A Veterans Day ceremony will be held November 11th at the Alton Recreation Center at 9 am.

X. ADJOURNMENT:


Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 4-0.

CITY OF ALTON



Salvador Vela, Mayor

ATTEST:



Baudelia Rojas CPM, TRMC|CMC
City Secretary



Approved by City Commission 12/08/2020