

**City of Alton City Commission
Regular Meeting 7:30 pm
December 8, 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
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 November 11, 2020.

Discuss and consider approving request by Nain Engineering LLC for preliminary plat approval of the proposed Alton Villa 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.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Discuss and consider authorizing staff to advertise for sealed bids for improvements to the Trosper Road Regional Stormwater Detention Facility.**
Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated the area is approximately 17 acres that were purchased from Cesar Chavez Foundation earlier in the year to address flooding issues on north Trosper Road – Cantu Elementary. Quotes were obtained for the excavation necessary and have found that it will require sealed bids. Requesting authorization to advertise for sealed bids. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 5-0.
- 2. Discuss and consider canceling the City Commission meeting of December 22, 2020.**
Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.
- 3. Discuss and consider the approval of General Fund Budget Amendment Number One related to the purchase of a vehicle for the Planning Department.**
Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated the City Engineer is consolidating his business and closing the Alton office. They have a truck that is available for purchase with about 65,000 miles. Sales price is \$10,109. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 5-0.
- 4. Discuss and consider ratifying the Second Amendment to the CARES Act Interlocal Agreement with Hidalgo County.**
Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated that the original agreement required the allotment to be spent by end of August. The First amendment required the allotment to be spent by the end of October. This Second amendment was approved by Commissioners Court on November 24th and allows the cities to spend the monies by December 1st. 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.
- 5. Consider and approve revised 2020-2021 Organizational Chart.**
Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated the first change on the organizational chart was the recycling coordinator position. The position will be eliminated and moved to another operator under the Public Works Director. The second change is adding a utility inspector slot under the Planning Director. 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.

6. 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 January 12, 2021. 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 5-0.

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 a drive thru toy giveaway for Alton children will be held Friday, December 11th from 6 pm to 8 pm. Directors will be handing out toys to the children. Due to Christmas and New Year's holidays, the solid waste service will be canceled.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 pm was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded 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 01/12/2021