

**City of Alton City Commission
Regular Meeting 7:30 pm
January 26, 2021 Minutes
Virtual and In person 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
Rosie Tello
Mauro Sandoval
Jonathan Flores
Janie Gaytan
Steve Pena
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 HEARING

Solicit input from interested parties on the City of Alton's needs under the Urban County Hidalgo County Program Fiscal Year 34 (2021).

Mayor Salvador Vela opened the public hearing at 7:33 pm. Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated that the public hearing is to hear input from public and non-profits to bring forward any items they need funding. Capable Kids and Nuestra Clinica del Valle submitted their requests to the City. Funds are available to use for infrastructure projects such as sidewalks, roads, sewer and even housing. A plan will be put together and presented to Commission for approval. Front lobby is open for today's public hearing.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Approve the minutes of the City Commission meeting of January 12, 2021.

Discuss and consider approving request by Luis A Del Angel Martinez to rezone 11.0 acre tract at the 6800 Block of North Moorefield Road from “R-1” Single Family Residential – Large Lot District to “C-3” Heavy Commercial District.

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

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation of Texas Police Chiefs Association Best Practices Recognition Program.

Max Westbrook, Director of the Texas Police Chiefs Recognition Program briefed the Commission on the program and presented the Alton Police Department a certificate of recognition for achieving compliance performance in the Best Practices Program.

2. Discuss and consider authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the Department of Homeland Security for the Assistance to Firefighters Program.

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated the Alton Fire Department is in need of two new fire engines. Fire equipment, including engines are allowable through the grant. Staff is seeking to apply for one fire engine at a cost of \$640,882.54 with \$30,518.22 being the local match. 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.

3. Approve the disposition of surplus vehicles, equipment and other minor items.

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated that there were several vehicles, compactor bailer for the recycling program and some other smaller items. Staff recommends approval. 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.

4. Discuss and consider awarding a bid for improvements to the Trosper Road Regional Stormwater Detention Facility.

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated staff advertised for bids for the construction of a regional detention facility on North Trosper Blvd. Sealed bids were received and opened January 21, 2021. A total of 5 bids were received with Mor-Wil, LLC being the low bidder with a total base bid of \$211,087.50. 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 February 9, 2021. 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 projects on Main Avenue are moving forward. There is condemnation occurring on both East and West. East side is moving rapidly. Hopeful that around March construction begins on Trospen Road Subdivision, Kentucky and Louisiana Streets, and also Tri City #1 Subdivision, Jobeth, Linda and Combes Streets.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

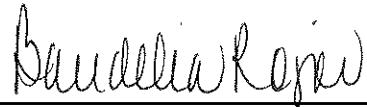
Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 4-0.

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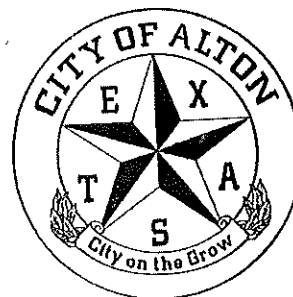


Salvador Vela, Mayor

ATTEST:



Baudelia Rojas CPM, TRMC|CMC
City Secretary



Approved by City Commission 02/09/2021