

**City of Alton City Commission
Regular Meeting 7:30 pm
February 23, 2021 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
Rosie Tello
Mauro Sandoval
Jonathan Flores
Steve Pena
Janie Gaytan
Javier 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 7:30 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 February 9, 2021.

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

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Certification of unopposed candidates for the May 1, 2021 General Election.

Baudelia Rojas, City Secretary presented the certification of unopposed candidates. Commission Member Place 2, Commission Member Place 3 and Commission Member Place 4 were unopposed for the May 1, 2021 General Election. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve the minutes was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 4-0.

2. Discuss and consider approving Ordinance 2021-05, cancelling the May 1, 2021 General Election and declaring the unopposed candidate for the office City Commission Member Place 2, City Commission Member Place 3, and City Commission Member Place 4 as elected; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict; finding and determining that the meeting at which this ordinance was passed was open to the public as required by law; waiving second and third reading and providing for an effective date.

Baudelia Rojas, City Secretary stated the ordinance presented was to cancel the May 1, 2021 General Election. Incumbents were unopposed. 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. Discuss and consider authorizing the submittal of a grant application to FEMA for the SAFER Program.

Javier Garcia, Fire Chief stated the grant was for six (6) firefighters for the department for a period of three years. The first and second year they will pay 75% of budget and third year will be 50%. After the third year, the department would need to pick them up full time. 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. Updated Mayoral Declaration of Local State of Disaster due to public health emergency.

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated the disaster declaration presented is increasing the business establishments to 75% and to extend through March 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 food distribution was held Sunday, February 21, 2021 behind the Development Center. Precinct 3 Commissioner Everardo Villarreal and staff attended the distribution. The Alton Commission thanked Commissioner Villarreal for his support.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

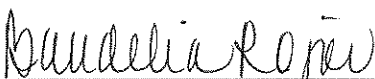
Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 pm was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 4-0.

CITY OF ALTON



Salvador Vela, Mayor

ATTEST:



Baudelia Rojas CPM, TRMC|CMC
City Secretary



Approved by City Commission on 03/09/2021