

**City of Alton City Commission
Regular Meeting 7:30 pm
April 13, 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
Jonathan Flores
Steve Pena
Janie Gaytan
Janie Flores
Mauro Sandoval

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 March 23, 2021.

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. Discuss and consider authorizing the City Engineer to evaluate and design flood control improvements at the Chicago Street Drainage Channel.**
Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated that the Chicago Street drainage channel conveys storm water to the Mayberry pit and north to the County drainage system. Significant rain on Mayberry pit overfills and lodds surrounding homes. The purpose of the project is to determine the most effective method to mitigate the flooding the homes on North Mayberry Road. 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.
- 2. Consider and approve Resolution 2021-13, finding that AEP Texas Inc's application to amend its distribution cost recovery factors to increase distribution rates within the City should be denied.**
Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated AEP is looking to increase rates of about \$2.60 per customer. 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. Consider and approve Resolution 2021-14 establishing rules and regulations regarding the use of excessive force during nonviolent civil rights demonstrations, including physically barring entrance to a facility or location which is the subject of such demonstrations and providing penalties for violations thereof.**
Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated the Urban County Program asks that this resolutions be passed on an annual basis. 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. Adoption of Proclamation 2021-01 proclaiming April 5-9, 2021 as CDBG Week.**
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.
- 5. Adoption of Proclamation 2021-02 proclaiming April 2020 as Fair Housing Month.**
Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 4-0.
- 6. Updated Mayoral Declaration of Local State of Disaster due to public health emergency.**
Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated the there were no changes to the order. This update will be extended through April 27, 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.

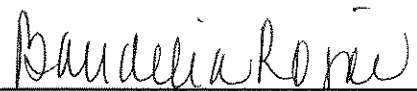
- VII. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071 & 551.072**
- VIII. **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
- IX. **CITY MANAGERS REPORT:**
Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated that a food distribution is scheduled for Thursday, April 15th beginning at 9 am. Distribution is for about 350 families and it is not limited to Alton residents. The Food bank, Congressman Cuellar and Precinct 3 will be onsite. Congratulations to Police Chief Jonathan Flores who recently obtained his Doctoral degree. A slot was approved for a Public Safety Director a few meetings ago who will help in the emergency services sector. Chief Flores will be assigned to the position and will also hold the Chief of Police position.
- X. **ADJOURNMENT:**
Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 pm was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 4-0.

CITY OF ALTON



Salvador Vela, Mayor

ATTEST:



Baudelia Rojas CPM, TRMC/CMC
City Secretary

