

**City of Alton City Commission  
Regular Meeting 7:30 pm  
December 14, 2021 Minutes**

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**Members Present**

Mayor Salvador Vela  
Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr.  
Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr.  
Commissioner Richard Arevalo  
Commissioner Ricardo Garza

**City Staff Present**

Jeff Underwood  
Ricardo Gonzalez  
Baudelia Rojas  
Jonathan B. Flores  
Janie Flores  
Mauro Sandoval  
Janie Gaytan  
Rosie Tello  
Cristina Garcia  
Samm Mercado

**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 7:49 pm.

**II. CERTIFICATION OF POSTING**

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments.

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. **Approve the minutes of the City Commission meeting of November 23, 2021.**
2. **Discuss and consider approving request by Omar Garza, on behalf of 2 Rs Investments, LLC, owner, to rezone the 700 block of S. Bryan Blvd. from "R-3" Single Family Residential-Small Lot to "MF-1" Multi-Family Low Density District.**
3. **Discuss and consider approving request by Netanel Abir, on behalf of Premier Development Group, LLC, owner, to rezone 1429 W. Harrison Ave. from "C-1" Neighborhood Commercial District to "MF-1" Multi-Family Low Density District**

4. **Discuss and consider approving request by MAS Engineering LLC, on behalf of L&R Freight, LLC, owner, to rezone the 1700 block of N. Bryan Blvd, to “D” Duplex/Fourplex District.**
5. **Discuss and consider approval of Ordinance 2021-18, amending and adopting the City of Alton Unified Development Code.**  
Motion to approve the consent agenda was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr. and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 5-0.

V. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Discuss and consider the adoption of Resolution 2021-30, related to Body Worn Camera (BWC) Program.**  
Dr. Jonathan B. Flores, Police Chief, stated that this grant would allow the police department to increase the capability of the currently used body cameras and improve the technology as it relates to data storage. The total project cost as per the Office of the Governor (OOG) is at \$50,394.26 of which \$12, 598.57 is the required City matching funds. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr. and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.
2. **Discuss and consider approving Resolution 2021-31, a resolution selecting an administration delivery service provider to complete application and project implementation for the 2018 Floods & 2019 Floods/TS Imelda funding administered by the Texas General Land Office.**  
Baudelia Rojas, Deputy City Manager, stated that this resolution was related to the 2018 and 2019 floods caused by tropical storm Imelda. Mrs. Rojas stated that RFP’s were received, by Grant Works Inc. and Traylor & Associates and based on the highest rating, staff recommends Grant Works Inc. be selected for the professional services. If grant monies are obtained through this application, they would come from the General Land Office and could be up to one million dollars. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr. and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 5-0.
3. **Discuss and consider authorization to issue requests for qualifications (RFQs) for engineering services related to the Community Development Block Grant - 2019 DR-4454 Lower Rio Grande Valley and Severe South Texas Storms of 2018 DR-4377 grant program administered by the Texas General Land Office (GLO).**  
Baudelia Rojas, Deputy City Manager, stated this item would allow staff to move forward with advertising to obtain engineering services. The engineer selected would work together with Grant Works Inc. on the grant application process and implementation of engineering services as required. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr. and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 5-0.

**4. Discuss and consider the approval of an agreement with Med-Care EMS, LLC to provide emergency medical services to the City of Alton.**

Jeff Underwood, City Manager, stated that almost three years ago the City partnered with the City of Palmview for emergency medical services in Alton. On November 9<sup>th</sup> the City received a 90 day notice from Palmview that they would cease to provide EMS services to Alton but since then they have changed the severance date to be on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at midnight due to staffing issues. Staff has been in contact with David De Los Santos with Med-Care EMS, LLC who put the provided agreement together and if approved would start serving Alton on Wednesday night to prevent any lapse in EMS service. Mr. Underwood stated that the agreement requires a subsidy of \$8,000 per month which has not been the case for many years for previous agreements. Mr. Underwood stated that staff is hopeful that with the possibility of obtaining funds from the grant that was applied for with the USDA it may help with reducing the subsidy cost but at this time this agreement with Med-Care is what is needed in order to provide emergency medical services for Alton citizens. Mr. Underwood stated that the agreement with Med-Care was the lowest priced deal available and their service record is top notch. Mr. Underwood and David De Los Santos with Med-Care both stated that there is a shortage of EMT's and licensed Paramedics. Mr. Underwood stated that the subsidy fee was not budgeted so it would be coming out of the reserve fund. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Temp Arturo Galvan Jr. and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 5-0.

**5. Consider and approve cancellation of City Commission meeting of December 28, 2021.**

Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr. and seconded by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 5-0.

**6. Updated Mayoral Declaration of Local State of Disaster due to public health emergency.**

Jeff Underwood, City Manager, stated that this was an update to the dates for the declaration. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr. and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 5-0.

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

- a) Pending and/or potential litigation
- b) Personnel
- c) Real Estate

**VII. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a) Pending and/or potential litigation
- b) Personnel
- c) Real Estate

**VIII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**


Mr. Underwood went over the project status report and progress of various projects. On December 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. there will be a street dedication of the Bradley Espinoza

Street. Mr. Underwood congratulated Assistant Police Chief Mark Perez, Investigator Jose Romo and Dispatcher Zuniga on their graduations and receiving their degrees.


**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr. and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo . Motion carried 5-0.

**CITY OF ALTON**

  
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**Salvador Vela, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

  
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**Baudelia Rojas CPM, TRMC|CMC**  
**City Secretary**



**Approved by City Commission, January 11, 2022**