

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

BE IT KNOWN that the **City Council** of the **City of Alvin** will meet in **Special Session** on **Thursday, September 11, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.** in the **Council Chambers** located on the 2nd floor of Alvin City Hall, 216 West Sealy Street, Alvin, Texas, with the following agenda:

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. INVOCATION

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. PETITIONS OR REQUESTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Speakers may be limited to 2, 3 or 5 minutes according to Section 2-24 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Alvin, Texas. State law prohibits the Mayor and members of the City Council from commenting on any statement or engaging in dialogue without an appropriate agenda item being posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Law. Comments should be directed to the entire council, not individual members. Engaging in verbal attacks or comments intended to insult, abuse, malign or slander any individual shall be cause for termination of time privileges and expulsion from Council Chambers.

5. OTHER BUSINESS:

Council may approve, discuss, refer, or postpone items under Other Business.

- A. Consider Ordinance 14-AA adopting the budget for the City of Alvin, Texas for Fiscal Year 2014-15; directing the City Clerk to post a copy of the budget on the City of Alvin website; and setting forth other provisions related thereto - 2nd and final reading.
- B. Consider Ordinance 14-BB levying a property tax rate for the year 2014 and to direct the Tax Assessor-Collector to assess, account for, and distribute the property taxes as herein levied; – 2nd and final reading
- C. Consider appointment of a member to fill a vacancy on the Board of Adjustments and Appeals.

6. ADJOURNMENT

I hereby certify that this Public Notice was placed on the Official Bulletin Board at City Hall on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dixie Roberts", is written over a horizontal line.

Dixie Roberts, City Clerk

I hereby certify that this Public Notice was removed from the Official Bulletin Board at City Hall on this the _____ day of _____ 2014, at _____ a. /p.m.

Dixie Roberts, City Clerk

**** All meetings of the City Council are open to the public, except when there is a necessity to meet in Executive Session (closed to the public) under the provisions of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code. The Council reserves the right to convene into executive session on any of the above posted agenda items that qualify for an executive session by publicly announcing the applicable section of the Open Meetings Act, including but not limited to sections 551.071 (litigation and certain consultation with the attorney), 551.072 (acquisition of interest in real property), 551.073 (contract for gift to city), 551.074 (certain personnel deliberations), or 551.087 (qualifying economic development negotiations).**

If you plan to attend this meeting and you have a disability that requires special arrangements at the meeting, please contact the City Clerk at 281-388-4255 or drobot@cityhall.cityofalvin.com. Requests for special services must be received 48 hours prior to the meeting time. Reasonable accommodations will be made to assist your needs. City Hall is wheel chair accessible and a sloped curb entry is available at the East and West Entrances to the City Hall.



AGENDA COMMENTARY

Discussion Date:

Approval Date: 09/04/2014

Submitted By: Junru Roland

SUBJECT:

Consider Ordinance 14-AA, adopting the budget for the City of Alvin, TX for the fiscal year 2014-15; directing the City Clerk to post a copy of the budget on the City of Alvin website; and setting forth other provisions related thereto.

DISCUSSION:

State law and the City's Charter require that the City enact an annual budget. The City Charter requires that an ordinance to establish appropriation must be approved by a favorable vote of a majority of the members of the City Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

Move to approve Ordinance 14-AA, adopting the City's budget for fiscal year 2014-15.

ATTACHMENTS:

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| 1. Draft of Ordinance 14-AA | 4. |
| 2. | 5. |
| 3. | 6. |

Submitted by:

Junru Roland

Department Head

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City Attorney

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City Manager

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ORDINANCE NO. 14-AA

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALVIN, TEXAS ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ALVIN, TEXAS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-15; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO POST A COPY OF THE BUDGET ON THE CITY OF ALVIN WEBSITE; AND SETTING FORTH OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED THERETO.

WHEREAS, State Law and the City's Home Rule Charter require that the City enact an annual budget: and

WHEREAS, the City desires to comply with sound budgetary principles and protect the citizens of the City by maintaining a fund balance adequate to cover the needs of the City during fiscal year 2014-15; and

WHEREAS, the budget for fiscal year 2014-15 reflects Council's best efforts at providing a balanced budget and maintaining the necessary fund balance to meet the City's needs; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALVIN, TEXAS;

Section 1. That the City Council hereby adopts the recitals and findings set forth in the preamble hereof.

Section 2. That the City Council hereby adopts the City of Alvin Annual Budget for fiscal year 2014-15, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Such budget is adopted by the favorable vote of a majority of the members of the City Council of the City of Alvin in a Council meeting duly assembled in accordance with Article VII of the Home-Rule Charter of the City of Alvin, Texas.

Section 3. That the City Council files the budget with the City Clerk and directs the City Clerk to post a copy of the budget on the City of Alvin website.

Section 4. Open Meetings Act. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this ordinance was passed was open to the public as required and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, *Chapt. 551, Tex. Gov't Code*.

PASSED AND APPROVED on first reading on the ____ day of _____, 2014.

PASSED AND APPROVED on second reading on the ____ day of _____, 2014.

ATTEST:

CITY OF ALVIN:

By: _____
Dixie Roberts, City Clerk

By: _____
Paul A. Horn, Mayor



AGENDA COMMENTARY

Discussion Date: 09/04/2014
Approval Date: 09/04/2014
Submitted By: Michelle H. Segovia

SUBJECT:

Consider termination of the Memorandum of Understanding with Texas A & M University for the development of a stormwater wetlands component of the detention basin located at Kost Road and South Street and consider authorizing staff to prepare an alternate landscaping plan.

DISCUSSION:

This MOU between the City and Texas A & M University was approved by Council on April 24, 2014. After much consideration, it is staff's recommendation not to include a wetlands component for the proposed detention pond. The primary factors leading to this decision include increased maintenance costs and negative public perception.

RECOMMENDATION:

Move to approve the termination of the Memorandum of Understanding with Texas A & M University and authorize staff to prepare an alternate landscaping plan for the construction of this detention area.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. MOU
2. Stormwater wetland schematics
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- 4.
- 5.
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Approved By:

City Manager

ORDINANCE NO. 14-BB

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALVIN, TEXAS, LEVYING A PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR THE TAX YEAR 2014; DIRECTING THE TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR TO ASSESS, ACCOUNT FOR, AND DISTRIBUTE THE PROPERTY TAXES AS HEREIN LEVIED.

WHEREAS, Section 26.05 (a) of the Tax Code requires taxing authorities to adopt a property tax rate by September 30 of each year or within sixty (60) days after receipt of the certified appraisal roll; and

WHEREAS, Section 26.05 (a) of the Tax Code requires the total property tax rate be approved in two components: (1) Maintenance and Operations; and (2) Debt Service; and

WHEREAS, Section 26.05 (b) of the Tax Code requires that if the ordinance sets a tax rate that, if applied to the total taxable value, will impose an amount of taxes to fund maintenance and operation expenditures of the taxing unit that exceeds the amount of taxes imposed for that purpose in the preceding year, the taxing unit must include in the ordinance in type larger than the type used in any other portion of the ordinance the following statement; “THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR’S TAX RATE”; and

WHEREAS, Section 26.05 (b) of the Tax Code is applicable this year because the tax rate to be adopted does exceed the effective tax rate, **NOW, THEREFORE;**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALVIN, TEXAS:

That there be and is hereby levied for the tax year 2014 on all real and personal property within the City limits of the City of Alvin, Texas, except so much thereof as may be exempt by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas and of the United States the following:

Section 1. An ad valorem tax of and at the rate of \$0.693885 on the One Hundred Dollars valuation of the real and personal property and mineral royalties owned within the City limits of Alvin on the first day of January 2014 to provide for the current expenses of the City of Alvin, Texas (General Fund).

Section 2. An ad valorem tax of and at the rate of \$0.011674 on the One Hundred Dollars valuation of the real and personal property situated and owned within the City limits of Alvin on the first day of January 2014 to pay current interest and to provide a Sinking Fund on the General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2012.

Section 3. An ad valorem tax of and at the rate of \$0.009750 on the One Hundred Dollars valuation of the real and personal property situated and owned within the City limits of Alvin on the first day of January 2014 to pay current interest and to provide a Sinking Fund on the Certificate of Obligations, Series 2006A.

Section 4. An ad valorem tax of and at the rate of \$0.008729 on the One Hundred Dollars valuation of the real and personal property situated and owned within the City limits of Alvin on the first day of January 2014 to pay current interest and to provide a Sinking Fund on the Certificate of Obligation, Series 2006C.

Section 5. An ad valorem tax of and at the rate of \$0.064767 on the One Hundred Dollars valuation of the real and personal property situated and owned within the City limits of Alvin on the first day of January 2014 to pay current interest and to provide a Sinking Fund on the General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2011.

Section 6. An ad valorem tax of and at the rate of \$0.031031 on the One Hundred Dollars valuation of the real and personal property situated and owned within the City limits of Alvin on the first day of January 2014 to pay current interest and to provide a Sinking Fund on the Certificate of Obligation, Series 2011.

Section 7. An ad valorem tax of and at the rate of \$0.018764 on the One Hundred Dollars valuation of the real and personal property situated and owned within the City limits of Alvin on the first day of January 2014 to pay current interest and to provide a Sinking Fund on the Tax Anticipation Note, Series 2013.

Section 8. Taxes are to be calculated on the basis of one hundred percent (100%) of assessed value for the 2014 tax year.

THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.

A total tax rate of all property was set at \$0.838600 per One Hundred Dollars valuation, and such total tax rate was adopted by favorable majority of the members of the City Council of the City of Alvin, Texas in a Council meeting duly assembled in accordance with the Home-Rule Charter of the City of Alvin, Texas and such action is hereby ratified, confirmed and affirmed.

Section 9. That the recorded vote of the City Council on this ordinance is:

Council Members voting FOR adoption:

Council Members voting AGAINST adoption:

Council Members absent:

Section 10. This ordinance is adopted in compliance with Article VII of the City Charter.

Section 11. Open Meetings Act. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this ordinance was passed was open to the public as required and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, *Chapt. 551, Tex. Gov't Code.*

PASSED AND APPROVED on first reading on the ____ day of _____ 2014.

PASSED AND APPROVED on second reading on the ____ day of _____ 2014.

ATTEST:

CITY OF ALVIN, TEXAS:

By: _____
Dixie Roberts, City Clerk

By: _____
Paul A. Horn, Mayor



AGENDA COMMENTARY

Discussion Date: 09/11/2014

Approval Date: 09/11/2014

Submitted By: Dixie Roberts

SUBJECT:

Consider appointment of a member to fill a vacancy on the Board of Adjustments and Appeals.

DISCUSSION:

There is a vacancy on the Board of Adjustments and Appeals. Mr. Craig Martin was appointed in early 2014. Staff has tried to make contact with him since that time without success. The Board of Adjustments and Appeals will be meeting in the near future. This vacancy places a great hardship in trying to meet the quorum requirements, as the board consists of only 5 members.

Mr. James E. Thompson has submitted a consent and willingness to serve form and would like to volunteer his time to serve as a member of this board.

RECOMMENDATION:

Appoint James E. Thompson to fill the unexpired term of Craig Martin as a member of the Board of Adjustments and Appeals.

ATTACHMENTS:

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| 1. Consent & Willingness to Serve Form | 4. |
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Submitted by:

Funds Available:

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CITY OF ALVIN

CONSENT AND WILLINGNESS TO SERVE FORM BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

Please Return to the City Clerk's Office.
This form will be retained for one year.

Name: JAMES E (JIM) THOMPSON
 Residence Address: 1169 CR 136A ALVIN TX 77511
 Daytime Telephone: 832-526-0160 Evening Telephone: _____
 E-mail: jtt@ieee.org Facsimile: ✓
 Mailing Address: Same as above
 Occupation: Engineer Employer: Self

Appointed position Desired (check all that apply):

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parks and Recreation Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Board of the Alvin Public Library | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Commission |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building Board of Adjustments & Appeals | <input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing Board of Adjustments & Appeals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Diversity Awareness Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Citizens Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Ethics and Compliance | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Describe Your Interest & Qualifications for the Position Desired: (continue on back if necessary)

Licensed Professional Engineer in Mech + Elec Engineering

Please list any Civic or Community Endeavors in which you have been involved: (continue on Back if necessary)

Have you served on the Alvin City Council?

Yes/No No

Have you served on another City's Council?

Yes/No No

Have you served on an Alvin City Board, Commission, or Committee?

Yes/No No

If so, list: (continue on back if necessary) ANIMAL ADVISORY BD, BLDG BD OF ADJUSTMENTS

Have you served on another City's Board, Commission, or Committee?

Yes/No

If so, list: (continue on back if necessary) # APPEALS

How long have you been a resident of Alvin? [NOT IN CITY LIMITS] 24 Years

How long have you been a resident of Texas? 24 Years

Voter registration No. _____

I understand that appointments are solely at the discretion of council and that this form is not the only basis of candidate selection.

If appointed, I will accept the position and faithfully serve to the best of my ability.

Signed: James E. Thompson Date: 9-4-14