

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF ALVIN, TEXAS**  
**216 W. SEALY STREET**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**THURSDAY APRIL 9, 2015**  
**7:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

BE IT REMEMBERED that, on the above date, the City Council of the City of Alvin, Texas, met in Regular Session at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, with the following members present: Mayor Paul A. Horn, Mayor Pro-tem Terry Droege; Council members: Gabe Adame, Adam Arendell, Scott Reed, Brad Richards, Roger Stuksa and Keith Thompson. Also present: Junru Roland, Interim City Manager; Bobbi Kacz, City Attorney and Dixie Roberts, City Clerk.

**INVOCATION**

Mike Waites, Alvin Police Department Chaplain gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council member Adame led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Council member Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Mayor Horn proclaimed April 9, 2015 as Brazoria County Head Start Early Learning Day and the week of April 19-25, 2015 as Crime Victim's Rights Week.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Approve minutes of the March 19, 2015 Regular City Council meeting**

Council member Adame moved to approve the regular City Council meeting minutes of March 19, 2015. Seconded by Council member Droege; motion to approve carried on a vote of 7 Ayes.

**PETITIONS OR REQUESTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Michael Hoover with the Alvin Sunrise Rotary thanked City Council for the support during the annual Music Festival recently held in Alvin. Mr. Hoover presented Dan Kelinske, Parks & Recreation Director with a donation check in the amount of \$11,000.00 to be used for the purchase of parks equipment.

Jerry Martin, District Manager for Progressive Waste introduced staff members: Kevin Hathcote, Operations Manager, and Chris Ochoa, Municipal Marketing Manager. Mr. Hathcote reported that the special pickups that have been scheduled are going well. He also reported that the Alvin Clean-up is scheduled for Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> at Alvin Community College.

**REPORTS FROM CITIZENS BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES**

No reports were given.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

There were no public hearings.

**CONSENT AGENDA: CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

Consider Ordinance 15-K; annexing a 43.24 acre tract, more or less, located along East Highway 6 in Brazoria County, Texas (Frank's Casing Alvin) into the corporate limits of the City; approving a service plan for the annexed area; making findings of fact; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date; second reading.

Consider authorizing the City Manager to send a letter of authorization to the Brazoria County Mosquito Control District for the continuation of aerial spraying services for the 2015 season.

Council member Arendell moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Seconded by Council member Adame; motion to approve carried on a vote of 7 Ayes.

**MATTERS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

There were no items removed.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Consider Ordinance 15-L; authorizing the issuance and sale of the City of Alvin, Texas, Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2015; levying a tax and providing for the security and payment thereof; and enacting other provisions relating thereto on first and final reading.

*On February 19, 2015, Council approved Resolution 15-R-07; authorizing publication of a Notice of intent to issue Certificates of Obligations (COs) for the purpose of defraying the costs of the acquisition and construction of improvements to the City's water and sewer system; the replacement of City water meters; and the costs of professional services incurred in connection therewith. It is the City's intent to pay the debt service on the COs from revenues of the City's water and sewer system. Jim Gilley, Managing Director for U.S. Capital Advisors (the City's Financial Advisor) and Jonathan Frels, Parter with Bracewell & Giuliani LLP (the City's Bond Counsel) presented the results.*

Jim Gilley, Managing Director for U.S. Capital Advisors reported that four bids had been received for the certificates of obligation, series 2015. Low bid was submitted by Raymond James and Associates at 2.794% for \$10M in certificates of obligation. The City received a Standard and Poor AA rating on the certificates.

Jonathan Frels, Parter with Bracewell & Giuliani LLP reviewed the bond ordinance authorizing the sale of the bonds.

Council member Reed moved to approve Ordinance 15-L; authorizing the issuance and sale of the City of Alvin, Texas, Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2015; levying a tax and providing for the security and payment thereof; and enacting other provisions relating thereto on first and final reading. Seconded by Council member Thompson; motion to approve carried on a vote of 7 Ayes.

Consider Resolution 15-R-10; finding that CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Entex and CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas (CenterPoint) statement of intent to increase rates filing within the City should be denied; finding that the City's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed by the company; finding that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of this resolution to the company and legal counsel.

*On March 27, 2015, CenterPoint Energy Gas ("CenterPoint" or "Company") filed a Statement of Intent to Change Rates in its Texas Coast Division with each of the Gulf Coast Coalition of Cities ("GCCC") with original jurisdiction. In the filing, the Company asserts that it is entitled to a \$6.77 million increase or an 11.3% increase in base revenues. In late March, the GCCC engaged the services of a consultant, Mr. Karl Nalepa, to review the Company's filing. Mr. Nalepa will review the filing and identify adjustments that should be made to the Company's request. GCCC are recommending that the Cities deny the requested relief.*

Council member Adame moved to approve Resolution 15-R-10; finding that CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Entex and CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas (CenterPoint) statement of intent to increase rates filing within the City should be denied; finding that the City's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed by the company; finding that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of this resolution to the company and legal counsel. Seconded by Council member Arendell; motion to approve carried on a vote of 7 Ayes.

Consider approval of final payment of project close out costs, including change orders, in an amount not to exceed \$7,788.21 to Jamail & Smith for the Briscoe and National Oak Park pavilions.

Council member Arendell moved to approve final payment of project close out costs, including change orders, in an amount not to exceed \$7,788.21 to Jamail & Smith for the Briscoe and National Oak Park pavilions. Seconded by Council member Reed; motion to approve carried on a vote of 7 Ayes.

Consider the purchase of a new ambulance; replacing Unit #697, out of the City's Vehicle Replacement Program, from Frazer, Ltd. through the Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) Cooperative Purchasing Program, in an amount not to exceed \$86,700.00.

Unit 697 is scheduled to be replaced in the 2015-16 fiscal year. Because ambulances take 6 - 8 months to build and deliver, staff is requesting council's authorization to encumber the funds (process a purchase order) for a new ambulance in order that the new ambulance will be available for service at the beginning of fiscal year 2015-16. The funds for the new ambulance will come from the City's Vehicle Replacement Fund.

Council member Thompson moved to approve the purchase of a new ambulance; replacing Unit #697, out of the City's Vehicle Replacement Program, from Frazer, Ltd. through the Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) Cooperative Purchasing Program, in an amount not to exceed \$86,700.00. Seconded by Council member Stuksa; motion to approve carried on a vote of 7 Ayes.

Consider the continuation as a jurisdictional participant in the Brazoria County, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME, and Emergency Services Grant (ESG) program; authorizing the amendment to the 2009 Brazoria County Coop agreement.

*Brazoria County will be re-qualifying for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME, and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program funds from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for FY 2016-2018. The County has to re-qualify for these funds every three years. Currently, twenty Cities in the County participate in the Brazoria County CDBG, HOME, and ESG Programs. A list of these Cities is provided in your packet. In order to continue participation, the City of Alvin must amend the 2009 Brazoria County Coop agreement.*

Council member Arendell moved to approve the continuation as a jurisdictional participant in the Brazoria County, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME, and Emergency Services Grant (ESG) program; authorizing the amendment to the 2009 Brazoria County Coop agreement. Seconded by Council member Richards; motion to approve carried on a vote of 7 Ayes.

## **REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER**

Review preliminary list of items for the Council meeting of April 23, 2015.

Mr. Roland reviewed the preliminary list for the April 23, 2015 City Council meeting.

### Announcements/Items of Community Interest

Mr. Roland reported that a test run will be conducted of the live web streaming of city council meetings on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. If no issues are presented, this service will be available to the public beginning May 7, 2015.

## **REPORTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS**

*Pursuant to S.B. No. 1182, City Councilmembers may make a report or an announcement about items of community interest during a meeting of the governing body. No action will be taken or discussed.*

Council member Thompson asked staff to report the potholes that are along the feeder road of SH35 in front of Home Depot.

Council member Reed thanked the finance department for their hard work. He stated that it was pleasant to hear an outside firm talk about the city's financial stability.

Council member Arendell thanked all the city departments involved in the various events held this past weekend. He also asked staff to include County Road 149 in the quiet zone study. Council member Arendell stated that much discussion was had on Chapter 10 Food and Food Establishments, during the workshop held this evening. Chapter 13 – Itinerant Vendors was not discussed in depth; more discussion may be needed.

Council member Richards asked staff to initiate the repairing of a pothole on SH35 turning into Kroger's.

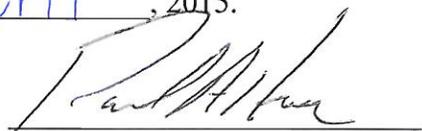
Council member Stuksa complimented the two Rotary groups within the city. He would like to know how much the Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund has contributed to the two Rotarian groups.

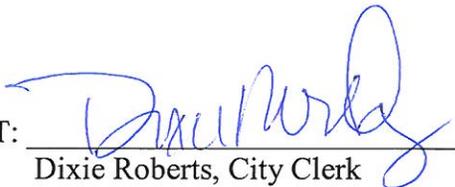
Mayor Horn reported that work is progressing nicely at the Kost/South St. detention pond project.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Council member Adame moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Seconded by Council member Stuksa; motion to adjourn carried on a vote of 7Ayes.

PASSED and APPROVED this 23 day of April, 2015.

  
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Paul A. Horn, Mayor

ATTEST:   
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Dixie Roberts, City Clerk