

**MINUTES
CITY OF ALVIN, TEXAS
216 W. SEALY STREET
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
THURSDAY APRIL 4, 2019
6:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

BE IT REMEMBERED that, on the above date, the City Council of the City of Alvin, Texas, met in a Workshop Session at 7:00 p.m. in the first floor Conference Room at City Hall, with the following members present: Paul A. Horn, Mayor; Councilmembers: Gabe Adame, Adam Arendell, Joel Castro, Brad Richards, Scott Reed and Glen Starkey.

Staff members present: Junru Roland, City Manager; Suzanne Hanneman, City Attorney; Dixie Roberts, City Secretary; Larry Buehler, Director of Economic Development; Dan Kelinske, Parks Director; and Robert E. Lee, Police Chief.

WORKSHOP BUSINESS

Discuss Tent Ordinance

Chief Lee presented a draft tent encampment ordinance before City Council. The purpose of this ordinance is to promote the safety and welfare of our homeless citizens, while maintaining community and quality of life standards. This ordinance would allow for the creation of temporary outdoor encampments organized and managed by faith based or nonprofit organizations. These temporary outdoor encampments do not represent a permanent solution to homelessness, but rather they are intended to ensure that health, safety and security standards are maintained while they are in use. It is the hope of the City that such temporary encampments may be the first step toward more permanent housing for our homeless citizens.

Chief Lee reviewed the ordinance in detail.

Members of Council had the following response to the ordinance presented:

The need for identification is a topic of concern, and the regulation of such. Onsite portable restrooms should be serviced at least weekly; and the encampment site inspected monthly or bi-monthly by code enforcement. The encampment should have active rosters of all those staying on the premises. The Planning Commission could review the application and City Council could serve as the appellate board.

Staff will add the necessary language to address the concerns listed above and will bring this item back for further discussion. Note that members of the Archangels of Texas attended this workshop.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Horn adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

PASSED and APPROVED the 2nd day of May 2019.

Paul A. Horn, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Dixie Roberts, City Secretary