

MINUTES
CITY OF ALVIN, TEXAS
216 W. SEALY STREET
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 20, 2020
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 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, with the following members present: Mayor Paul A. Horn; Mayor Pro-Tem Glenn Starkey; Councilmembers: Gabe Adame, Adam Arendell, Joel Castro, Brad Richards, Keith Thompson and Martin Vela.

Staff members present: Junru Roland, City Manager; Suzanne Hanneman, City Attorney; Dixie Roberts, City Secretary; Michael Higgins, Chief Financial Officer; Dan Kelinske, Parks and Recreation Director; Brandon Moody, Interim Public Services Director; and Robert E. Lee, Police Chief.

WORKSHOP ITEM

Discuss the Solid Waste Review Team's recommendation for the selection of a company for RFP-20-02 Exclusive Solid Waste and Recycling Disposal Services.

Mr. Higgins introduced Kevin Atkinson, Owner and Chief Executive Officer of Texas Pride Disposal.

Mr. Atkins reviewed the members of his team. He stated that Texas Pride has over 170 years of Solid Waste Management experience. Brand new equipment (trucks and containers) will be purchased for use in the City of Alvin, with an investment of \$4M.

He said that Texas Pride will aid in the transition of service providers in the City by participating in City events leading up to and after the commencement date, provide a utility bill insert, advertise on the website, social media, and newspaper. The delivery of containers will coincide with the last service provided by the current hauler. The container will have a service flier attached detailing the new program, and the use of educational mailers will continue on a regular basis. Only three holidays will be observed: New Year, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Texas Pride will have a dedicated webpage with Alvin details (www.texaspridedisposal.com/Alvin), a dedicated email address for Alvin inquiries Alvin@texaspridedisposal.com, a dedicated phone number for Alvin inquiries, will provide containers with hot-stamped lids, and yellow tags will be left on unacceptable items.

Mr. Atkins reviewed the simple service plan. Pick up will not be limited to just the cart, overflow can be placed beside the cart in personal cans or bags, and it will be collected. Up to 8 piles of branches per service day (bundling not required) is allowed, two heavy items per service day, complimentary valet service for disabled residents, and simplified schedule based off quadrants.

Service collection will never be automated, but will be done manually. Residents are not limited to their cart, meaning overflow is collected every service day. Allows for heavy and bulky collection every service day. Two helpers on the back of every truck are able to see and collect any dropped or spilled waste. Manual service guarantees containers are placed back properly, not in street,

blocking driveways, left on side, or lid open. Both sides of street are collected with a lighter truck, meaning less wear and tear on City streets.

A dedicated City Route Supervisor will be provided to observe routes daily to ensure services are being delivered to the expected standards. This supervisor will also observe routes to ensure employees are performing safely and wearing proper safety equipment, will check in with City Hall on a routine basis, will allow for questions/concerns to be addressed promptly and ensure that container requests are delivered daily.

Texas Pride will hire local and will host a job fair and continue to prioritize the hiring of Alvin residents. He stated that the Texas Pride storage yard that holds all of their equipment will be located outside of the City near Beltway 8.

City Council discussed the location of the yard, with concern to it being located outside of the City. Council member Adame would like to see additional references checked.

Brief discussion continued.


ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Horn adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

PASSED and APPROVED the 5th day of March 2020.



Paul A. Horn, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Dixie Roberts, City Secretary