

MINUTES
CITY OF ALVIN, TEXAS
216 W. SEALY STREET
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2021
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 Special Workshop Session at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Alvin City Hall, with the following members present: Mayor Paul A. Horn; Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Castro; Councilmembers: Gabe Adame, Adam Arendell, Brad Richards, Glenn Starkey, Keith Thompson, and Martin Vela. Staff member present: Junru Roland, City Manager, Suzanne Hanneman, City Attorney; Dixie Roberts, City Secretary; and Michael Higgins, Administrative Services Director.

SPECIAL WORKSHOP ITEM:

Texas Pride Disposal update of solid waste and recycling operations.

Kevin Atkinson owner of Texas Pride gave a brief update on the solid waste and recycling operations during the first six months of the new contract. Hugh Marsh the Alvin area service manager for Texas Pride was also in attendance.

Kevin stated that the rollout of their operations throughout the City of Alvin went as expected. Container sizes and pickup frequencies were noted as commercial dumpsters were delivered and adjustments to dumpster sizes and frequency of pickup were made, as necessary. The previous hauler had lingering carts remaining throughout the transition process. The new collection schedule took a few weeks for customers to adjust to. There have been some residential complaints of garbage not being collected. After each reported incident video footage was reviewed and almost all of the reported incidents were due to the garbage not being placed at the curb when the trucks came by for collection. Those that were missed on accident, were corrected immediately.

House pick-up counts: January: 6,234 homes serviced; February: 6,491 homes serviced; March: 6,583 homes. Total residential services provided: 161,767. Total missed services: 44 – of those 44 missed services, 42 were because the garbage was not at the curb at the time of collection.

Kevin reviewed the challenges they faced during the pandemic and winter freeze.

Members of City Council spoke on several concerns had by residents/customers:

- truck drivers speeding through town
- employees not picking up trash that has fallen on the ground during collection, leaving behind a mess.
- Laying dumpsters back down on top of trash.
- Placing residential containers in the street after service, and not placing back on residential property
- Heavy trash collection complaints
- Community education

Mr. Atkinson thanked City Council for the feedback and stated that he will address the concerns presented by City Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Horn adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

PASSED and APPROVED the 6th day of May 2021.

Paul A. Horn, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Dixie Roberts, City Secretary