

**MINUTES
CITY OF ALVIN, TEXAS
216 W. SEALY STREET
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
TUESDAY AUGUST 9, 2022
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 City Council Chambers at City Hall, with the following members present: Mayor Pro-Tem Gabe Adame; Councilmembers: Joel Castro, Martin Vela, Keko Moore, Glenn Starkey, Richard Garivey, and Chris Vaughn.

Staff members present: Junru Roland, City Manager; Suzanne Hanneman, City Attorney; Dixie Roberts, Assistant City Manager/City Secretary; Karen Edwards, Human Resources Director; Michael Higgins, Director of Administrative Services; Dan Kelinske, Director of Parks and Recreation; Rex Klesel, Fire Chief; Brandon Moody, Director of Public Services; Ron Schmitz, EMS/EM Director; Michelle Segovia, City Engineer; and Robert E. Lee, Police Chief.

WORKSHOP BUSINESS

Discuss the FY 2022-2023 Proposed Budget.

Dixie Roberts, Asst. City Manager/City Secretary highlighted the budget item proposed to purchase software to assist in tracking short-term rentals, such as Airbnb, to increase revenue through Hotel Occupancy Tax. An ordinance will be brought to a future City Council meeting to supplement this item.

Dan Kelinske presented the layout for the new Recreation Station renovation which is also in the proposed budget.

Mr. Roland also reviewed various FY 22-23 budget items

Discuss twice a week residential garbage collection.

Mr. Higgins, Director of Administrative Services, presented this item to Council with explanation. The following are highlights from his presentation:

Billing Summary

Type	# of Cust	Current Rate (10/1/21)	CPI %	Rate 1x Per Week Effective (10/1/22)	Inc FY22-23	Proposed Rate 2x Per Week Effective (10/1/22)	Inc FY22-23	Inc %
Residential Billing	7,132	\$11.50	8.5%	\$12.48	\$.98	\$12.48	\$.98	8.5%
Texas Pride Billing	7,132	\$13.12	8.5%	\$14.23	\$1.11	\$17.20	\$2.97	22.6%
Difference		-\$1.62		-\$1.75		-\$4.72		

2x Per Week Residential Pros & Cons

Pros

- Increased service level for residents (typically well received)
- Scheduling would have more than the current two trash crews in town at same time that can assist should an issue arise
- Gulf coast area remains one of last areas that predominantly has twice-weekly service as it helps with putrescible waste from rotting and attracting critters and maggots

Cons

- Cost is higher
- More wear and tear on City roads
- Discourages recycling - Recycle cart fills up when there is an overflow of trash
- Presents a problem if and when community transitions from 2x back to 1x per week (future consideration)

Council member Starkey suggested the question be posed to the public. Dixie Roberts, City Secretary, will prepare and post a survey to the City’s website to poll residents.

Discuss use of old EMS building located at 709 E. House St.

Council member Vaughn and a representative from Alvin VFW Post 5237 discussed the possible use of the old EMS building by the VFW organization, including a space for their operations and a fitness center. Council asked that a plan be drawn up with all the proposed details to be presented at a future meeting.

Discuss the Backflow Prevention program.

Brandon Moody presented information related to establishing an effective cross-connection program. TCEQ requires cities to provide systems that protect drinking water and there are several methods to accomplish this. Backflow prevention devices are one of those acceptable methods. His recommendation is to contract with Aqua Backflow to monitor such devices installed in Alvin which will then provide access to a database of that information for tracking purposes. The base program through Aqua Backflow incurs no cost to the City of Alvin.

Mr. Roland also asked Council if they would be open to moving the location of City Hall. Council members were agreeable to that possibility.

Council member Vela asked, and discussion was had regarding allocating more money to the reconstruction of city streets.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Horn adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

PASSED and APPROVED the 1st day of September 2022.

Paul A. Horn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dixie Roberts, City Secretary