

**MINUTES
CITY OF ALVIN, TEXAS
216 W. SEALY STREET
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY MAY 5, 2016
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 Adam Arendell; Councilmembers: Gabe Adame, Terry Droege, Roger Stuksa, and Keith Thompson, Scott Reed and Brad Richards.

Staff members present: Sereniah Breland, City Manager; Junru Roland, Assistant City Manager/CFO; Bobbi Kacz, City Attorney; Dixie Roberts, City Clerk; Robert E. Lee, Chief of Police, Michelle Segovia, City Engineer, Dan Kelinske, Director of Parks and Recreation, and Brian Smith, Public Works Director.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Horn gave the invocation.

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

Council member Reed led the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation – Police Week; May 15-21, 2016.

Mayor Horn proclaimed May 10-16, 2015 as Police Week.

Proclamation – Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month; May 2016.

Mayor Horn proclaimed the month of May as Motorcycle Safety Awareness.

Presentation of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the City's 2015-16 annual budget document.

Mayor Horn presented the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the City's 2015-16 annual budget document to Junru Roland, Assistant City Manager/CFO and Finance Staff.

Quiet Zone Presentation.

Sereniah Breland, City Manager gave a brief update on quiet zones. She reviewed Council approved scope for this project: Tovrea Road (at-grade crossing with curb), North Gordon Street (SH 35; Wayside Horn), Avenue E ½ (crossing to be closed), N. Second Street (at-grade crossing with curb), CR 149 (at-grade crossing with curb (outside city limits). Provide engineered drawings and specifications for construction related to the quiet zone improvements, pre-diagnostic review with BNSF, diagnostic review and notice of intent, bidding, construction administration and notice of establishment. Quiet zones are permitted by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) if they meet standard requirements. Project History Pre-diagnostic meeting: plans created and submitted to BNSF's Engineer, determined that the crossings are not equipped with Constant Warning

Circuitry as required by FRA, Gordon Street (estimated completion Fall 2016) TxDOT funding constant warning improvements. Project History Constant Warning Circuitry: Negotiated 20% match funding with BNSF. BNSF agreed to allow the City to construct another at-grade crossing for the closing of E ½ as a swap OR payment to City (amount to be determined during negotiations).

Engineering Opinion of probable cost:

	Tovrea	N. Gordon	Ave E ½	N. 2 nd St.	CR 149	Total
Proposed Quiet Zone Improvements	\$9,630	\$182,990	\$15,000	\$10,900	\$9,720	\$228,240
Constant Warning Circuitry Improvements	\$392	\$504,498	0	\$556,359	\$224,749	\$1,1285,998
Total Project Cost	\$10,022	\$687,488	\$15,000	\$567,259	\$234,469	\$1,514,238
TxDOT Funded	0	(\$504,498)	0	0	0	(\$504,498)
BNSF 20% Match	(\$78)	0	0	(\$111,272)	(\$44,950)	(\$156,300)
Total Cost to City	\$9,944	\$182,990	\$15,000	\$455,987	\$189,519	\$853,440
		\$207,934				*\$70,285 Engineering Fees

CONSENT AGENDA: CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Approve minutes of the April 21, 2016 City Council regular meeting.

Consider bid award for the 2016 Concrete Pavement and Drainage Project to AGR Construction, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$192,461.50; and authorize the City Manager to sign the contract subject to legal review.

Consider request by the Brazoria County Tax Assessor-Collector to waive and refund \$2,365.28 of penalty and interest assessed on the 2015 ad valorem taxes associated with accounts 0491-0008-000; 0491-0017-000; 0491-0024-120; 0491-0036-000; 0491-0017-003; and 9103-0173-010.

Consider Resolution 16-R-09; acknowledging and supporting the extension date of December 31, 2016 for the completion of the park project in the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Brazoria County, Texas.

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Consider a final plat of Ramirez Subdivision, being a subdivision of 4.162 acres (along County Road 179 south of Rowan Burton Road) being a part of lots 12 and 13 of the Samuel Bard Subdivision of the Hooper and Wade Survey Section 20, abstract number 487, Brazoria County, Texas.

On March 31, 2016 the Engineering Department received the final plat of Ramirez Subdivision for review. The property is located on the east side of County Road 179, south of the Rowan Burton Road intersection in the City of Alvin Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) and is being platted for conveyance. The City Planning Commission unanimously approved the plat at their meeting on April 19, 2016.

Council member Thompson moved to approve a final plat of Ramirez Subdivision, being a subdivision of 4.162 acres (along County Road 179 south of Rowan Burton Road) being a part of lots 12 and 13 of the Samuel Bard Subdivision of the Hooper and Wade Survey Section 20, abstract

number 487, Brazoria County, Texas. Seconded by Council member Richards; motion carried on a vote of 7 Ayes.

Consider bid award for the replacement of five (5) Police vehicles including all equipment and graphics to Silsbee Ford in an amount not to exceed \$219,432.

On April 19, 2016 bids were opened and Silsbee Ford was the lowest bidder. Buy Board quotes were also received prior to bidding from Silsbee Ford, a Buy Board company, for price comparison. A cost savings of \$1,276.75 was achieved through bidding vs. Buy Board Quotes. Silsbee Ford provides Police vehicles and up fitting through EVS a Buy Board company delivering a road ready vehicle ready for service. The services provided for these five vehicles will include all prisoner cages, window guards, lights, sirens, graphics, organizers, computer mounts, console, camera and radar mounting, gun locks and global positioning systems. All lighting equipment is provided a five-year warranty with mobile warranty service, reducing down time for warranty work. Through the in-house lease program all five vehicles have met their useful life and were budgeted in FY16 for replacement using the vehicle replacement fund.

Council member Adame asked that staff look into the cost associated with using the vehicles that are to be replaced as take home vehicles for police officers in an effort to increase police presence within the community.

Council member Stuksa asked if leasing the vehicles was an option. Mr. Smith stated that emergency service vehicles can't be leased.

The price of the bid lowered

Council member Stuksa moved to award a bid for the replacement of five (5) Police vehicles including all equipment and graphics to Silsbee Ford in an amount not to exceed \$219,432. Seconded by Council member Droege; motion carried on a vote of 7 Ayes.

Receive and acknowledge receipt of the Financial and Quarterly Investment reports for March 2016.

The City Charter requires the Chief Financial Officer to report on the financial condition of the City. In addition, the City's investment policy requires the Chief Financial Officer to submit an investment report to the City Manager, the Mayor, and City Council each quarter.

Council member Droege moved to acknowledge receipt of the Financial and Quarterly Investment reports for March 2016. Seconded by Council member Richards; motion carried on a vote of 7 Ayes.

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

Review preliminary list of items for next Council meeting.

Ms. Breland reviewed the preliminary list for the May 19, 2016 City Council meeting

Items of Community Interest.

Mrs. Roberts reviewed items of community interest.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Pursuant to S.B. No. 1182, City Council Members 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.

Announcements and requests from Council members.

Council member Thompson thanked all of the city departments and congratulated Mr. Roland and the Finance Department in receiving the GFOA Distinguished Budget Award. He also encouraged everyone to vote on Saturday.

Council member Reed thanked Chief Lee and the Police Department for the job they do in keeping the community safe. He also thanked Mr. Roland and the Finance Department for a job well done.

Council member Arendell thanked staff for the Quiet Zone update and the Capital Improvement Project update. He thanked Chief Lee and the Police Department for their service and congratulated Mr. Roland and the Finance Department for all of efforts.

Council member Richards thanked all city employees for their service. He also encouraged everyone to vote on Saturday.

Council member Droege congratulated Mr. Roland and the Finance Department and thanked all of the city employees for a job well done. He encouraged everyone to vote on Saturday.

Council member Adame thanked the Finance Department and recognized Mr. Roland for the leadership he provides in protecting the city's tax dollars appropriately. He also thanked Chief Lee and the Police Department for their service to the community and thanked Mr. Smith for his efforts in saving the city money, referencing the police department vehicle bid. Council member Adame asked staff to look into the placement of speed bumps by the Little League Fields on College Drive in an effort to slow down speeding vehicles in the area.

Council member Stuksa stated that the City of Alvin is fortunate to have the staff currently in place representing the city. He thanked Chief Lee, Mr. Roland and Ms. Breland for their leadership.

Mayor Horn asked that City Council receive the Personnel Policy in plenty of advance notice before the next meeting so that members have to review the changes made.

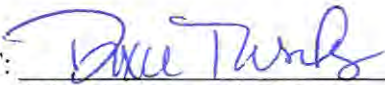
ADJOURNMENT

Council member Adame moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. Seconded by Council member Droege; motion to adjourn carried on a vote of 7 Ayes.

PASSED and APPROVED this 19 day of May, 2016.



Paul A. Horn, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Dixie Roberts, City Clerk