

**MINUTES
CITY OF ALVIN, TEXAS
216 W. SEALY STREET
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 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 Gabe Adame; Council members: Adam Arendell, Scott Reed, Brad Richards, Chris Sanger, Glenn Starkey, and Keith Thompson.

Staff members present: Sereniah Breland, City Manager; Bobbi Kacz, City Attorney; Junru Roland, CFO/Assistant City Manager; Dixie Roberts, City Clerk; Robert Lee, Police Chief;

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Police Department Chaplain Vangie Gonzales gave the invocation.

Members of Boy Scout Group 413 led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nicole Haugen spoke before Council regarding how the uber driving industry is affecting her taxi business in Alvin. She asked the city if anything could be done to hold the uber industry accountable to the same rules and regulations that taxi companies are required to follow.

Anglea Adams spoke before Council regarding the Alvin Animal Adoption Center.

Andrea Busch spoke before Council regarding animal welfare and the Alvin Animal Adoption Center.

Samantha Tucker spoke before Council regarding volunteering at the Alvin Animal Adoption Center.

Council member Arendell entered the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Lark Tedesko spoke before Council regarding the Alvin Animal Adoption Center.

Sarah Ortiz spoke before Council regarding the recent increase in her water bill.

PRESENTATIONS

Finance/Municipal Court/Information Technology Departmental Update.

Mr. Junru Roland, CFO/Assistant City Manager gave a brief update on the Finance/Municipal Court/Information Technology departments.

Presentation by McKinstry regarding infrastructure redevelopment.

McKinstry is an engineering, construction, and consulting firm that specializes in infrastructure redevelopment, particularly for municipalities. Perpetual funding gaps and a constant demand for higher quality public services create a significant challenge for local governments: balancing immediate needs with future investments.

McKinstry's unique expertise allows them to help councils, boards, public works departments, special purpose districts, and other public entities close the funding gap. McKinstry provides the design, construction, and financial insight needed to reduce capital costs.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve minutes of the August 30, 2016 City Council workshop

Approve minutes of the September 1, 2016 City Council regular meeting.

Consider Resolution 16-R-24; acknowledging and accepting a sidewalk easement granted to the City of Alvin by Prasert Sananikone and his wife, Saengchan Sananikone.

This resolution formally acknowledges the City's acceptance of this sidewalk easement being granted to the City by Mr. and Mrs. Sananikone. The Sananikones' are required to install a sidewalk as part of the construction of their home on the property located at 514 S. Second Street. There are numerous existing utility structures in the right-of-way forcing the required sidewalk to be placed outside the right-of-way and on the Sananikones' property. The Sananikones have granted a sidewalk easement to the City so that the City can maintain the public sidewalk on their property.

Consider Resolution 16-R-25; acknowledging and accepting two (2) sidewalk easements located at 312 and 314 North Ormsby granted to the City of Alvin by Carol Croom.

This resolution formally acknowledges the City's acceptance of two (2) sidewalk easements being granted to the City by Carol Croom. Ms. Croom had duplexes constructed on two adjacent lots at 312 and 314 North Ormsby and is required to install a sidewalk as part of the construction of the homes on her properties. There is insufficient room in the City right-of-way for the placement of these sidewalks due to the open ditch drainage system in place, forcing the required sidewalk to be placed outside the right-of-way and on Ms. Croom's properties. Carol Croom has granted these sidewalk easements to the City so that the City can maintain the public sidewalk on her properties.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Consider Ordinance 16-X; adopting the budget for the City of Alvin, Texas for Fiscal Year 2016-2017; directing the City Clerk to post a copy of the budget on the City of Alvin website; and setting forth other provisions related thereto.

On July 21, 2016, the City Manager presented the FY 2016-17 proposed budget to City Council. Subsequently, two budget workshops were held: August 23, 2016 and August 30, 2016 whereby City Council and staff reviewed the proposed budget.

State law and the City's Charter require that the City enact an annual budget. The City Charter requires that an ordinance to establish appropriation must be approved by a favorable vote of a majority of the members of the City Council.

Council member Thompson moved to approve Ordinance 16-X; adopting the budget for the City of Alvin, Texas for Fiscal Year 2016-2017; directing the City Clerk to post a copy of the budget on the City of Alvin website; and setting forth other provisions related thereto. Seconded by Council member Adame; motion carried on a vote of 6 Ayes; with Council member Sanger voting No.

Consider Ordinance 16-Y; levying a property tax rate for the year 2016 and to direct the Tax Assessor-Collector to assess, account for, and distribute the property taxes as herein levied.

A taxing unit may not impose property taxes in any year until the governing body has adopted a tax rate for that year, and the annual tax rate must be set by ordinance, resolution, or order, depending on the method prescribed by law for adoption of a law by the governing body. The vote on the ordinance, resolution, or order setting the tax rate must be separate from the vote adopting the budget.

For a taxing unit other than a school district, the vote on the ordinance, resolution, or order setting a tax rate that exceeds the effective tax rate must be a record vote, and at least 60 percent of the members of the governing body must vote in favor of the ordinance, resolution, or order.

According to Property Tax Code 26.05(b), a motion to adopt an ordinance, resolution, or order setting a tax rate that exceeds the effective tax rate must be made in the following form: "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of (specify tax rate), which is effectively a (insert percentage by which the proposed tax rate exceeds the effective tax rate) percent increase in the tax rate."

For Tax Year 2016, staff is proposing that city council adopt a tax rate of \$0.7980 per \$100 of taxable assessed value.

	<i>Tax Year 2016</i>	<i>Tax Year 2015</i>
<i>Property Tax Rate:</i>	<i>\$0.798000/100</i>	<i>\$0.838600/100</i>
<i>M&O Tax Rate:</i>	<i>\$0.723530/100</i>	<i>\$0.711880/100</i>
<i>Debt Rate:</i>	<i>\$0.074393/100</i>	<i>\$0.126720/100</i>
<i>Effective Tax Rate:</i>	<i>\$0.771576/100</i>	<i>\$0.793642/100</i>
<i>Effective M&O Tax Rate:</i>	<i>\$0.661136/100</i>	<i>\$0.661681/100</i>
<i>Rollback Tax Rate:</i>	<i>\$0.802706/100</i>	<i>\$0.857071/100</i>

Council member Reed moved to approve Ordinance 16-Y; levying a property tax rate for the year 2016 and to direct the Tax Assessor-Collector to assess, account for, and distribute the property taxes as herein levied. Seconded by Council member Richards; motion carried on a vote of 6 Ayes, with Council member Sanger voting No.

Accept resignation from Senior Citizen Board member Wanda Garrett and consider appointment to fill the unexpired term.

Wanda Garrett has served on the Senior Citizen's Board since 2008. In December, 2015 she was appointed to serve a 2-year term thorough December, 2017. On August 1, 2016 Ms. Garrett submitted her resignation to be effective after the board's September 12th meeting.

This vacancy has been advertised on all of the city's social media accounts.

Section 2-20.3 states that the Senior's Board shall consist of seven (7) members. Members of the board shall be appointed by the mayor subject to the approval of the council by a majority vote. Vacancies on the board shall be filled according to the same procedure.

The current board members are: Barbara Biggers, Brenda Maust, Betty Hodges, Beverly Kimbrough, Nell Shimek, and Darrell Brady.

Judy Zavala has submitted a Consent and Willingness to Serve Form to specifically serve on the Senior Citizen's Board.

Council member Adame moved to accept resignation of Wanda Garrett from the Senior Citizen Board and nominate Judy Zavala to fill the unexpired term. Seconded by Council member Reed; 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 October 20, 2016 City Council meeting.

Items of Community Interest.

Mrs. Roberts reviewed items of community interest.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Announcements and requests from Council members.

Council member Thompson thanked everyone who came out to the first Food Truck Frenzy held this evening. He also thanked the Finance Department for the great job they do for the City.

Council member Reed thanked Mr. Roland for the departmental presentation given and thanked the Finance Department for the great job they do for the City. Council member Reed also expressed his thanks to Mr. Roland, the budget staff, and department heads for their work on the budget. He stated that he is proud that the city was able to lower the tax rate again this year. Council member Reed also stated that he will not be able to attend the October 20, 2016 City Council meeting due to the commitments had during Brazoria County Fair week.

Council member Arendell thanked the Finance Department for the job they do for the City. He also stated that he will not be able to attend the October 20, 2016 City Council meeting due to the commitments had during Brazoria County Fair week.

Council member Richards thanked all of the department heads for the job they do for the City of Alvin.

Council member Sanger expressed his condolences to the family and local area football community in the recent passing of Chase Lightfoot.

Council member Adame gave kudos to city staff. He also asked staff to look into the comments made earlier this evening regarding uber drivers in the area. Council member Adame invited everyone to attend the Lion's Club Steak of the Arts event being held this Saturday. He stated that the Lion's Club helps less fortunate children with needed eye care services.

Council member Starkey asked staff look into the comments made regarding uber drivers and the affects had on the local taxi services. He also asked staff to look at some of the highest recent water billings to ensure that the meters are working properly. Council member Starkey gave thanks to a city employee who stopped to assist an elderly citizen stuck in his motorized wheel chair.

Mayor Horn asked staff to look into the complaint given by Ms. Ortiz this evening regarding her increased water bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Council member Richards moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Seconded by Council member Sanger; motion carried on a vote of 7 Ayes.

PASSED and APPROVED this 20 day of October, 2016.

ATTEST: 
Dixie Roberts, City Clerk


Paul A. Horn, Mayor