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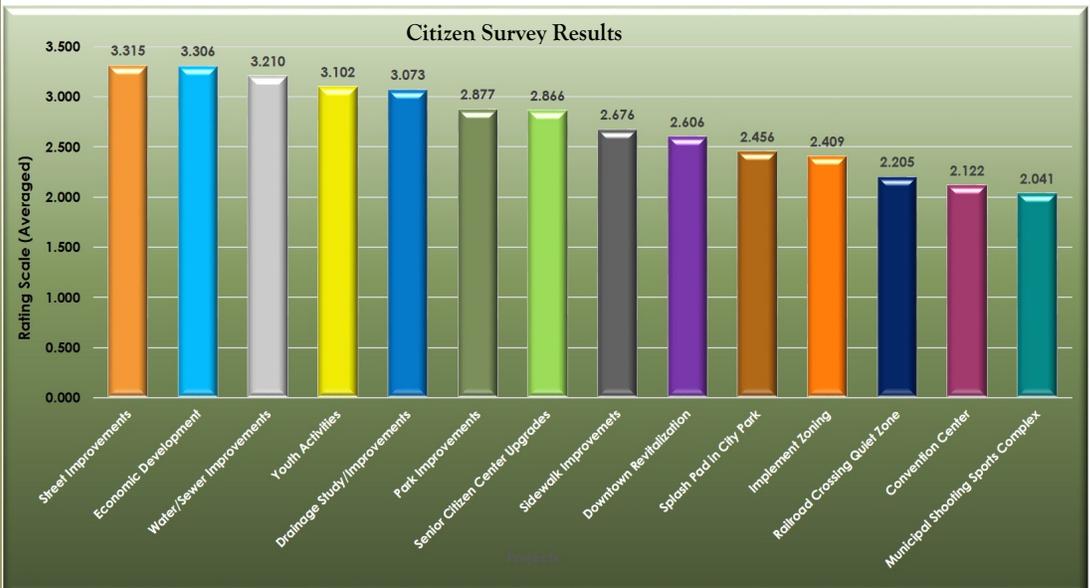
Regular City Council meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month unless otherwise scheduled. Meetings are held in the City Council Chambers located on the 2nd floor of Alvin City Hall, 216 W. Sealy, Alvin, Texas. Meetings are open to the public.

Regular City Council meetings are streamed live on the City's website at www.alvin-tx.gov. Previous meetings are also available in the video archive on the website.



Citizen Survey Results

In an effort to better serve the citizens, the City of Alvin conducted a Citizen Survey from March 31, 2016 through May 20, 2016. Citizens were asked to rate projects by "high need, medium need, low need or no need". The survey was mailed out with utility bills, made available at various City locations, emailed, and made available on the City of Alvin website. Approximately 1,100 surveys were received throughout the time period. To assist in prioritizing the projects, staff assigned points to each rating. The results were compiled and presented at the July 7, 2016 City Council Meeting. The presentation can be found on the homepage of the City of Alvin website www.alvin-tx.gov. Below is an overall view of the results compiled:



Summer Heat Safety Tips

Signs of Heat Overexposure

- Heavy sweating—though if heat stroke sets in, the body can no longer compensate & stops sweating.
- Pale skin.
- Muscle cramps.
- Feeling tired and weak.
- Altered mental status (confusion/disorientation).
- Headache, nausea or vomiting.

First Steps to Take for Heat-Induced Illness

- Call 911.
- Get person out of the sun into a cool area.
- Apply water to help the person cool off.
- Apply ice to the neck or armpits.
- Remove any heavy clothing.
- Immerse the body in cool water (pool/bathtub).

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Expansion of Transaction Safety Zone

The City of Alvin Police Department is excited to announce the expansion of the Safe Exchange Zone for the citizens of Alvin. The Safe Exchange Zone initiative provides residents a safe area for prospective buyers and sellers to meet. The Alvin Police Department has designated a space in the public parking lot of the City of Alvin Police Department, located at 1500 S. Gordon, as a Safe Exchange Zone for any type of legitimate exchange residents need. This includes internet-based buyer and seller transactions. The Safe Exchange Zone location is located in the front parking off of Gordon St. The Safe Exchange Zone is well lit and under 24 hour video surveillance, which will provide extra protection to the public. Although there will not be a police officer present for these transactions, we believe the ability to arrange the transaction meeting at the police department in an area designated for this purpose will deter those wanting to engage in theft or fraudulent activity.



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Save the Dates: Parks & Recreation

Back to School Splash - August 21st, 12:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., free admission. Come out to celebrate the last day of summer before going back to school, enjoy free refreshments and free admission to the Bob Owen Pool.

Farmer's Market - August 20th, September 17th 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Train Depot, 200 Depot Centre Blvd.

Mother Son Blast - September 16th 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., registration \$20 per person. Mothers and sons (ages 5-12) team up to play outdoor modern warfare laser tag! Enjoy dinner and some competitive fun.

Stay Connected

Blackboard Connect - Register to receive City of Alvin community updates and critical emergency notifications through voice, email, and/or text message. To ensure that you receive notifications in the event of an emergency, please include a mobile phone number. Subscriptions can be modified at any time. Please note that your carrier may charge a fee if you choose to receive messages via a wireless device.

Group Builder Email Alerts - Register as an individual or business. Local officials can keep you up-to-date with messages of public interest. This service allows citizens the opportunity to select the types of notifications received.

To sign up or modify a subscription, please visit the City of Alvin website at: www.alvin-tx.gov. The links for these services can be found at the bottom of the home page.

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Staff Spotlight

Keith Kingham

Patrol Sergeant - Police Dept.



Length of time working for the City of Alvin:

12 Years - Patrol and tactical operator for the Alvin SWAT team.

Favorite thing about Alvin:

The incredible support the citizens show the police department. Kids want to shake our hands and take pictures with us. The random acts of kindness and support helps sustain a positive morale throughout the department.

Describe yourself in one word:

Honest

Favorite vacation destination:

Fredericksburg, Texas. My wife and I visit Fredericksburg at least once a year.

Personal Interests:

I'm a diehard Houston Texans fan and enjoy tailgating and going to games. I enjoy working out and barbecuing for family and friends.