

MINUTES
CITY OF ALVIN, TEXAS
216 W. SEALY STREET
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY JUNE 21, 2018
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 and Executive 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 Keith Thompson; Councilmembers: Adam Arendell, Joel Castro, Brad Richards, and Glen Starkey.

Staff members present: Junru Roland, Assistant City Manager/CFO; Suzanne Hanneman, City Attorney; Dixie Roberts, City Secretary; Dan Kelinske, Parks and Recreation Director; Larry Buehler, Director of Economic Development; Ron Schmitz, EMS Director/Emergency Management Coordinator and Robert E. Lee, Police Chief.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council member Castro, gave the invocation.

Council member Starkey led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Council member Thompson led the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

PRESENTATIONS

Check Presentation to Corey Scopel of Scopel's Square (Corey's Kitchen) as the second recipient of the Alvin Downtown Business Incentive Grant.

Council approved the creation of the Downtown Business Incentive Grant program that encourages business owners to make improvements to downtown locations. The second allocation was for a 50% match for up to \$18,000. Mr. Scopel submitted his application, and the Grant Award Committee reviewed and approved the project. This project qualified for \$18,000 of the \$25,000 budgeted amount for the 2018 fiscal year award. It consisted of a new perimeter fence, enhanced landscaping, a new driveway, new restrooms, installation of electrical and plumbing services and a new sign. The project was completed with a new Certificate of Occupancy awarded by the City of Alvin Building Department.

Mayor Horn, members of City Council and Economic Development staff presented a check to Corey Scopel of Scopel's Square (Corey's Kitchen) as the second recipient of the Alvin Downtown Business Incentive Grant.

Proclamation – Kynneddy Flannel Day.

Mayor Horn presented a proclamation to Kynneddy Flannel, Alvin High School Student, for achievements in track and field.

Proclamation – July 2018 as Parks and Recreation Month.

Mayor Horn presented a proclamation to Dan Kelinske, Parks Director, and parks staff proclaiming the month of July as Parks and Recreation Month.

Departmental Presentation – EMS/Emergency Management.

Ron Schmitz, EMS Director/Emergency Management Coordinator gave a departmental update.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve minutes of the June 7, 2018 City Council meeting.

Consider an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Manvel for use of the Alvin Animal Adoption Center with an automatic one (1) year renewal; and authorize the City Manager to sign.

In 2014, the City of Manvel (Manvel) entered into the first inter-local agreement with the City of Alvin (Alvin) for Manvel to use the Alvin Animal Adoption Center (AAAC). This agreement allowed Manvel to bring up to 250 animals per year to AAAC for a set fee of \$25,000, which was paid at the beginning of the agreement. Any animals over and above 250 were billed to Manvel at a rate of \$100 per animal. Manvel has renewed this agreement each budget year with the same set fee and would like to renew this agreement for the 2018-2019 budget year. The agreement contains an automatic renewal for the 2019-2020 budget year. This agreement maintains the same fee and terms as the current and previous agreements.

In 2016-2017, Manvel brought a total of 156 animals to the shelter and in 2017-2018 to date they have brought in 79 animals. Any associated fees for reclamation of lost animals or adoption fees are kept by the City of Alvin and do not affect the fee paid by Manvel. The current agreement as well as the requested renewal does allow for the shelter to deny animal intake from Manvel for cause, such as no space available, but the shelter has been able to accommodate all animals brought in thus far without issue.

Consider Resolution 18-R-22, suspending the July 5, 2018 effective date of Texas New Mexico Power Company's (TNMP's) requested rate change to permit the City time to study the request and to establish reasonable rates; approving cooperation with other TNMP cities; hiring Lloyd Gosselink attorneys and consulting services to negotiate with the company and direct any necessary litigation and appeals.

The City of Alvin is served by Texas New Mexico Power (TNMP). Texas-New Mexico Power Company (TNMP or the Company) filed an application on May 30, 2018 with cities retaining original jurisdiction seeking to increase system-wide transmission and distribution rates by \$33.3 million. The Company asks the City to approve a 23.4% increase in residential rates and a 11.8% increase in street lighting rates. Monthly rates would increase by approximately \$12.21 for an average residential customer.

The resolution suspends the July 5, 2018 effective date of the Company's rate increase for the maximum period permitted by law to allow the City, working in conjunction with other cities served by TNMP, to evaluate the filing, determine whether the filing complies with law, and if lawful, to determine what further strategy, including settlement, to pursue.

The law provides that a rate request made by an electric utility cannot become effective until at least 35 days following the filing of the application to change rates. The law permits the City to suspend the rate change for 90 days after the date the rate change would otherwise be effective. If the City fails to take some action regarding the filing before the effective date, TNMP's rate request is deemed approved.

The City of Alvin is a member of Gulf Coast Coalition of Cities (GCCC), a coalition of cities known alternatively as the Cities Served by TNMP and the Gulf Coast Coalition of Cities (TNMP Cities). The Coalition has been in existence since the early 1990s. TNMP Cities have been the primary public interest advocate before the Public Utility Commission, the Courts, and the Legislature on electric utility regulation matters for over 20 years.

Council member Castro moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Council member Starkey; motion carried on a vote of 5 Ayes.

OTHER BUSINESS

Consider the cancellation of the July 5, 2018 City Council meeting.

There are no tentative items for consideration for the regular City Council meeting scheduled for July 5, 2018. The cancellation of said meeting will also give members of council and staff extra time to spend with family and friends during the July 4th Holiday. Wednesday July 4th is a City Holiday for non-emergency services personnel.

Council member Richards moved to approve the cancellation of the July 5, 2018 City Council meeting. Seconded by Council member Thompson; motion carried a vote of 5 Ayes.

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

Review preliminary list of items for next Council meeting.

Mr. Roland reviewed the preliminary list for the July 19, 2018 City Council meeting.

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Hear announcements concerning items of community interest from the Mayor, Council members, and City staff, for which no action will be discussed or taken.

Mrs. Roberts reviewed items of community interest.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Horn called for an executive session at 7:45 p.m. in accordance to the following:

City Council will meet in Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.072 – deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Take action on Executive Session item if necessary.

Mayor Horn reconvened the meeting into open session at 8:11 p.m. No action was taken from executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Horn adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

PASSED and APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2018.

Paul A. Horn, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Dixie Roberts, City Secretary