

**MINUTES
CITY OF ALVIN, TEXAS
216 W. SEALY STREET
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY AUGUST 20, 2020
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 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, with the following members present: Mayor Paul A. Horn; Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Castro; Councilmembers: Gabe Adame, Adam Arendell, Glenn Starkey, Brad Richards, Keith Thompson and Martin Vela.

Staff members present: Junru Roland, City Manager; Suzanne Hanneman, City Attorney; Dixie Roberts, City Secretary; Michael Higgins, Chief Financial Officer; Dan Kelinske, Parks and Recreation Director; Ron Schmitz, EMS Director/EM Coordinator and Robert E. Lee, Police Chief; Brandon Moody; Director of Public Services

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Horn gave the invocation.

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

PRESENTATION

Acknowledge donation by the Alvin Sunrise Rotary Club of a 2020 Spartan 14' enclosed trailer and graphics to the Alvin Police Department for use in the K9 program.

Chief Lee along with the Mayor and City Council thanked the Alvin Sunrise Rotary Club for their donation of the K-9 program trailer.

The Alvin Sunrise Rotary Club donated a 2020 Spartan 14' enclosed trailer and graphics to the Alvin Police Department for use in the Alvin Police Department K9 program. Staff would like Council to publicly acknowledge the donation to highlight the community support of the Alvin Police Department. The trailer will be used for transporting the Police K9's training equipment, training aides, and additional items related to the K9 program.

Presentation of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the City's 2019-20 budget document.

Michael Higgins presented the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the annual budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2019. He acknowledged the Finance staff and applauded their hard work and dedication.

In order to receive this award, a government unit must publish a budget document that meets program criteria, as a policy document, an operations guide, a financial plan and a communications device. This is the City's 32nd year to receive this prestigious award.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dick Tyson addressed City Council.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearing to receive comment on the proposed Fiscal Year 2020-21 Annual Budget. This proposed budget is estimated to raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$564,017 which is a 4.93% increase from last year's budget. The estimated property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$400,635.

City Council is required by State law and the City's Charter to hold a public hearing on the proposed budget to provide citizens the opportunity to comment.

Dick Tyson gave comments regarding the proposed budget.

Public hearing to receive comment on the proposed tax rate of \$0.7680 per \$100 of valuation for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (2020 tax year).

The City's proposed tax rate (\$0.7680) per \$100 of assessed value exceeds the No New Revenue tax rate but is less than the Voter Approval Rate. As a result, the Local Government Code requires City Council hold one (1) public hearing on the proposed tax rate. City Council will consider adopting the final tax rate at the regular meeting of the City Council on September 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Dick Tyson gave comments on the proposed tax rate.

CONSENT AGENDA: CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Consider approval of August 6, 2020 City Council Workshop meeting minutes.

Consider approval of the August 6, 2020 City Council Regular meeting minutes.

Consider approval of the August 11, 2020 Council Workshop minutes.

Consider Resolution 20-R-23, authorizing the payment of the three (\$0.03) cents per capita to the Gulf Coast Coalition of Cities to fund regulatory and related activities related to electric and gas utility service; and other matters related thereto.

Consider the purchase of a new Dump Truck from Houston Freightliner through the Houston Galveston Area Council (HGAC) in an amount not to exceed \$101,653.

Consider a contract for Election Services with Joyce Hudman, County Clerk, Brazoria County, Texas, for the November 3, 2020 Special Election; and authorize the Mayor to sign subject to legal review.

Consider the resale of trust property located at 1421 W. Lobitt St, Easton (Alvin) Blk 25, Lot 5, .1435 Acres; Brazoria County Tax Account Number 3690-0188-000, for the sum of \$3,700.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Consider Ordinance 20-W extending Chapter 28, Comprehensive Fee Ordinance, for the purpose of setting certain solid waste collection and disposal fees for residential, commercial, and roll-off containers; providing for a ten percent (10%) penalty for late payment; providing for an effective date of October 2020 billing cycles; and setting forth other provisions related thereto.

The City's ordinance requires that solid waste rates be increased, at minimum, based on the annual CPI-U index rate for the Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, Texas area. The ordinance also allows the consideration of other factors to determine if an additional increase in solid waste rates is warranted.

The City accounts for solid waste revenues and expenses in the Sanitation Fund. Over the past few years, the City has been able to sustain a "healthy" fund balance in the Sanitation fund as a result of the CPI-U provision in the City's ordinance. For FY21, the CPI-U has decreased by 1.3%. However, instead of decreasing the residential and commercial solid waste rates by 1.3% in accordance with the CPI-U provision in the City's ordinance, staff is recommending that Council approve and consider the proposed solid waste rates for both residential and commercial businesses.

<u>Type</u>	<u>FY20</u>	<u>FY21</u>	<u>Inc(Dec)</u>	<u>Inc(Dec)</u>
Residential (garbage monthly charge)	\$11.10	\$10.20	-\$.90	-8.12%
Residential (bulky trash)	\$1.40	\$1.30	-\$.10	-7.14%
Residential Total	\$12.50	\$11.50	-\$1.00	-8.00%
Commercial	No change in rates.			

Should Council elect to apply the CPI-U adjustment per ordinance, then both residential and commercial rates will reflect only a 1.3% decrease, effective October 2020 billing cycles. Staff recommended approval of Ordinance 20-W using the proposed rates.

Council member Castro moved to approve Ordinance 20-W, extending Chapter 28, Comprehensive Fee Ordinance, for the purpose of setting certain solid waste collection and disposal fees for residential, commercial, and roll-off containers; providing for a ten percent (10%) penalty for late payment; providing for an effective date of October 2020 billing cycles; and setting forth other provisions related thereto. Seconded by Council member Arendell; motion carried on a vote of 7 Ayes.

Consider an Engineering Services Agreement with Alpha Testing, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$63,974 for Construction Materials Testing services for the EMS/Fire Station Project; and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement upon legal review.

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for engineering design services was advertised in 2019. The Engineering Services Agreement provides geotechnical and construction materials testing for the EMS and Fire Station project. Following staff's review of the submitted RFQs, Alpha Testing, Inc. was selected and subsequently began geotechnical testing related to the Fire/EMS station.

Preliminary budget estimates from Joiner Architects for geotechnical services were \$40,000, however, the actual incurred cost to date along with alternates to the scope of work, will exceed the \$50,000 authorization threshold of the City Manager. As a result, our purchasing policy requires City Council's authorization on purchases or contracts that will exceed \$50,000. Staff recommended City Council's authorization to fund the scope of work related to the Engineering Services Agreement.

Council member Arendell moved to approve an Engineering Services Agreement with Alpha Testing, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$63,974 for Construction Materials Testing services for the EMS/Fire Station Project; and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement upon legal review. Seconded by Council member Richards; motion carried on a vote of 7 Ayes.

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

Review preliminary list of items for the Council meeting of September 3, 2020.

Mr. Junru Roland announced items of community interest and reviewed the preliminary list for the September 3, 2020 City Council meeting. He also encouraged citizens to stay abreast of the weather situation concerning two storms in the Gulf of Mexico.

REPORTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Council member Thompson thanked Mr. Roland and staff for the fantastic job on the budget.

Council member Vela wished students returning to school on Monday good luck, wishing everyone a safe year.

Council member Arendell thanked staff for the great work done on the budget.

Council member Richards thanked all city employees for the great job they do.

Council member Starkey thanked the city manager and staff for the work done on the budget. He also commended city crews working out in the heat and encouraged them to be safe and aware of the very hot weather.

Mayor Horn commented on a statement made during the public hearing regarding money being spent outside the City. He stated that to his knowledge the only money being spent outside the city is a \$20,000 contract for consulting to help plan for developments outside the city limits.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Horn adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

PASSED and APPROVED the 3rd day of September 2020.

Paul A. Horn, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Dixie Roberts, City Secretary