

**MINUTES
CITY OF ALVIN, TEXAS
216 W. SEALY STREET
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2017
6:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

BE IT REMEMBERED that, on the above date, the City Council of the City of Alvin, Texas, met in Workshop Session at 6:00 P.M. in the first floor conference room at City Hall, with the following members present: Mayor Paul A. Horn, Mayor Pro-tem Gabe Adame; Council members: Adam Arendell, Scott Reed, Chris Sanger, Glenn Starkey, and Keith Thompson.

Staff members present: Sereniah Breland, City Manager; Bobbi Kacz, City Attorney; Dixie Roberts, City Clerk; Larry Buehler, Director of Economic Development; Michelle Segovia, City Engineer; Robert Lee, Police Chief; Dan Kelinske, Parks Director.

WORKSHOP ITEMS:

Discuss Economic Development Business Incentive Program.

Larry Buehler explained that in the FY 2016-2017 budget, \$25,000 was approved toward the downtown business incentives grant program. Key elements are 50% matching grants and three categories of improvements; facade, sign, and property. Staff will receive and review applications prior to the awarding of the grant/s. Verification of businesses ownership and completion inspections are also part of the program. The consensus of City Council approved of this incentive program.

Discuss Proposed Tree Ordinance

Discussion was had on the proposed tree ordinance. Lengthy discussion was had on whether or not to protect trees within so many feet of the city right of way that could possibly lie inside private residential property. The consensus of City Council was to not include this restriction in the ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Horn adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

PASSED and APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Paul A. Horn, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Dixie Roberts, City Clerk