

**CITY OF ALEDO, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MEETING LOCATION: ALEDO COMMUNITY CENTER
104 ROBINSON COURT
ALEDO, TEXAS 76008
THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2019
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The Aledo City Council met in regular session on July 25, 2019, at the Aledo Community Center, 104 Robinson Court, Aledo, TX 76008. Mayor Kit Marshall called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. with the following members present; Councilmember Matt Ribitzki, Councilmember Clint Robinson, Mayor Pro Tem Kim Hiebert, Councilmember Spencer Perry and Councilmember Dan Herbert.

Staff members who were present at the meeting were: City Administrator Bill Funderburk, City Secretary Deana McMullen, Director of Public Works Gretchen Vazquez, Accountant Kari Kszyminski and City Attorney Betsy Elam & Fritz Quast.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Kit Marshall gave the Invocation. Councilmember Clint Robinson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Kit Marshall will administer Statement of Elected Official and the Oath of Office to Councilmember Place 1 Spencer Perry

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CITIZEN APPEARANCES

CITY COUNCIL CANNOT DISCUSS ANY PRESENTED ISSUE NOR MAY ANY ACTION BE TAKEN ON ANY ISSUE AT THIS TIME. COMMENTS ARE LIMITED TO (3) MINUTES AND THIS TIME IS NOT TRANSFERABLE. PLEASE SIGN IN BEFORE THE START OF TONIGHT'S MEETING.

There were no citizen appearances for this meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

All of the following items on the consent agenda are considered to be self-explanatory by the Council and will be enacted with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of

these items unless a Council Member so requests. Approval of the consent agenda authorizes the City Administrator to implement each item in accordance with the staff recommendation.

The consent Agenda was presented as follows:

1. June 27, 2019 Regular City Council Minutes.

2. June 2019 Monthly Financial report

3. Approval of appointing Jeff Foust to the Park and Recreation Board.

Motion was made by Councilmember Spencer Perry, seconded by Councilmember Clint Robinson to approve the consent Agenda as presented.

Motion carried 5-0

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Mayor Kit Marshall took the Executive Session (Item #10 below) out of order and adjourned the regular meeting of the City Council into Executive Session at 7:13 pm to discuss item 551.071 Legal Matters with the City Attorney. Those in attendance at this meeting were City Attorney(s) Betsy Elam and Fritz Quast, Mayor Kit Marshall, Councilmember(s) Spencer Perry, Matt Ribitzki, Clint Robinson, Dan Herbert, City Administrator Bill Funderburk and City Secretary Deana McMullen. Mayor Pro Tem Kim Hiebert was not present at this meeting as there is a Conflict of interest for her.

Mayor Kit Marshall adjourned the Executive Session at 7:42 pm and called the regular session of the City Council back to order.

No action was taken on items discussed in Executive Session.

4. Discussion and action concerning approval of re-plat of Lots 1R and 2R, Block 1, Mangum Addition, an addition to the City of Aledo, Parker County, Texas.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kimberly Hiebert, seconded by Councilmember Clint Robinson to approve the re-plat of Lots 1R and 2R, Block 1, Mangum Addition, and addition to the City of Aledo, Parker County, Texas.

Motion carried 5-0

5. Discussion and action concerning adopting of amendments to the 2015 International Fire Code.

This item was pulled from the Agenda. No action was taken.

6. Discussion and action to consider awarding a Professional Service Agreement to Freese & Nichols for Engineering Services for the design phase of the Clear Fork Interceptor.

This item was pulled from the Agenda. No action was taken.

7. Presentation and discussion concerning the proposed FY 2019-2020 Budget.

City Administrator Bill Funderburk went over the proposed FY 2019-2020 Budget with the Council discussing each department and asking if there were any questions. There have been only minor changes to the proposed budget since the meeting in June. The proposed General Fund budget is \$3,247,200, and the proposed Water & Sewer Fund budget is \$3,387,370. The proposed Debt Service budget is \$988,121 increasing from \$971,454, in FY 2018-2019. The proposed Economic Development Corporation budget is \$310,395, an increase from \$297,600 in FY 2018-2019. The proposed budget that was presented is a balanced budget and was based on a proposed tax rate of \$0.3238374 per \$100 valuation with property valuations increasing from \$383,810,826 to \$448,292,750 due to new construction. The proposed tax rate of \$0.3238374 per \$100 valuation is a decrease in the rate compared to \$0.3778 from last year. We are currently waiting on the tax calculations from Parker County to determine the actual effective tax rate.

Staff answered questions, and no action was taken on this item. There will be Public Hearings and discussion at future meetings.

8. Consideration of the governing body to discuss the 2019-2020 ad valorem tax rate and if the proposed tax rate will raise more revenue than the preceding year's revenue, take a record vote and schedule the Public Hearings as required by law.

Following the discussion on the Budget Council was given the choice to leave the proposed tax rate as presented or to consider raising the rate as this will be the last year that cities can raise the tax rate more than 3.5% of the effective rate due to a State Legislature change this year that will be in effect in 2020. If we chose to raise it 5% over the effective rate, that would raise approximately \$72,000 more in revenue. Discussion with Mayor and Council was: there is discussion regarding building a new City Hall. We have purchased land for it so we need to move forward. This is a project that has been discussed for several years. We need to start planning and moving forward. We can add the money to the Budget in the Non Departmental section for planning and moving forward to a new city hall building. There was further discussion to raise the tax rate as much as we can.

Motion was made by Councilmember Spencer Perry, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kimberly Hiebert to raise the proposed tax rate 7.9% over the effective tax rate for Fund Year 2019-2020 to increase the proposed revenue by \$100,000 and to set the Public Hearing dates for Thursday, August 22, 2019 at 7:00 pm and Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. and take a record vote.

Motion carried 4-1. Those voting in favor of the motion were Councilmembers Spencer Perry, Clint Robinson, Dan Herbert and Mayor Pro Tem Kimberly Hiebert. Voting against the motion was Councilmember Matt Ribitzki. Mayor Marshall was present and not voting.

REPORTS:

9. Monthly reports:

- a. City Administrator Monthly Report**
- b. City Secretary's Monthly Report**
- c. Director of Public Works' Monthly Report**
- d. Accountant Monthly Report**
- e. Municipal Court Monthly Report**
- f. East Parker County Library report**
- e. Parker County Sheriff's Office monthly report**

City Administrator Bill Funderburk reported that the meetings held with the Velocity Group earlier in the month were a Great Success and good things will come from those meetings. There will be additional meetings with Boards & Commission and then the Velocity Group will return with their recommendations in early September for a Town Hall type meeting to discuss their recommendations. On July 3, 2019 the City completed the transaction for the purchase of the property at 300 Old Annetta Road, (Mr. King's Property)

City Secretary Deana McMullen did not have anything additional to report at this meeting.

Director of Public Works, Gretchen Vazquez reported that after three months of searching, we have found a new Building Official, Randy Law that will start with us on Monday, August 5, 2019.

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMENTS

(In compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Council members may comment on routine city matters, may ask questions of staff that require only responses of factual information or statements of existing city policy, or may request that non-routine matters of public concern be placed on a future agenda. Council members may not discuss non-agenda items among themselves. In compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, city staff members may comment on routine city operations and projects. Staff members may respond to questions from others only with statements of factual information or existing city policy.)

There were no Council/Staff comments for this meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council for the City of Aledo, Texas, will convene into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551 to discuss the following:

The city council may convene in executive session to receive advice from its attorney on any posted item and to seek advice regarding

10.) 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY – SEEK ADVICE REGARDING PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION, A SETTLEMENT OFFER, OR ON A MATTER IN WHICH THE DUTY OF THE ATTORNEY TO THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY UNDER THE TEXAS DISCIPLINARY RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OF THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS CLEARLY CONFLICTS WITH THIS CHAPTER, NAMELY:

- a) Discussion on Cause No. CV10-0429, City of Willow Park v. Todd C. Brennan, et al. v. Parker County Appraisal District, Parker County Appraisal Review Board, City of Aledo, Larry Hammonds in his official capacity as Parker County Appraisal District Director**

See notes above regarding Executive Session that was held at this meeting.

Additionally the Council may convene in executive session to receive advice from the City Attorney on any posted item.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

11. Any action necessary from Executive Session

There was no action from items discussed in Executive Session.

ADJOURN

There being nothing further to discuss or consider Mayor Kit Marshall adjourned the regular meeting of the Aledo City Council at 9:09 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 22nd DAY OF AUGUST 2019

Kit Marshall, Mayor

ATTEST:
Deana McMullen, City Secretary