

CITY OF ALVARADO

County of Johnson

State of Texas

August 24, 2015

MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Alvarado met in Regular Session on Monday, August 24, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall with up to the first thirty minutes of the meeting consisting of a workshop. The following were present for roll call:

Michael Bennett	*	Councilperson
Jacob Wheat	*	Councilperson
Shawn Goulding	*	Councilperson
Joe Sain	*	Mayor Pro Tem
Refugio Hernandez	*	Councilperson
Dewayne Richters	*	Mayor

Absent:

Arrdeen Vaughan	*	Councilperson
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Others Present:

Clint Davis	*	City Manager
Debbie Thomas	*	City Secretary
Michael Dwiggins	*	Public Works Director
Kelle Whitfill	*	Finance Director
Brad Anderson	*	Police Chief
Richard Van Winkle	*	Fire Chief

INVOCATION

Mayor Dewayne Richters called this regular meeting to order at 7:01P.M. and gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this meeting.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Richters then read the proclamation proclaiming September as leukemia, lymphoma, and myeloma awareness month.

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A workshop was not held at this meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Councilperson Shawn Goulding, duly seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Joe Sain, to approve the Consent Agenda. This motion supported five votes in approval and zero votes opposed. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING AMENDMENT TO COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AGREEMENT BETWEEN JOHNSON COUNTY AND CITY OF ALVARADO.

Motion was made by Councilperson Michael Bennett, duly seconded by Councilperson Refugio Hernandez, to approve the amendment to the communications system agreement between Johnson County and City of Alvarado. This motion supported five votes in approval and zero votes opposed. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE 2015/2015 AD VALOREM TAX RATE

Mayor Dewayne Richters opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m. City Manager Clint Davis stated that the proposed tax rate of .733/\$100 valuation was the first tax rate increase in four years.

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFITS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2015 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2016.

City Manager Clint Davis explained to the Council that we are changing our renewal date for our health benefits from February 1 to an October 1 renewal to coincide with our budget year. Mr. Stephen Geri from Diversified Benefits addressed the council regarding the health plan with Humana Health Insurance. Motion was made by Councilperson Shawn Goulding, duly seconded by Councilperson Michael Bennett, to approve a new plan with Humana Health Insurance and continue funding the MERP (Medical Expense Reimbursement Plan) to include employees and their dependant. This motion supported five votes in approval and zero votes opposed. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING ENTERING INTO A COLLECTION CONTRACT WITH CONVERGENCE RECOVERY SOLUTION, LLC, A TEXAS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AND TERMINATING AGREEMENT WITH PERDUE, BRANDON, FIELDER, COLLINS AND MOTT LLP.

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Ben Singleton of Convergence Recovery Solutions, LLC addressed the council explaining the benefits of contracting with Convergence. After discussion, motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Joe Sain, duly seconded by Councilperson Michael Bennett, to approve a collection contract with Convergence Recovery Solutions, LLC and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract and to terminate the contract with Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins, and Mott, LLP. This motion supported five votes in approval and zero votes opposed. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO ABANDON 20 FEET OF A 40 FEET UTILITY EASEMENT IN LOT 2, BLOCK 1, SR20 ADDITION.

City Manager Clint Davis explained to the council that Johnson County Special Utility District has requested 20 feet of our 40 foot utility easement to provide the water lines that are needed for the detention center and SR20. Motion was made by Councilperson Shawn Goulding, duly seconded by Councilperson Michael Bennett, to abandon 20 foot of our 40 foot utility easement in Lot 2, Block 1, SR20 Addition. This motion supported five votes in approval and zero votes opposed. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was not an Executive Session held at this meeting.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

There was not a city managers report at this meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

There were no council comments at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Dewayne Richters then adjourned this regular meeting of the Alvarado City Council at 7:50 p.m.

Passed and approved this the _____ day of _____, 2015.

Mayor Dewayne Richters

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ATTEST:

Debbie Thomas, TRMC
City Secretary