

CITY OF ALVARADO

**County of Johnson
State of Texas
September 8, 2008**

MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Alvarado met in Special Session on Monday, September 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The following were present for roll call:

Tom Durlington	*	Mayor
Joe Sain	*	Councilperson
Bruce Clark	*	Councilperson
Tom Moore	*	Councilperson
David Bayless	*	Councilperson
Dewayne Richters	*	Mayor Pro Tem

Others Present:

Don Ives	*	City Manager
Debbie Thomas	*	City Secretary
Kelle Whitfill	*	Finance Director

INVOCATION

Mayor Tom Durlington called this regular meeting to order at 6:55 P.M. Mayor Tom Durlington gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Tom Durlington opened the Public Hearing regarding the proposed ad valorem tax for fiscal year 2008-2009 at 6:56 P.M. City Manager Don Ives presented a slide presentation to the Council comparing the present tax rate to past tax rates. Mayor Tom Durlington closed the Public Hearing at 6:59 P.M. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Dewayne "Coach" Richters to approve the proposed tax rate and set the meeting to adopt the 2009-2009 Budget and Tax Rate for September 22, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, 104 W. College, Alvarado, Texas. This motion supported five votes in approval and zero votes opposed. Motion carried.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Bruce Timmons appeared before the Council in reference to the closing of the railroad crossing which is the only access to his property. H explained to the Council that he has lived on this property for nearly 30 years and still lives there at this time. He asked the Council not to close this railroad crossing at this time.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

City Manager Don Ives addressed the Council in reference to the proposed cost of extending the sewer line to the other side of I35-W on Highway 67. He also noted that there was a proposed budget change report which would be discussed at the regular meeting on September 15, 2008. He advised the council that a royalty check was being issued at this time.

A workshop has been scheduled relating to fees within the City of Alvarado for mid-October, 2008.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Tom Durlington then convened into Executive Session at 7:17 P.M to discuss real property.

Mayor Tom Durlington then reconvened into Regular Session at 7:48 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Dewayne "Coach" Richters, duly seconded by Councilperson Joe Sain, to adjourn this regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Alvarado at 7:48 p.m. This motion supported five votes in approval and zero votes opposed. Motion carried.

Passed and approved this the _____ day of _____, 2008.

Mayor Tom Durlington

ATTEST:

Debbie Thomas, City Secretary

