

CITY OF ALVARADO

County of Johnson

State of Texas

September 18, 2017

MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Alvarado met in Regular Called Session on Monday, September 18, 2017 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:

Dewayne Richters	*	Mayor
Jacob Wheat	*	Councilperson
Shawn Goulding	*	Mayor Pro Tem
Beverly Short	*	Councilperson
Michael Bennett	*	Councilperson
Cherry Bryant	*	Councilperson
Arrdeen Vaughn	*	Councilperson

Others Present:

Clint Davis	*	City Manager
Debbie Thomas	*	City Secretary
Michael Dwiggin	*	Public Works Director
Kelle Whitfill	*	Finance Director

INVOCATION

Mayor Richters called this regular meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Becky Mills addressed the council in reference to opposition of a slaughterhouse and leather tannery being built on FM 3136 in the cities ETJ. Two other persons spoke against this item.

Johnvia Jones addressed the council in reference to the Mexican dancing horses at the Pioneers and Old Settlers reunion disrespecting the American flag by letting it drag the ground.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Shawn Goulding, duly seconded by Councilperson Michael Bennett, to approve the consent agenda as presented. This motion supported six votes in approval and zero votes opposed. Motion carried.

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CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2017/2018 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET.

Motion was made by Councilperson Michael Bennett, duly seconded by Councilperson Beverly Short, to accept the proposed budget for the 2017-2018 budget year. This motion supported six votes in approval and zero votes opposed. Votes were as follows:

Jacob Wheat – Yes
Arrdeen Vaughan – Yes
Michael Bennett – Yes
Beverly Short – Yes
Cherry Bryant – Yes
Shawn Goulding - Yes
Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING RATIFYING THE PROPERTY TAX INCREASE REFLECTED IN THE 2017/2018 FISCAL YEAR OPERATING BUDGET.

Motion was made by Councilperson Michael Bennett, duly seconded by Councilperson Beverly Short to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the 2017/2018 fiscal year budget. This motion supported six votes in approval and zero votes opposed. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING AN ORDINANCE AFFIXING AND LEVYING MUNICIPAL AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2017 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 AND FOR EACH YEAR THEREAFTER UNTIL OTHERWISE PROVIDED ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE CITY LIMITS.

Motion was made by Councilperson Micheal Bennett, duly seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Shawn Goulding, to move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$.733 cents per \$100 valuation, which is effectively a 5.55% increase in the tax rate. This motion supported six votes in approval and zero votes opposed. The votes are as follows:

Jacob Wheat – Yes
Arrdeen Vaughan – Yes
Michael Bennett – Yes
Beverly Short - Yes
Cherry Bryant – Yes
Shawn Goulding – Yes
Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING THE CITY MANAGER'S SALARY.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Shawn Goulding, duly seconded by Councilperson Michael Bennett, to approve an ordinance determining the city manager's salary. This motion supported six votes in approval and zero votes opposed. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING A CONTRACT FOR PROVIDING FIRE EXTINGUISHMENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICES BETWEEN JOHNSON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1 AND THE CITY OF ALVARADO.

After discussion, motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Shawn Goulding, duly seconded by Councilperson Michael Bennett, to approve a contract for providing fire extinguishment and emergency services between Johnson County Emergency Services District No. 1 and the City of Alvarado. This motion supported six votes in approval and zero votes opposed. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING A LICENSE FOR AMR AMBULANCE SERVICE TO USE SPACE AT THE ALVARADO FIRE STATION.

Effective October 1, 2017, Johnson County will contract with AMR Ambulance Services replacing CareFlight ground service. AMR will pay the city \$500.00 per month to house an ambulance and crew at the Alvarado Fire Station. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Shawn Goulding, duly seconded by Councilperson Michael Bennett, to accept the contract between AMR and the City of Alvarado. This motion supported six votes in approval and zero votes opposed. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 14 OF THE ALVARADO CODE OF ORDINANCES, ARTICLE IV "JUNKED OUT AND ABANDONED PROPERTY" SECTION 14-177 BY ADDING SECTION 14-246 "OFFENSE" MAKING IT AN OFFENSE TO MAINTAIN A NUISANCE.

After discussion, motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Shawn Goulding, duly seconded by Councilperson Michael Bennett, to approve an amendment to Chapter 14 of the Alvarado Code of Ordinances, Article IV by adding Section 14-246 making it an offense to maintain a nuisance. This motion supported six votes in approval and zero votes opposed. Motion carried.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was not an executive session at this meeting.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Clint Davis, City Manager, informed the council that the City Managers report was in Dropbox.

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 7:10 p.m.

Passed and approved this the _____ day of _____, 2017.

Mayor E. Dewayne Richters

Debbie Thomas, TRMC, City Secretary

