

**CITY OF ALEDO, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MEETING LOCATION: ALEDO COMMUNITY CENTER
104 ROBINSON COURT
ALEDO, TEXAS 76008
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The Aledo City Council met in regular session on January 28, 2020, at the Aledo Community Center, 104 Robinson Court, Aledo, TX 76008. Mayor Kit Marshall called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. with the following members present Councilmember Spencer Perry and Mayor Pro Tem Kimberly Hiebert, Councilmember Matt Ribitzki and Councilmember Dan Herbert. Councilmember Clint Robinson was not present having given prior notice of his absence.

Staff members who were present at the meeting were: City Administrator Bill Funderburk and City Secretary Deana McMullen, Parks Director Toni Fisher, Director of Public Works Gretchen Vazquez, and City Planner Betty Chew

City Attorney Betsy Elam participated via Telephone.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Kit Marshall gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Recognition of Public Works Staff their Contributions to the Community during the Storm Event the week of February 15, 2021

Mayor Kit Marshall commended the Public Works Staff for the performance of their duties during the Snow Storm during the week of February 14, 2021 and February 21, 2021. Mayor Marshall thanked all of them and presented Certificates of Excellence to Director of Public Works Gretchen Vazquez, Utility Supervisor Chris Morales, Public Works Maintenance workers Jose Ramirez, Dalton Holdscaw, Raymond Wright and Kelvin Long.

Proclamation recognizing March 1 thru March 5, 2021 as Severe Weather Awareness Week in the City of Aledo

Proclamation recognizing March 2021 as American Red Cross Month in the City of Aledo

Proclamation recognizing March 2021 as Poison Prevention Awareness in the City of Aledo

Mayor Kit Marshall brought to the attention of the Council of the above Proclamations signed by

her for the City of Aledo. She did not read them aloud.

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. January 28, 2021 City Council Minutes.**
- 2. January 2021 monthly financial report**

Mayor Kit Marshall stated that the item regarding the monthly financial report would be removed from the Consent Agenda and brought back to the meeting in March.

Motion was made by Councilmember Spencer Perry, seconded by Councilmember Dan Herbert to approve the minutes from the January 28, 2021 City Council meeting.

Motion carried 4-0

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

- 3. Discussion and action to consider approval of the Parks of Aledo Trails-Transfer of Ownership.**

Justin Welborn – Developer for the Parks of Aledo subdivisions gave a presentation to the City Council regarding the Parks of Aledo Trail system and the possible transfer of ownership to the City of Aledo. During discussions regarding the Parks of Aledo Developments it was stated that the Parks of Aledo would develop and maintain the Trail System that was put in. The trail consists of 6.2 miles of trails on 60 acres between the Parks of Aledo and Point Vista. We are in the final stages of the last few lots to sell in the Point Vista subdivision and feel the trail system needs a long term owner and is logical to phase the ownership of the trail system to the City of Aledo. Mr. Wellborn stated that he typically spends \$2,000 - \$5,000 per year for maintenance

and equipment as the Weatherford Mountain Bike Club volunteers do all of the labor for the care and maintenance of the trail system.

Justin Welborn then introduced Larry Culvan with the Weatherford Mountain Bike Club who gave a short presentation to the Council about all of the Trail systems that they take care of.

Following the discussion there was no action on this item for tonight as this item will need to go to the Parks and Recreation Board for them to consider and make recommendations to the City Council. This will come back on a future agenda for consideration.

4. Public Hearing – to receive input for or against and consider comments regarding a petition from Parks of Aledo, Bluffs, LLC. Requesting voluntary annexation of an 87.67 acre tract of land in the E. Ozer Survey, Abstract No. 1031 and the J. Wray Survey, Abstract No. 1639, Parker County Texas

Mayor Kit Marshall opened the Public Hearing to receive input for or against receiving comments from Parks of Aledo Bluffs, LLC requesting voluntary annexation of an 87.67 acre tract of land in the E. Ozer Survey, Abstract No. 1031 and the J. Wray Survey Abstract No 1639, Parker County Texas at 6:46 pm

City Planner Betty Chew presented the Council with information regarding the request for the Voluntary Annexation for Parks of Aledo the Bluffs.

There was no one present to speak for or against this item.

Mayor Kit Marshall closed the Public Hearing at 6:50 pm

5. Discussion and action to approve the Ordinance adopting the annexation of the property and the service plan for a voluntary annexation of 87.67 acre tract of land off of Bailey Ranch Road.

Mayor Kit Marshall stated that City Attorney Betsy Elam has stated there were a few edits that needed to be made for the Ordinance and council could approve it with the changes requested by the City attorney.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kimberly Hiebert, seconded by Councilmember Spencer Perry to approve the Ordinance and the Service Plan with the amendments that are requested by the City Attorney.

Motion carried 4-0

6. Public Hearing – to receive input for or against the zoning change request for 87.67 acre tract of land off of Bailey Ranch Road also known as the Bluffs

Mayor Kit Marshall opened the Public Hearing to receive input for or against the zoning change request for 87.67 acre tract of land off of Bailey Ranch Road also known as the Bluffs at 6:53 pm. City Planner Betty Chew presented the Council with the details on this zone change request. No one was present to speak for or against the zone change.

Mayor Kit Marshall closed the Public Hearing at 6:55 p.m.

7. Discussion and or action to adopt an Ordinance approving the Zoning Change request for the 87.67 acre tract of land off of Bailey Ranch Road.

Motion was made by Councilmember Matt Ribitzki, seconded by Councilmember Spencer Perry to adopt Ordinance 2021-139 approving the Zoning change request from Agricultural (A) to Planned Development Single Family Residential District (PD R2) for 87.67 acres tract of land situated in the E. Ozer Survey, Abstract Number 1031 and the J. Wray Survey, Abstract Number 1639, Parker County, TX.

Motion Carried 4-0

8. Discussion and or action to consider amending the professional services agreement to Freese & Nichols, Inc. for the Wastewater Inflow and Infiltration (I & I) Study.

Director of Public Works Gretchen Vazquez informed the Council that the agreement with Freese & Nichols, Inc. for the Wastewater Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) Study needed to be extended for a period of 30 days as we have not had enough rain to obtain good information for the Study. The additional cost will be \$8,250.

Motion was made by Councilmember Spencer Perry, seconded by Councilmember Dan Herbert to approve the amended agreement with Freese & Nichols for the Wastewater Inflow & Infiltration (I&I) Study for the cost of \$8,250

Motion carried 4-0

9. Discussion and or action to consider adoption of Resolution adopting the Parker County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kimberly Hiebert, seconded by Councilmember Matt Ribitzki to approve the Resolution adopting the Parker County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Motion carried 4-0

10. Discussion and action to consider appointment of Board Chairperson for the Parks and Recreation Board

Mayor Kit Marshall stated that Chairman Cain Williams has been Chair of the Parks & Rec board for several terms and sometimes has work conflicts. Nicholas Holman has the next longest longevity however he sometimes also has work conflicts with the meetings. So the next person with longevity is Gordon Hiebert.

Motion was made by Councilmember Matt Ribitzki, seconded by Councilmember Dan Herbert to appoint Gordon Hiebert as the Chairperson for the Parks & Recreation Board.

Motion carried 3-0 with Mayor Pro Tem Kimberly Hiebert abstaining.

11. Discussion and action to consider approval of Pyro Shows Fireworks Contract for the June 4, 2021 Aledo Summer Blast Event

Motion was made by Councilmember Matt Ribitzki, seconded by Councilmember Spencer Perry to approve Mayor Kit Marshall to sign the contract for the Pyro Shows Fireworks Contract for the June 4 2021 Aledo Summer Blast Event.

Motion carried 4-0

12. Discussion regarding the railroad crossing at FM1187

This item was tabled to a later meeting as Councilmember Clint Robinson was not present to discuss this item

13. Discussion and action to consider approval of placing a temporary portable building on City Hall site for staffing needs.

City Administrator Bill Funderburk addressed the Council in reference to the possible leasing of a portable building, 64 x 14 to move onto the property to the left of the train depot as a temporary solution for staffing needs. All Community Development personnel would be moved to this building. Water/Sewer and Electric are readily available for this site. The cost for a 2 year lease for this building would be \$19,731 and this cost also includes removal of the building once we no longer need it.

Councilmember Spencer Perry asked if staff had considered just purchasing a building outright vs leasing. He stated the cost is not much more if any.

Following discussion it was decided that staff look into the options of purchasing a portable building and bring information back to the City Council in March.

No action was taken.

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.)

Mayor Kit Marshall wanted to give a moment of recognition to City Administrator Bill Funderburk and City Secretary Deana McMullen who worked behind the scenes during the Snow Storm February 15 thru February 20th making sure that communication reached residents. Mayor Kit Marshall gave a huge Thank You to both of them for their work.

Mayor Kit Marshall also informed the City Council that a Special meeting of the Council would be needed next week in order to sign a Declaration of Emergency so that if we need to file for any damages as a result of the storm we would be able to do that. It has to be signed as soon as possible. A meeting was tentatively scheduled for Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

REPORTS:

14. Monthly reports:

- a. City Secretary's Monthly Report**
- b. Director of Parks & Events Monthly Report**
- c. Director of Public Works' Monthly Report**
- d. Accountant Monthly Report**
- e. Municipal Court Monthly Report**
- f. Parker County Sheriff's Office Monthly Report**

City Secretary Deana McMullen updated the Council on the Blackboard Connect system that was utilized during the Snow Storm the week of February 14th – February 21st. Several citizens had complained that the Blackboard Connect system was not working properly, however, over 100 customers had signed up during this period. Ms. McMullen also updated the Council on the new software implementation as well as the new website project.

Parks Director Toni Fisher updated the Council regarding a new platform of communication with the City Businesses and any other communications needed stating that the City now has Constant Contact which allows the City of Aledo to send out huge volumes of emails when needed to our businesses and/or citizens.

Director of Public Works Gretchen Vazquez reported to the Council regarding the Safe Routes to School Sidewalk project stating that the preliminary application has been done and once approved by TXDOT the next step will be a more detailed application. She also stated that she did a walk with engineering Half and associates down Bailey Ranch Road and the road has definitely gotten worse with vertical displacement now being apparent. Staff will be requesting a GEO TEC study to see what is going on in regards to possible water issues being part of the problem.

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

15.) 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

16. 551.072 - DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY; TO DELIBERATE THE PURCHASE, EXCHANGE, LEASE, OR VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY IF DELIBERATION IN AN OPEN MEETING WOULD HAVE A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE POSITION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH A THIRD PERSON.

JOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION


17. Any action necessary from Executive Session:

There was no Executive Session for this meeting.

ADJOURN

With nothing further to discuss or consider Mayor Kit Marshall adjourned this regular meeting of the Aledo City Council at 7:45 pm

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 5th DAY OF March 2021.



Kit Marshall, Mayor

ATTEST:


Deana McMullen, City Secretary

