

**CITY OF ALEDO, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MEETING LOCATION: ALEDO COMMUNITY CENTER (ROOM A in the back)
104 ROBINSON COURT
ALEDO, TEXAS 76008
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2021
Regular Meeting 5:30 P.M.**

The City Council Meeting scheduled for 5:30 p.m. December 16, 2021, at the Aledo Community Center was conducted as a public meeting, and the public was invited to attend.

CALL TO ORDER

The Aledo City Council met in regular session on December 16, 2021, at the Aledo Community Center, 104 Robinson Court Room A, Aledo, TX 76008. Mayor Kit Marshall called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. with the following members present Councilmember Shane Davis, Councilmember Kimberly Hiebert and Councilmember Nick Stanley. Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Herbert and Councilmember Matt Ribitzki were not present at this meeting having given prior notice of their absences.

Staff members who were present at the meeting were: City Administrator Sharon Hayes and City Secretary Deana McMullen, Director of Public Works Gretchen Vazquez and City Attorney Alicia Kehr.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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. November 18, 2021, Regular City Council Minutes

Motion was made by Councilmember Nick Stanley, seconded by Councilmember Shane Davis to approve the minutes as corrected. (Under the report section of the minutes it should reflect that only the sidewalks for Bailey Ranch were approved for TXDOT)

Motion carried 3-0

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

2. Discuss and action to consider adjustments and structural changes to the water and sewer rate schedule by approving Ordinance 2021-153 that amends Ordinance 2011-050

Mr. Chris Ekrut with NewGen Solutions was in attendance to discuss the water/sewer rate changes as well as possible structural changes to the water and sewer rate schedule.

Mr. Ekrut reminded the City Council that the City of Aledo has had no rate on water and sewer rates since 2012. The schedule before the Council takes into consideration the discussion with them back in October of this year. This will remove the support for the Water/Wastewater rates from the General Fund and place it in the water department budget where it should be. We will have approximately 4 years to phase rates in before having to pay the bond debt needed to expand the wastewater treatment plant. This plan will also change rates over to a winter average for the sewer bills and will start October 1, 2024. Beginning with the passage of the ordinance sewer rates will be capped at a 14,000-gallon usage instead of the current 16,000-gallon usage which will help the average customer. The driver for the need of a price increase is the Capital. \$17.7 million is needed for the expansion of the Wastewater Treatment plant. We will continue to monitor the rates each year.

Mayor Kit Marshall thanked Mr. Ekrut for all of his work on the rate study and coming up with a plan for the City of Aledo.

Motion was then made by Councilmember Nick Stanley, seconded by Councilmember Shane Davis to approve Ordinance 2021-153 that establishes water and wastewater rates and change the structural rate tables as discussed.

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ORDINANCE NUMBER 2021-153

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR ALL CATEGORIES OF USERS; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. B-2011-05; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN PAMPHLET FORM; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion carried 3-0

3. Discuss and consider awarding a construction contract to Advanced Paving Co. for the Bailey Ranch Road Reconstruction, Section 2 project

Director of Public Works Gretchen Vazquez addressed the Council in reference to awarding the bid for the Bailey Ranch Road Reconstruction, Section 2. Ms. Vazquez stated that bids were opened on December 6, 2021 at City Hall and a total of 2 bids were received. Staff recommends the award of the bid to Advanced Paving Company, the lowest bid that includes the Base Bid plus Alternates 1 & 2. The total contract will include the following amounts: \$174,744.00 (Base Bid) \$116,451.00 (Alternate 1) and \$29,692.50 (Alternate Bid 2) for a total project cost of \$320,887.50 that is to be funded by reserves.

Motion was made by Councilmember Shand Davis, seconded by Councilmember Kimberly Hiebert to approve the award of the bid for the Bailey Ranch Road Construction Project, section 2 to Advanced Paving Company in the amount of \$320,887.50 to be paid for out of reserves.

Motion carried 3-0

4. Discuss and consider approval of a Pre-Development and Professional Services Agreement for Dean Ranch.

City Administrator Sharon Hayes addressed the Council in reference to approval of a pre-development and professional services agreement for Dean Ranch. In October of 2021 Council approved Resolution number 2021-098 showing support for the development of a Capital Improvement District (CPID). The developer is now asking for approval of a Pre-Development and Professional Services Agreement for Dean Ranch which will allow for the city to work with all parties that will work to develop the framework for the Developers Agreement. This will have no financial impact on the City of Aledo.

Motion was made by Councilmember Kimberly Hiebert, seconded by Councilmember Nick Stanley to approve the Pre-Development and Professional Services Agreement for Dean Ranch as discussed.

Motion carried 3-0

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.)

City Administrator Sharon Hayes informed the Council that we now have a schedule and report from SGR for the recruitment of a City Manager for the City of Aledo. We need to have a meeting on the 18th of January for a Special Executive Session for Council to discuss the preliminary selected candidates with SGR. This meeting will last approximately 2 hours.


There were no staff reports for this meeting.

ADJOURN

With there being nothing further to discuss or consider Mayor Kit Marshall adjourned the regular meeting of the Aledo City Council at 6:05 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 27th DAY OF January 2022.

ATTEST:


Deana McMullen
Deana McMullen, City Secretary

Kit Marshall
Kit Marshall, Mayor