

**CITY OF ALEDO, TEXAS
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MEETING LOCATION:
CITY OF ALEDO COMMUNITY CENTER
104 ROBINSON COURT
ALEDO, TEXAS 76008
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2022
5:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Nick Stanley called the Special meeting of the City Council to order at 5:31 pm on Wednesday, August 10, 2022. Those in attendance at this meeting were Mayor Nick Stanley, Councilmember Nelson Rowls, Mayor Pro Tem Shane Davis, Councilmember Nelson Rowls and Councilmember Shawna Ford. Councilmember Dan Herbert and Councilmember Christian Pearson gave prior notice of there absence.

Staff present were City Manager Noah Simon, City Secretary Deana McMullen, City Attorney Alicia Kreh and Director of Public Works Gretchen Vazquez. Doug Martella the Virtual CFO attended virtually.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Invocation was given by Mayor Nick Stanley. Mayor Nick Stanley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Work Session to discuss the proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

City Manager Noah Simon and CFO Doug Martella discussed the budget with the City Council. They presented a balanced budget, meaning that the expenditures are the same as the revenue. The proposed budget does not include the transfer from the Utility fund to the General Fund as it has in the past. The proposed tax rate will be a 3.5% increase which is allowed under the voter approval rate. The tax rate will go from \$0.32 cents per \$100/valuation to \$0.38 cents per \$100 valuation. This includes a rate just under a 5 ½ cent increase in the debt which is due to the bonds for the new City Hall building. Under the Maintenance & Operations (M&O) the rate will be just under the 3 ½ percent which is allowed. An ordinance was passed by Council in December that raised water/sewer rates in October of each year. This increase was included in this proposed budget. The cost of whole sale water has increased substantially.

In the General Fund budget includes capital expenses for the following:

- Consultant to start the process of putting together our own Police Department.
- The current Sheriff Contract with Parker County Sheriff's Office.
- A 3.5% increase for Personnel on October 1, 2022.

- A Compensation Study to make sure that our wages/benefits are competitive
- A better Health/Life Insurance benefit for the employees and to keep us competitive for new hires.
- Vehicle replacement program
- Computer replacement program
- Equipment replacement program
- We moved improvements from Howard Way Park for 1-2 years and utilized that money to install shade structures at Bearcat Park.
- We have halted the Pine Street Improvement as well as the Amphitheater project because we do not currently have the funds for these projects.
- We are focused on the infrastructure needs at this time.

For the Water Department Budget expenditures include:

- Engineering for Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion for \$375,000
- Explore options to fund the expansion project. We applied for a loan with the Texas Water Development Board and we were number 81 on the list. They award only 25 applicants.
- Mandate for lead and copper improvements at \$200,000
- A Vac truck and trailer

There are also funds allocated of \$600,000 for Street Maintenance/Road Improvement/Repairs.

Bailey Ranch Road will have a total Reconstruction at a cost of \$3.1 million to be paid for out of reserves.

There are funds allocated for the Clear Fork Interceptor line as well as Settlement Funds for legal and additional funds for legal for Alicia and her team.

If council wishes to move forward on the proposed budget we will only need to hold one public hearing before adoption of the budget in September.

Council agreed for the City Manager and staff to move forward with the proposed balanced budget as discussed.

No action was taken on this item.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Nick Stanley adjourned the regular session of the Aledo City Council at 6:07 p.m. He then called the Executive Session to order at 6:09 p.m. Those present in the Executive Session were Mayor Nick Stanley, Mayor Pro Tem Shane Davis, Councilmember Nelson Rows, Councilmember Shawna Ford, City Secretary Deana McMullen and City Attorney Alicia Kreh.

1. **Executive Session:** Pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, the City Council may convene in executive session to deliberate regarding the following matters:

(a) **§ 551.071. Consultation with Attorney.** The City Council may convene in executive session to conduct a private consultation with its attorney on any legally posted agenda item, when the City Council seeks the advice of its attorney about 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 the provisions of Chapter 551, including the following items:

- **Lasater Zoning Issues**

(c) **§ 551.074. Deliberation regarding Personnel Matters.** The City Council may convene in executive session to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee, including deliberation regarding the following officers or employees:

- **Candidates for Parks and Recreation Board Place 2**
- **Candidates for Parks and Recreation Board Place 5**
- **Candidates for Parks and Recreation Board Alternate 1 & 2**
- **Candidates for Zoning Board of Adjustment Vacancy**
- **Candidate for Zoning Board of Adjustment (Hiebert position)**

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

2. Discussion and/or action on any item discussed in Executive Session

Following the Executive Session Mayor Nick Stanley called the regular session back to order at 6:50 pm. Mayor Stanley asked the Council if there was any action on the following:

Candidate for Parks & Recreation Board Place 2:

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Shane Davis, seconded by Councilmember Nelson Rowls to appoint Stanton Pearson to the Parks & Recreation Board.

Motion carried 3-0

Candidate for Zoning Board of Adjustment (Vacancy)

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Shane Davis, seconded by Councilmember Nelson Rowls to appoint Stanton Pearson to the Zoning Board of Adjustments Vacant position.

Motion carried 3-0

Candidate for Parks & Recreation Board Place 5:

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Shane Davis, seconded by Councilmember Nelson Rowls to appoint Colby Piscotocco to the Parks and Recreation Board Place 5.

Motion carried 3-0

Candidate for Parks & Recreation board Alternate position #1

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Shane Davis, seconded by Councilmember Nelson Rowls to appoint Matt Poston to the Parks & Recreation Board Alternate position #1

Motion carried 3-0

City Manager Noah Simon stated that there would be a Special meeting on Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 5:30 pm to discuss the reconstruction of Bailey Ranch Road. We have invited all of the stake holders in the area to attend the meeting. Council will also have an orientation session at this meeting.

There being nothing further to discuss or consider Mayor Nick Stanley adjourned the Special meeting of the Aledo City Council at 7:00 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 25 DAY OF August 2022.




Nick Stanley, Mayor


Deana McMullen, City Secretary