

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MEETING LOCATION: ALEDO COMMUNITY CENTER
104 ROBINSON COURT
ALEDO, TEXAS 76008
THURSDAY AUGUST 3, 2023
6:00 P.M.

CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nick Stanley called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 6:00 pm on Thursday, August 3, 2023 at the Aledo Community Center 104 Robinson Court. Those in attendance at this meeting were Mayor Nick Stanley, Mayor Pro Tem Shane Davis, Councilmember Shawna Ford, Councilmember Nelson Rowls, Councilmember Summer Jones and Councilmember Christian Pearson.

Staff present were City Manager Noah Simon, Director of Administrative Services Amber KarKauskas, City Secretary Deana McMullen, Director of Public Works Luis Gatica and City Attorney Alicia Kreh.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Summer Jones gave the Invocation. Mayor Nick Stanley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 3. CITIZEN APPEARANCES:** This is an opportunity for citizens to address the City Council on any matter, whether or not it is posted on the agenda. Individual citizen comments are normally limited to three (3) minutes; however, time limits can be adjusted by the presiding officer. Time is not transferable. The presiding officer may ask the citizen to hold their comment on an agenda item if the item is posted as a Public Hearing. The City Council cannot by law take any action nor have any discussion or deliberations on any presentation made at this time concerning an item not listed on the agenda. The City Council will receive the information, and ask the City Manager to review the matter, or an item may be noticed on a future agenda for deliberation or action. Please sign in before the start of the meeting and provide the paper to the City Secretary.

1) Duane Beck – 800 Sunflower Court – asked to speak to the Council regarding HB 2840 stating that this law requires that the Council Agenda to be posted on line on a City Website. Citizens should not have to come to the Council to pickup a copy of the Agenda and then have to fill out a form to speak, just to find out what is going to be discussed at the meetings.

4. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

There were no presentation or proclamations for this meeting.

- 5. CONSENT AGENDA:** All items listed below are considered routine by the City Council and will be enacted with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of items unless a Council Member requests, in which event the item will be removed from the general order of business and considered in its normal sequence. Approval of the Consent Agenda authorizes the City Manager to implement each item in accordance with the staff recommendation.

The Consent Agenda was presented as follows:

- a. Consider approval of the City Council meeting minutes from the following meetings:

- i. June 27, 2023, City Council Meeting.

Motion was made by Councilmember Shane Davis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Nelson Rowls to approve the consent Agenda as presented.

Motion carried 5-0

- 6. REPORTS:** Reports are prepared for informational purposes and will be accepted as presented (there will be no presentations associated with the report items). There will be no separate discussion unless a City Council Member requests that the report be removed and considered separately.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND CITY COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Discussion between City Council and City staff on the Draft Proposed FY24 City of Aledo Budget.

Director of Administrative Services Amber Karkauskas and City Manager Noah Simon presented the draft proposal of the FY24 City of Aledo Budget to the City Council going over highlights of changes in the proposed budget. Mr. Simon stated that the draft proposed budget FY 24 included a new position – Communications and Engagement Manager, that the Council approved a few meetings ago and has been filled now by Ms. Whitney Walters. There will be a an HR Budget and we are cleaning up the Finances and getting numbers where they belong. We are getting Critical things done. We will be continuing with projects, dealing with the growth, economic plans and inflation.
FY24 Highlights include:

- The new City Hall Facility
- Bailey Ranch Road Sidewalk
- WWTR Plant expansion

- Sewer improvements – connects for Dean Ranch property
- Repairs/replacements
- Beautifying and revitalizing the Medians
- Updates on Computer equipment and servers
- Equipment maintenance and purchase new backhoe
- Street maintenance
- Ft. Worth Water Infrastructure expansion for additional water supply from Fort Worth.
- A 4% across the board pay increase for employees
- Increase FTE based on the organizational study
- Continued \$1,000 per FTE – Appreciation Pay
- \$20 per pay period contribution for 457 Retirement Plan with a minimum \$20 contribution from employees.
- Add employee Birthday as a holiday taken in the month of birthday

There is a proposed 3.4% increase in the proposed tax rate that is just below the requirement for a voter approval rate.

There will be an increase in the water and sewer rates per the ordinance passed in December 2021.

And water averaging for sewer rates will start in October of 2023.

Ms. Karkauskas and Mr. Simon answered questions of the City Council.

No action was taken on this item. Final proposal of the Budget will come back to Council at the next meeting on August 24, 2023 and set to be adopted by then end of September 2023.

- b. Discuss and consider revoking the intent to issue certificates of obligation in the principal amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 and instruct the City Secretary to remove references thereto and take all actions necessary to cancel the issuance of the debt.

Motion was made by City Council Member Shane Davis, seconded by Councilmember Shawna Ford to approve the revocation of the intent to issue certificates of obligation in the principal amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 and instruct the City Secretary to remove references thereto and take all actions necessary to cancel the issuance of the debt.

Motion carried 5-0

- c. Discuss and consider Ordinance 2023-184, an Ordinance amending Chapter 2, "Administration," of the Code of Ordinances by adding Article V, "Extraterritorial Jurisdiction," to provide a process for petitions for release from the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction and amending the fee schedule to provide a

fee for petitions for release from the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction.

- d. Motion was made by Councilmember Shane Davis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Nelson Rowls to approve Ordinance number 2023-184 an Ordinance amending Chapter 2, "Administration," of the Code of Ordinances by adding Article V, "Extraterritorial Jurisdiction," to provide a process for petitions for release from the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction and amending the fee schedule to provide a fee for petitions for release from the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction.

Motion carried 5-0

8. BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES

- a. Appointment/Reappointment to Boards/Commissions/Committees – Consider approval regarding appointments to Boards/Commissions/Committees.

There were no appointments or reappointments to Boards and Commissions to be consider at this meeting. No action was taken.

9. **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:

There was no Executive Session held tonight, so there was no action to take o any item listed.

- a. **§ 551.071. Consultation with Attorney** – to conduct a private consultation with the City 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:

- Potential Annexation North of Dean Ranch to I-20.
- Dean Ranch Development Conversation.
- *Aledo v. Seigmund* – settlement and easement.
- Impacts of Senate Bill 2038 on extraterritorial jurisdiction and CCN issues.

- b. **§ 551.087. Deliberation regarding Economic Development Negotiations.** The City Council may convene in executive session to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the City has received from a business prospect that the City seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the City and with which the City is conducting economic development

negotiations; or to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect described above, including the following items:

- Potential Annexation North of Dean Ranch to I-20.
- Dean Ranch Development Conversation.

10. ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

11. TAKE ANY ACTION, IF NEEDED, FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Take any action, if needed, on other matters from executive session.

There was no Executive Session at tonight's meeting so there was no action to take.

12. COUNCIL RECAP/STAFF COMMENTS DIRECTION: (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, 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.)


There were no comments or updates during this item.

13. ADJOURN

With there being nothing further to discuss or consider Mayor Nick Stanley adjourned this regular meeting of the Aledo City Council at 6:52 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 24th DAY OF August 2023.




Deana McMullen, City Secretary


Nick Stanley, Mayor