



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MEETING LOCATION: ALEDO COMMUNITY CENTER
104 ROBINSON COURT
ALEDO, TEXAS 76008
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2022
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 6:01 pm on Thursday, October 27, 2022. Those in attendance at this meeting were Mayor Nick Stanley, Councilmember Christian Pearson, Mayor Pro Tem Shane Davis, Councilmember Nelson Rowls and Councilmember Shawna Ford. Councilmember Dan Herbert was not in attendance at this meeting having given prior notice of his absence.

Staff present were City Manager Noah Simon, Director of Parks and Events Erica Haney, Director of Public Works Gretchen Vazquez, City Planner Nathan Gonzales, City Secretary Deana McMullen and City Attorney Alicia Kreh.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation was given by Councilmember Christian Pearson. 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.

There were no citizen presentations at this meeting.

4. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

- a. Proclamation presentation to Debbie Buckman with Freedom House recognizing the month of October as Domestic Violence awareness month

Mayor Nick Stanley presented a Proclamation to Debbie Buckman with Freedom House recognizing the month of October as Domestic Violence awareness month.

- b. Presentation from Chris Wallace, President/CEO of the North Texas Commission regarding an organization overview.

Mr. Chris Wallace, President of the North Texas Commission was not able to be present at the meeting tonight to give an overview of the organization. This will be rescheduled for later Council meeting.

- c. Presentation from Aqua Meterics regarding Pilot Program.

A representative of Aqua Meterics was present to update the City Council regarding the Pilot Program of the automated water meters. The Pilot program deployed 100 meters for a 90 day trial period. The software will also have a customer portal that the customer can sign in to and set parameters and alarms for when they are getting close to a high water usage event. The previous city council put this program in place. The money is budgeted to put the meters City wide. And once the pilot program is complete we will take the next steps to make that happen.

- d. Presentation from Chris Eckrut of New Gen Strategies regarding City's water rate structure.

Mr. Chris Eckrut of New Gen Strategies was present to discuss the City's water rate structure with the City Council. From 2012 – 2022 the City lived off of the growth that Aledo has experienced. There was no water rate increase during this time. Population has gone up significantly and now there is a need for Capital Improvements to expand the water capacity. It will cost around \$3.5 million to do the expansion needed. Mr. Eckrut went over the rate structure(s) with the Council and also pointed out comparisons with other cities in the area. He also pointed out that this year has been an exceptionally dry year and customers have probably used more on irrigation than they may have realized. The City has to set rates that meet financial obligations such as operations and maintenance expenses, payments to wholesale providers, debt service, capital expenditures as well as obligations to Texas Water Development Board and City of Fort Worth. The City is also phasing in a winter averaging sewer rate starting in the fall of 2024.

Mr. Eckrut answered questions from the Council and the audience. There was no action taken on this item.

Following the presentation portion of the Agenda, Mayor Nick Stanley called for a five minute break at 7:55 pm. Following the break, Mayor Nick Stanley called the regular session back to order at 8:05 p.m.

- 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.

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

- September 22, 2022, Regular City Council Meeting; and
- October 3, 2022, Special City Council Meeting.

- b. Consider approval of an Agreement with T2 Professional Consulting, LLC, Mike Wilson for consultation services regarding a Police Department and affiliated public safety matters for the City of Aledo.

- c. Consider approval of moving the November and December Council meeting dates due to the Holidays.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Shane Davis, seconded by Councilmember Christian Pearson to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion carried 4-0

- 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.

There are no reports scheduled.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND CITY COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Discussion and consider approval of an Ordinance amending Chapter 77 of the Code of Ordinances regarding the city's authority to place and maintain traffic control devices and parking limitation signs within the City limits of the City of Aledo.

Motion was made by Councilmember Councilmember Nelson Rowls, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Shane Davis to approve Ordinance number 2022-168 amending Chapter

77 of the Code of Ordinances regarding the city's authority to place and maintain traffic control devices and parking limitation signs within the City limits of Aledo.

Motion carried 4-0

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Nick Stanley adjourned the regular session of the City Council into Executive Session at **8:09 pm** to discuss the items listed below. Those in attendance of this meeting were Mayor Nick Stanley, Mayor Pro Tem Shane Davis, Councilmember Christian Pearson, Councilmember Shawna Ford, Councilmember Nelson Rowls, City Manager Noah Simon, City Attorney Alicia Kreh, City Secretary Deana McMullen and Special guest Trent Petty.

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** – 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:
 - TIRZ
 - Potential Annexation North of Dean Ranch to I-20.
 - Possible Economic Incentives for new businesses.
- 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.

9. ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

Mayor Nick Stanley adjourned the Executive Session at 8:38 p.m.

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

There was no action on any item discussed in Executive Session.

- 11. 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.)


City Manager Noah Simon informed the Council that there had been a computer issue and the water rate increase that was scheduled for October 1, 2022 would actually be on the November 1st water bill.

12. ADJOURN



With there being nothing further to discuss or consider Mayor Nick Stanley adjourned this regular meeting of the Aledo City Council at 9:00 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 1st DAY OF December 2022.

Approved:



Nick Stanley, Mayor

Deana McMullen, City Secretary