

**CITY OF ALEDO, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MEETING LOCATION: ALEDO COMMUNITY CENTER
104 ROBINSON COURT
ALEDO, TEXAS 76008
THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The Aledo City Council met in Special session at 6:00 p.m. on March 4, 2021, at the Aledo Community Center, 104 Robinson Court, Aledo, TX 76008. Mayor Kit Marshall called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m. with all members present; Councilmember Matt Ribitzki, Councilmember Clint Robinson, Councilmember Dan Herbert, Mayor Pro Tem Kim Hiebert, and Councilmember Spencer Perry.

Staff members who were present at the meeting were: City Administrator Bill Funderburk, Director of Public Works Gretchen Vazquez, Director of Parks & Events Toni Fisher, and virtually via Microsoft Teams, City Attorney Betsy Elam.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation was given by Mayor Kit Marshall, who also 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.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Discussion and action to consider approval of Emergency Declaration as it relates to the winter weather emergency during the week of February 14, 2021, through February 20, 2021.

Mayor Marshall stated that she felt that a 30-day declaration strengthened our position for public assistance.

Motion was made by Councilmember Spencer Perry, seconded by Councilmember Clint Robinson, to approve the Emergency Declaration as it relates to the winter weather emergency during the week of February 14, 2021 through February 20, 2021.

Motion carried 5-0

2. Discussion and action to consider a resolution to give all water customers in the City of Aledo a 2,000 gallon credit to their water bills for dripping their faucets during the Snow storm during the week of February 14, 2021 through February 20, 2021

Director of Public Works, Gretchen Vazquez, addressed Council that a 2,000 gallon water credit from commercial and residential Tier 3 customers would equate to a \$13.52 credit per customer, and it would be for the next (March) bill. With 1714 accounts, this would create a total credit of \$23,173.28. This does not include a credit for sewer; only water.

It was discussed by the Council that other cities in our area are doing a 2,000-3,000 gallon credit. Discussion commenced regarding partial payments to which it was responded by City Administrator Bill Funderburk that the City works out payment plans with its customers out of necessity and in extreme circumstances. Overall, Council felt that although a 2,000 gallon credit would be sufficient, it proposed a 3,000 gallon credit, which would equate to a \$36,000 loss in income to the City. City Administrator Bill Funderburk said that, although any credit would require a budget adjustment, the City could financially withstand the customer water credit.

Motion was made by Councilmember Spencer Perry, seconded by Councilmember Clint Robinson, to give all water customers in the City of Aledo a 3,000 gallon credit to their water bills for dripping their faucets during the Snow storm during the week of February 14, 2021 through February 20, 2021.

Motion carried 5-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Kit Marshall adjourned the Special meeting into Executive Session at 7:11 p.m. with the following members in attendance; Mayor Kit Marshall, Mayor Pro Tem Kim Hiebert; City Councilmember Clint Robinson, Councilmember Spencer Perry, Councilmember Daniel Herbert and Councilmember Matt Ribitzki along with City Administrator Bill Funderburk and Toni Fisher Parks Director filling in as City Secretary for Deana McMullen who had a family emergency. City Attorney Betsy Elam joined the meeting remotely through Teams.

The City Council for the City of Aledo, Texas, convened 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:

3.) 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, NAMELY:

a) Discussion with City Attorney regarding proposed Development Agreement

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION: 7:53 p.m.

Mayor Kit Marshall adjourned the Executive Session at 7:53 p.m. and called the Special meeting back to order at 7:53 p.m.

4. Any action necessary from Executive Session

No action necessary from Executive Session.

ADJOURN

There being nothing further to discuss or consider Mayor Kit Marshall adjourned this regular meeting of the Aledo City Council at 7:53 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 5th DAY OF March 2021.

Kit Marshall
Kit Marshall, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deana McMullen

Deana McMullen, City Secretary

