

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MEETING LOCATION: ALEDO COMMUNITY CENTER
104 ROBINSON COURT
ALEDO, TEXAS 76008
TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 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 6:01 pm on Tuesday, April 25, 2023. Those in attendance at this meeting were Mayor Pro Tem Shane Davis, Councilmember Shawna Ford, Councilmember Nelson Rowls, Councilmember Christian Pearson and Councilmember Summer Jones.

Staff present were City Manager Noah Simon, Utility Billing Manager Erica Haney, Interim Public Works Director Gary Enna, Financial Consultant Amber Karkaukas, and City Attorney Alicia Kreh.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Christian Pearson 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.

Justin Hamilton, Manager of Strategic Sales for Aqua Metric, gave an update on the AMI meter pilot program. The City made an investment in the pilot program of roughly \$40,000 to purchase 100 meters, 100 radios, and to have them installed. Aqua Metric provided the infrastructure for the AMI system and the software at no cost. The City paid to have them integrated into the billing software. As of April 24th, the systems were at 98%, which is phenomenal. There have not been any issues reported. On every metric that is available it has been widely successful. The meters that would be installed would be the ones used for the pilot, iPearl – the most popular and has been on the market for over 10 years. Aqua Metric offers a 15-year full warranty and 5-year prorated. The standard is 10 years and 10

years. The pilot has been widely successful. Aqua Metric appreciates the opportunity to do the pilot and looks forward to keeping our relationship/partnership with the City of Aledo.

4. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

- a. Presentation by HydroPro Solutions, Automatic Meter Infrastructure.

Interim Director of Public Works, Gary Enna and Steve Montgomery with HydroPro Solutions gave a joint presentation automated meter infrastructure and meter technology. The goal is to enhance customer service, water use efficiency, and operations efficiency.

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.

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.

- a. There are no reports scheduled.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND CITY COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Discuss and consider process for entering an agreement with East Parker County Library to acquire the library as a City department.

Councilmember Shawna Ford recused herself for this item as she serves on the Library Board. City Attorney, Alicia Kreh discussed the next steps to acquire the library. Both parties will need to make a formal motion to move forward and then draft documents to transfer assets and property to the City. Alicia recommends making an operations agreement while City Hall is being built. One of the things that we will need to be sure of is to continue to fundraise for the City Library. City Manager Noah Simon added that he has had conversations with the architect regarding the placement of the library and estimated about 4,500 sq ft. He has also spoken with a financial advisor about funding and financing that portion and would need to move quickly for the new fiscal year. Councilmember Shane Davis asked to see the estimated costs for operating the library. Noah will provide that information to the Council. Nick commented he is excited for this opportunity.

No action was taken.

- b. Discuss and consider approving an Agreement between the City of Aledo and HydroPro Solutions for AMI for a cost of \$935,854.00.

Mayor Nick Stanley proposed to table approving the agreement between the City of Aledo and HydroPro Solutions for AMI.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Shane Davis, seconded by Councilmember Nelson Rowls to table approving an agreement between the City of Aledo and HydroPro Solutions for AMI for a cost of \$935,854.00.

Motion carried 5-0

- c. Discuss and consider approving an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Aledo and Emergency Services District 1 to conduct fire inspections, plan review services, and to serve as the City of Aledo's Fire Marshal.

City Manager Noah Simon has negotiated a contract with the ESD 1 to perform fire inspections, plan review, and various other fire marshal related duties. ESD 1 is excited about this relationship and their board is on board with agreement. They are in the process of working out the legalities.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Shane Davis, seconded by Councilmember Nelson Rowls to authorize the City Manager to approve and negotiate an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Aledo and Emergency Services District 1 to conduct fire inspections, plan review services, and to serve as the City of Aledo's Fire Marshal.

Motion carried 5-0

- d. Discuss and consider Ordinance Number 2023-181 amending the City of Aledo Fee Schedule.

City Manager Noah Simon asked to amend the fee schedule to accommodate the fees for the Interlocal Agreement with Emergency Services District 1. The City will work with ESD 1 to purchase the software to enhance customer service.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Shane Davis, seconded by Councilmember Nelson Rowls to authorize the City Manager to approve Ordinance Number 2023-181 amending the City of Aledo Fee Schedule.

Motion carried 5-0

- e. Discussion between City Council and Aledo Staff regarding the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget.

City Manager Noah Simon asked for City Council's vision for projects they want to accomplish for Fiscal Year 2024.

No action taken.

8. BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES

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

City staff received applications for various board positions for Council review.

Motion was made by Councilmember Shawna Ford, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Shane Davis to approve the application of Robert Gustavson for an Alternate Place for the Planning & Zoning Commission upon completion and approval of the background check that is now required by ordinance for board and commission members.

Motion carried 5-0

Motion was made by Councilmember Christian Pearson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Shane Davis to approve the application of Matthew Poston for Alternate Place for the Planning & Zoning Commission and Aledo Economic Development Corporation upon completion and approval of the background check that is now required by ordinance for board and commission members.

Motion carried 5-0

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Shane Davis, seconded by Councilmember Nelson Rowls to approve the application of Zach Gillean for Alternate Place for the Aledo Economic Development Corporation upon completion and approval of the background check that is now required by ordinance for board and commission members.

Motion carried 5-0

- b. Discussion on including business owners to service on Boards/Commissions/Committees.

City Manager Noah Simon asked Council if they were interested in amending the current ordinance regarding qualification to serve on Boards/Commissions/Committees to allow business owners who may not reside within the city limits. Councilmember Nelson Rowls asked what the cons are to allowing business owners to serve. City Manager Noah Simon stated there are no cons and by allowing business owners that may alleviate challenges for Boards/Commissions/Committees to form a quorum. Councilmember Christian

Pearson added that it would be a huge asset. Councilmember Summer Jones asked how we would verify ownership of potential business owners and if a designee for a nonprofit would be eligible. City Manager Noah suggested the Council could limit the number of non-residents per board.

No action taken.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Nick Stanley adjourned the regular meeting of the Aledo City Council at 7:41 pm into Executive Session. Those in attendance at the Executive Session were Mayor Nick Stanley, Mayor Pro Tem Shane Davis, Councilmember Shawna Ford, Councilmember Christian Pearson, Councilmember Summer Davis and Councilmember Nelson Rowls. Staff present were City Attorney Alicia Kreh, City Manager Noah Simon, and Utility Billing Manager Erica Haney. The Executive Session was called to order at 7:41 p.m. to discuss the following:

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.
 - Dean Ranch Development Conversation.
 - Possible Economic Incentives for new businesses.
 - *Aledo v. Seigmund* – settlement and easement.
 - Settlement demand from Sarah Latimer.
- 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.

- Possible Economic Incentives for new businesses.

10. ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

Mayor Nick Stanley adjourned the Executive Session at 7:41 pm and called the regular meeting back to order at 7:51 pm

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

There was no action to take on items discussed in Executive Session.

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 additional comments or updates from Council or Staff.

13. ADJOURN

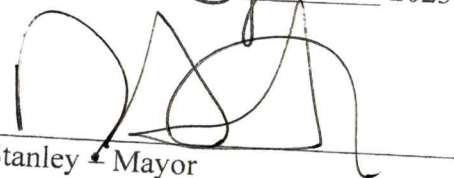
There being nothing further to discuss or consider Mayor Nick Stanley adjourned the regular meeting of the Aledo City Council at 7:52 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 25th DAY OF May 2023.



 ATTEST: 

 Deana McMullen – City Secretary



 Nick Stanley – Mayor