

**CITY OF ALEDO, TEXAS  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
MEETING LOCATION: ALEDO COMMUNITY CENTER  
104 ROBINSON COURT  
ALEDO, TEXAS 76008  
THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2017  
7:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Aledo City Council met in regular session on July, 2017, at the Aledo Community Center, 104 Robinson Court, Aledo, TX 76008. Mayor Kit Marshall called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m. with the following members present; Councilmember Jean Bailey and Councilmember Daniel Herbert, Councilmember Bob Wood and Mayor Pro Tem Kimberly Hiebert. Councilmember Spencer Perry was not present having given prior notice of his absence. Councilmember Bob Wood was only present during the 1<sup>st</sup> three items on the Agenda and had to leave due to illness as reflected in the number of votes in the minutes.

Staff members present at the meeting were: City Administrator Ken Pfeifer, City Secretary Deana McMullen, Director of Public Works David Fain, Accounting Coordinator Kari Kszyminski and City Attorney Betsy Elam.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pastor Lee Trigg of the Aledo United Methodist Church gave the Invocation. Councilmember Bob Wood led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**OATH OF OFFICE**

**Mayor Kit Marshall will administer Statement of Elected Official and the Oath of Office to Councilmember Elect Place 3, Robert "Bob" Wood.**

**Mayor Kit Marshall will administer Statement of Elected Official and the Oath of Office to Mayor Pro Tem Kimberly Hiebert.**

Mayor Kit Marshall administered the Statement of Elected Official and the Oath of Office to Councilmember Elect Place 3, Robert "Bob" Wood. Mayor Kit Marshall then administered the Statement of Elected Official and the Oath of Office to Mayor Pro Tem Kimberly Hiebert appointed at the last city Council meeting, June 22, 2017.

Mayor Marshall moved a couple of items out of order in order to accommodate Councilmember Bob Wood whom had surgery and needed to leave early.

#### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

**4. Discuss and consider all matters incident and related to the issuance and sale of “City of Aledo, Texas, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2017”, including the adoption of an ordinance ratifying and confirming the adoption of Ordinance Number 2017-081 authorizing the issuance of such bonds, establishing parameters for the sale and issuance of such bonds and delegating certain matters to authorized representatives of the City.**

#### **Ordinance Number 2017-082**

**An Ordinance ratifying and confirming the passage and adoption of Ordinance No. 2017-081 authorizing the issuance of “City of Aledo, Texas, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2017”; resolving other matters incident and related there to; and providing an effective date.**

Motion was made by Councilmember Jen Bailey seconded by Councilmember Bob Wood to Approve Ordinance number 2018-082 ratifying and confirming passage of ordinance number 2017-081.

Motion carried 4-0

**5. Consideration of the governing body to discuss the 2017-2018 ad valorem tax rate and if the proposed tax rate will raise more revenue than the preceding year’s revenue, take a record vote and schedule the Public Hearings as required by law.**

Motion was made by Councilmember Jean Bailey seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kimberly Hiebert to set the proposed 2017-2018 ad valorem tax rate at \$0.385 per \$100 valuation and schedule the first public hearing for Thursday, August 24, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. and the second public hearing for Thursday, September 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Aledo Community Center, 104 Robinson Court.

Motion carried 4-0 with Councilmembers Jean Bailey, Bob Wood, Dan Herbert and Mayor Pro Tem Kim Hiebert voting in favor of the motion and no one was opposed.

Councilmember Bob Wood then left the meeting at 7:24 pm as reflected in the number of votes cast on the remaining items of the agenda.

#### **PROCLAMATIONS:**

**Proclamation proclaiming July 27, 2017 as Koolen-de Vries Syndrome Awareness Day**

Mayor Kit Marshall presented the Proclamation proclaiming July 27, 2017 as Koolen-de Vries Syndrome Awareness Day in the City of Aledo to Colby Tiberg and his family.

## **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 council meeting.

## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

**All of the following items on the consent agenda are considered to be self-explanatory by the Council and will be enacted with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests. Approval of the consent agenda authorizes the City Administrator to implement each item in accordance with the staff recommendation.**

The consent agenda was presented as follows:

- 1. June 22, 2017 Regular City Council Minutes.**
- 2. June 2017 Monthly Financial report.**
- 3. Approve the appointment of Keisha Morris to the Downtown Business District Committee for an unexpired term expiring in October 2018**

Motion was made by Councilmember Dan Herbert seconded by Councilmember Jean Bailey to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion carried 3-0

## **6. Presentation and discussion concerning the proposed FY 2017-2018 Budget**

City Administrator Ken Pfeifer presented the proposed FY 2017-2018 Budget to Council. The proposed General Fund budget is \$2,893,470, and the proposed Water & Sewer Fund budget is \$2,559,260. The proposed Debt Service budget is \$1,028,364 decreasing from \$1,020,900, in FY 2016-2017. The proposed Economic Development Corporation budget is \$271,300, an increase from \$263,770 in FY 2016-2017. The proposed budget that was presented is a balanced budget and was based on a proposed tax rate of \$0.385 per \$100 valuation with property valuations increasing from \$263,227,822 to \$337,483,622 due to new construction. The proposed tax rate is the same tax rate of \$0.385 per \$100 valuation as last year.

Ken Pfeifer stated that there had been a couple of small changes in this proposed budget since the last meeting. We did add the additional \$5,000 to the East Parker County Library to give them a total of \$30,000 as they requested and the Animal Control Contract was updated so the amount for this would now be \$40,125.

Staff answered questions, and no action was taken on this item. There will be Public Hearings and discussion at future meetings.

## **REPORTS:**

### **7. Monthly reports:**

- a. City Administrator's Monthly Report**
- b. City Secretary's Monthly Report**
- c. Director of Public Works' Monthly Report**
- d. Accounting Coordinator's Monthly Report**
- e. Municipal Court Monthly report**
- f. East Parker County Library report**
- g. Parker County Sheriff's Office monthly report**

Under the City Administrator's Monthly report, Mayor Kit Marshall updated the Council and Staff that the City of Aledo has been awarded the grant for the Outdoor Warning Sirens. We do not yet have an installation date, but one siren will be placed at the new fire station location once they are received and the other will be placed next to the bus barn by McAnally. We are researching the possibility of obtaining a third siren as well.

Mayor Marshall also reported that the Paint Shack will have a new home moving from the Church of Christ parking lot to a new location within the City when the new location is ready to receive it.

Under the City Secretary Report – Mayor Marshall reported that we had a great First Friday event and thanked the City Secretary Deana McMullen and Community Event Planner Toni Fisher for doing a great job. Also in the midst of this event was when we met the team that was soliciting signatures for an Alcohol Election for all of Precinct 4. If this petition had been successful then all of the areas that had not had an election for alcohol would have become wet and open for all types of businesses that sell alcohol. After a couple of meetings, this petition has been pulled until a later date.

Director of Public Works David Fain reported that the sidewalk construction would begin on August 14, 2017 and that it should be complete within 86 days. School starts on August 28<sup>th</sup> so there are meetings planned with all of the principals of the schools so that there will be as little interruption as possible with school buses and traffic.

No action was taken on any item discussed.

## **COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMENTS**

**(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, city 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 Staff or Council comments for this meeting.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**The City Council for the City of Aledo, Texas, will convene 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**

Mayor Kit Marshall recessed the regular meeting of the Aledo City Council into Executive Session at 8:14 p.m. to discuss item #8 and #9 with the City Attorney. Those present during the Executive Session were Mayor Kit Marshall, Councilmember Jean Bailey, Councilmember Dan Herbert, Mayor Pro Tem Kim Hiebert, City Secretary Deana McMullen, City Administrator Ken Pfeifer and City Attorney Betsy Elam.

Following the Executive Session, Mayor Marshall adjourned the meeting back into Regular Session at 8:38 p.m.

**8.) 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 on Cause No. CV10-0429, City of Willow Park v. Todd C. Brennan, et al. v. Parker County Appraisal District, Parker County Appraisal Review Board, City of Aledo, Larry Hammonds in his official capacity as Parker County Appraisal District Director**

**b) Discussion on Cause No. CV16-0668, Chamese Yarborough v. City of Aledo**

**c) Discussion regarding petition from Britt Phillips**

**9.) 551.072 - Deliberation Regarding Real Property; To deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person.**

**Additionally the Council may convene in executive session to receive advice from the City Attorney on any posted item.**

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**

**10. Any action necessary from Executive Session**

There was no action from the Executive Session

**ADJOURN**

With there being nothing further to discuss or consider Mayor Kit Marshall adjourned this regular meeting of the Aledo City Council at 8:38 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF August 2017

  
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Kit Marshall, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Deana McMullen, City Secretary