

**CITY OF ALEDO, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MEETING LOCATION: ALEDO COMMUNITY CENTER
104 ROBINSON COURT
ALEDO, TEXAS 76008
THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The Aledo City Council met in regular session on Thursday, January 28, 2016, at the Aledo Community Center, 104 Robinson Court, Aledo, TX 76008. Mayor Kit Marshall called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. with the following members present; Mayor Pro Tem Kimberly Hiebert, Councilmember Jean Bailey, Councilmember Paula Johns and Councilmember Bob Wood. Councilmember Kerby Smith was not present at this meeting having given prior notice of his absence.

Staff members present at the meeting were: City Administrator Ken Pfeifer and 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 Jim Witherow of Faith Presbyterian gave the Invocation. Councilmember Bob Wood 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.

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. December 17, 2015 Regular City Council Minutes**

2. December 2015 Monthly financial report

3. Approval of Resolution No. 2016-038 calling a General Election for May 7, 2016

4. Approval of Resolution No. 2016-039 reviewing and approving the Investment Policy.

5. Approval of appointment of Parker County EMC, George Teague as the City of Aledo's EMC.

Item number two will be removed from the Consent Agenda and brought forward at the next meeting.

Motion was made by Councilmember Paula Johns, seconded by Councilmember Jean Bailey to approve the Consent Agenda with item number two pulled until next month.

Motion carried 4-0

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

6. Discussion and action concerning solid waste and recycling.

Republic Services notified the 6 cities that Republic will not extend the current Joint Solid Waste Agreement for an additional 2 years. The current contract expires April 30, 2016. Following the December 17, 2015 Aledo City Council meeting, the 5 cities notified Aledo (the day after the Aledo City Council meeting) that they will proceed to finalize the Agreement without Aledo. Republic then notified Aledo they wanted to add Aledo to the Joint 6-City Agreement.

Costs and contract terms are being discussed with both Republic Waste and Progressive. Representatives from Republic Waste as well as Progressive were present to answer any questions.

Mayor Kit Marshall adjourned the regular meeting of the Aledo City Council into Executive Session under Item 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney to seek legal advice on this matter, at 7:26 p.m. Those in attendance of the Executive Session were Mayor Kit Marshall, Mayor Pro Tem Kimberly Hiebert, Councilmember Jean Bailey, Councilmember Bob Wood, Councilmember Paula Johns, City Administrator Ken Pfeifer, City Secretary Deana McMullen and City Attorney Betsy Elam.

Mayor Kit Marshall reconvened the regular session at 7:43 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilmember Jean Bailey to direct staff to negotiate with Progressive for a 5-year contract for waste services and recycling.

This motion died for a lack of a second.

Motion was then made by Councilmember Bob Wood, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kimberly Hiebert to move forward with a contract with Republic Waste for waste services and recycling.

Motion carried 3-1 (Councilmember Jean Bailey voted against this motion)

7. Consider approval of an expenditure by the Aledo Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) for a Veterans Monument/Plaza located on City Hall grounds.

AEDC and the City Council have previously approved the concept plan, location and parameters for recognizing military service concerning the Veterans Monument/Plaza project. The AEDC budgeted \$100,000 for this project, but recommend allocating \$60,000 for it at this time.

Mr. Gordon Hiebert was present at this meeting to give the council updates on the project and the estimated cost.

The name of the project will be “City of Aledo Veterans Plaza”. The mission statement will be as was previously discussed and approved by city council. The project will include the sidewalk to the street/parking lot. There will be three flags positioned due north, the US Flag, the Texas Flag and the POW Flag. The total cost of the project will be approximately \$108,000, includes the bricks, benches and obelisk as previously discussed. \$60,000 will get the project started and fund raising efforts can begin simultaneously. The target reveal date, Veterans Day, November 11, 2016.

Motion was made by Councilmember Paula Johns, seconded by Councilmember Jean Bailey to approve the project and the expenditure recommended by AEDC of \$60,000 for a Veterans Monument/Plaza located on City Hall Grounds and the city council approve the contract for the monument at the next regular city council meeting.

Motion carried 4-0

8. Discussion and action concerning Open Carry Resolution and Signage.

Due to recent changes in handgun laws, the City of Aledo is considering the options concerning the carrying of firearms in City Hall and the Community Center. City Hall is a multi-use building that also contains the Municipal Court clerk’s office and other city offices. Municipal Court is also held at the Community Center on a monthly basis for Traffic violations and other Class “C” misdemeanors. The community center is also rented to the public and is used for Community Events. The court clerk’s office operates on a regular basis schedule even when court is not in session and is located in the city hall’s main entrance. The new laws are designed to increase the rights of persons licensed to carry a handgun under Chapter 411, Subchapter H, of the Texas Local Gov’t code.

City Attorney Betsy Elam gave a brief description of this item.

Mayor Kit Marshall adjourned the regular meeting of the Aledo City Council into Executive Session under Item 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney to seek legal advice on this matter, at 8:53 p.m. Those in attendance of the Executive Session were Mayor Kit Marshall, Mayor Pro Tem Kimberly Hiebert, Councilmember Jean Bailey, Councilmember Bob Wood, Councilmember Paula Johns, City Administrator Ken Pfeifer, City Secretary Deana McMullen and City Attorney Betsy Elam.

Mayor Kit Marshall reconvened the regular session at 9:20 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilmember Paula Johns, seconded by Councilmember Jean Bailey to approve Resolution Number 2016-040 to purchase signage under the Court exception. (Sec 46.03(a)(3)).

Motion carried 4-0

REPORTS:

9. Monthly reports:

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

City Administrator Ken Pfeifer reported to the council that the Sidewalk Grants for 2014-2015 would be combined to create a cost savings and it will be March of 2017 when the project is put out for bids.

City Secretary Deana McMullen reminded everyone about the Chili Supper event on Saturday, January 30, 2016 from 5-8 pm.

Director of Public Works David Fain reported that there had been 108 new home permits issued in 2015. We expect to have at least that many for this year. The Pavilion at the Community Center is now complete. We will be moving forward with the Trail project with the Parks and Recreation Board.

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.)

Mayor Kit Marshall reported that Aledo was rated as #1 of the TOP 10 – Fastest Growth rate in Parker County with a 167% increase in growth.

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

10.) 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

11.) 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.

There were no additional Executive Sessions held at this meeting.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

12. Any action necessary from Executive Session

There was no additional Executive Session to consider any action on.

ADJOURN

With there being nothing further to discuss or consider Mayor Kit Marshall adjourned this regular meeting of the Aledo City Council at 9:28 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 25th DAY OF February 2016

Kit Marshall, Mayor

ATTEST:
Deana McMullen, City Secretary