

**CITY OF ALEDO, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MEETING LOCATION: ALEDO COMMUNITY CENTER
Room A
104 ROBINSON COURT
ALEDO, TEXAS 76008
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The Aledo City Council met in special session on Thursday, September 8, 2016, at the Aledo Community Center, 104 Robinson Court, Aledo, TX 76008. Mayor Kit Marshall called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present; Councilmember Kerby Smith, Councilmember Bob Wood, and Councilmember Jean Bailey. Mayor Pro Tem Kimberly Hiebert and Councilmember Dan Herbert were not present at this meeting after giving prior notice of their absence.

Staff members present at the meeting were: City Administrator Ken Pfeifer and City Secretary Deana McMullen, and Accounting Coordinator Kari Kszyminski.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Kit Marshall gave the Invocation. Councilmember Bob Wood led the Invocation.

PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation recognizing September as Preparedness month in the City of Aledo

Mayor Kit Marshall read the Proclamation claiming September as Preparedness month in the City of Aledo.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Public Hearing – Discussion on Proposed Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget and to consider ad valorem tax rate of \$0.3850 per \$100 valuation for the 2016-2017 fiscal year, which rate would increase total tax revenue by 0.181706 % from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year.

Mayor Kit Marshall opened the Public Hearing for the item regarding the Proposed Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget and to consider ad valorem tax rate of \$0.3850 per \$100 valuation at 7:04 p.m.

City Administrator Ken Pfeifer

presented the proposed FY 2016-2017 Budget to Council. The proposed General Fund budget is \$2,723,469, and the proposed Water & Sewer Fund budget is \$3,048,520. The proposed Debt Service budget is \$1,020,900 decreasing from \$1,022,270, in FY 2015-2016. The proposed Economic Development Corporation budget is \$263,740, a increase from \$251,435 in FY 2015-

2016. 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 \$230,017,070 to \$263,227,822 due to new construction. The proposed tax rate is the same tax rate of \$0.385 per \$100 valuation as last year.

There have been no changes to the proposed budget since presented at the August 25, 2016 Public Hearing.

There was no one present to discuss the proposed budget or tax rate.

Mayor Kit Marshall then closed the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m.
No action was taken on this item.

2. Discussion and action to consider approval of employee health, dental, vision, life and short term disability insurance coverage for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 and appointing Dean Casey as the City's agent of record.

City Secretary Deana McMullen gave a summary to the City Council regarding the employee health/dental/vision/life insurance policies. The current carriers, Blue Cross/Blue Shield for health benefits proposed a 26% increase over current rates. Dental/Vision and life proposals were no increase. Because of the high percentage of increase for health, the city went out for proposals and received 2 back. One from current broker with a new policy with Aetna for Health benefits that was a much lower rate per employee and the dental/vision and life with no changes. A new broker Dean Casey gave the same proposal for Aetna with lower commission so the rates were actually \$8.00 less per employee. He gave new proposals for Dental/Vision and Life and was able to add Short -Term Disability coverage as well with lower rates. With the recommended changes the City would save approximately \$31,243 in a year and provide much better coverage to employees.

Motion was made by Councilmember Jean Bailey, seconded by Councilmember Kerby Smith to approve the proposed Actna TX POS II -2500 Plan, the proposals from Humana for Dental/Vision/Life and Short Term Disability for 2016-2017 and to appoint Mr. Dean Casey as the City's agent of record effective October 1, 2016.

Motion carried 3-0

ADJOURN

With there being nothing further to discuss or consider Mayor Kit Marshall adjourned this Special meeting of the Aledo City Council at 7:25 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 2nd DAY OF September 2016

Kit Marshall
Kit Marshall, Mayor

ATTEST

Deana McMullen
Deana McMullen, City Secretary