

**CITY OF ALEDO, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MEETING LOCATION: ALEDO COMMUNITY CENTER
104 ROBINSON COURT
ALEDO, TEXAS 76008
THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2015
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The Aledo City Council met in regular session on Thursday, April 23, 2015, 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: Councilmember Jean Bailey, Mayor Pro Tem Bill McLeRoy and Councilmember Kimberly Hiebert. Councilmember Kerby Smith and Councilmember Matt Casey were not present at this meeting having given prior notice of their absence.

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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Kenton Harvey Pastor of Aledo Church of Christ gave the Invocation. Mayor Pro Tem Bill McLeRoy 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 Agenda.

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. March 26, 2015 Regular City Council Minutes

2. March 2015 Monthly Financial report.

3. Consider approval of closing Crockett Street from the Intersection of Crockett/Austin to the intersection of South Front and Crockett and from the Intersection of Crockett and Chestnut to the intersection of Austin and Chestnut for the First Friday's Concert Series and Event(s) for June 5, 2015 and August 7, 2015.

4. Consider approval of closing W. Oak St. from FM 1187N to Pine St. for an event at the East Parker County Library.

Mayor Marshall asked that item number 4 be removed from the consent agenda and discussed separately.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bill McLeRoy, seconded by Councilmember Jean Bailey to approve the consent agenda as requested.

Motion carried 3-0

4. To consider approval of closing West Oak Street from FM 1187N to Pine St. for an event at the East Parker County Library.

Mayor Kit Marshall expressed concern for the residents living on West Oak Street and being able to have access to their homes and the street if the entire street is blocked for an event. . Suggestions were to only close West Oak Street from FM1187N to just before the first driveway and then possibly close only half of the street from there so that residents will have full access to their homes and driveways.

Motion was made by Councilmember Jean Bailey, seconded by Councilmember Kimberly Hiebert to approve closing West Oak from FM 1187 N in a way that will not impact the residents access to their driveways.

Motion carried 3-0

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

5. Discuss and consider entering into an Advanced Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the 2014 Safe Routes to School Program.

City Engineer Steve James of Freese and Nichols addressed the council in reference to the Advanced Funding Agreement.

A requirement for receiving federal funding for the City's safe route to school project is to enter into an agreement with the funding agency. In the case of the safe route to school project, the City of Aledo is to enter into an Advanced Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation. The Agreement is to outline the responsibilities and requirements of both the City and the State. The grant is a reimbursable grant. The City of Aledo will pay the cost up

front of \$325,000 and will apply for reimbursement. The agreement would need to be signed before October 2015.

Following discussion it was decided that this item would be brought back to the City Council for consideration at the next regular council meeting on May 28, 2015.

No action was taken on this item.

6. Discuss and consider awarding a Professional Services Agreement to Freese and Nichols, Inc. for the Safe Route to School project-McAnally Intermediate School.

This item was tabled to come back to the City Council for consideration at the next regular meeting on May 28, 2015.

No action was taken on this item.

7. Discuss and consider a resolution that recognizes City's commitment to the Safe Routes to School Grant program and approval of submission of the grant application.

City Engineer Steve James was present to discuss the Safe Routes to School grant program for 2015. As part of the application process the City is to approve a resolution that indicates support for the grant. The financial commitment for the grant is a minimum local match of 20% of the project's construction cost plus 20% of the Texas Department of Transportation administration fee. The grant rules have changed from the 2014 TAP grant, and Transportation Development Credits are no longer used to offset the City's cost. Also, the City now pays for the engineering, surveying and environmental costs. The total estimated cost for the city would be \$263,953 for the entire project. Mr. James presented a couple of different options to break down the project into three parts if the City did not want to pursue the entire project.

The Council felt we should do the entire project and take the money out of the General Fund reserves. This is a very basic need for our community and it will provide safety for those riding bicycles and walking throughout the city. This project will tie into the sidewalks around the Aledo Trail area.

Following discussion motion was made by Councilmember Jean Bailey, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bill McLeRoy to approve the Resolution No. 2015-030 that recognizes the City's commitment to the Safe Routes to School Grant Program and approval of the submission of the grant application.

Motion carried 3-0

8. Discussion and action concerning results of trash and recycling survey options.

City Secretary Deana McMullen addressed this item with the City Council. Based on discussion at a previous council meeting staff prepared a survey sheet to handle responses turned in regarding the options for a recycling program. The information regarding the options went out on the Mayor's newsletter and information was collected by staff. We only had a total of 83 responses. 49 were in favor of some type of recycling program with additional cost and 34 were against any type of recycling as most of them did not want any additional cost on their water bills.

City Council decided that the tally was too close to make a decision regarding the recycling program. There were some ideas discussed on ways to get a larger response from the citizens.

This item will be brought back to a future council meeting for further discussion.

No action was taken on this item.

REPORTS:

9. Monthly reports:

- a. City Administrator's Monthly Report – FY 2016 Budget**
- b. City Secretary's Monthly Report**
- c. Director of Public Works' Monthly Report – Park Updates**
- d. Accounting Coordinator's Monthly Report**
- e. East Parker County Library report**
- f. Parker County Sheriff's Office monthly report**

City Administrator Ken Pfeifer reported to the City Council that he and staff has begun working on the 2016 FY Budget. Mr. Pfeifer noted that the packet included a tentative Budget Calendar of upcoming key dates for budget workshops and meetings.

Director of Public Works David Fain reported to council regarding the park updates.

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.)

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

b) Discussion on the appeal in the Application of Republic Waste Services of Texas, Ltd. for Municipal Solid Waste Permit No. 2356

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.

12.) 551.074. PERSONNEL MATTERS: Authorizing certain deliberations pertaining to the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

a) Annual Performance Evaluation of City Secretary Deana McMullen

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

Mayor Kit Marshall adjourned the regular meeting at 8:39 pm for a short break.

Mayor Kit Marshall called the regular meeting back to order at 8:54 pm and adjourned into Executive Session to discuss section 551.074 Personnel Matters for the annual review of City Secretary Deana McMullen.

This session was attended by Mayor Kit Marshall, Mayor Pro Tem Bill McLeRoy, Councilmember Jean Bailey, Councilmember Kimberly Hiebert, City Administrator Ken Pfeifer and City Secretary Deana McMullen.

Mayor Kit Marshall adjourned the Executive Session at 9:04 pm and called the regular

session back to order at 9:04 pm.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

13. Any action necessary from Executive Session

Motion was made by Councilmember Kimberly Hiebert, seconded by Councilmember Jean Bailey to approve a raise for City Secretary Deana McMullen effective on 4/17/2015 in the amount that was approved with the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Budget.

Motion carried 3-0

ADJOURN

There being no further items to discuss or consider Mayor Kit Marshall adjourned this regular meeting of the Aledo City Council at 9:06 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE ____ DAY OF _____ 2015.

Kit Marshall, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deana McMullen, City Secretary