

**CITY OF ALEDO, TEXAS  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
MEETING LOCATION: ALEDO COMMUNITY CENTER  
104 ROBINSON COURT  
ALEDO, TEXAS 76008  
THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2014  
7:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Aledo City Council met in regular session on Thursday, June 26, 2014, at the Aledo Community Center, 104 Robinson Court, Aledo TX 76008. Mayor Kit Marshall called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m. with the following members present: Councilmember Jean Bailey, Mayor Pro Tem Bill McLeRoy and Councilmember Kimberly Hiebert. Councilmembers Kerby Smith and Matt Casey were not present at this meeting after giving 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, Accounting Coordinator Kari Kszyminski, City Engineer Robert McGee and City Attorney Betsy Elam.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Knox Ross of the Aledo Christian Center was present to give 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 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. May 22, 2014 Regular City Council Minutes.**

**2. June 17, 2014 Special City Council Minutes.**

**3. May 2014 Monthly Financial report.**

**4. Approval of closing Crockett Street from the intersection of Crockett/Austin to the intersection of South Front and Crockett for the August 1, 2014 First Friday event to be held on the Aledo Church of Christ grounds.**

**5. Approval of the renewal of the Aledo Broadband lease agreement for a 5-year term.**

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bill McLeRoy, seconded by Councilmember Kimberly Hiebert to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion carried 3-0

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

**6. Discussion and action to approve a Franchise Ordinance/Agreement with Texas Gas Service, a division of ONE Gas, Inc.**

Mr. Wyatt Irby, Texas Gas Service, was present to discuss the Franchise Ordinance/Agreement and answer questions from City Council. The previous agreement expired in September 2013. The new agreement will be for 15 years or until 2029 with a 4% franchise fee.

Motion was made by Councilmember Jean Bailey, seconded by Councilmember Kimberly Hiebert to approve the Franchise Ordinance/Agreement with Texas Gas Service, a division of ONE Gas, Inc.

Motion carried 3-0

**7. Discussion and action concerning approving an Ordinance on residential lighting.**

City Council requested an item to discuss imposing restrictions on residential lighting that adversely affects adjoining property owners. City Attorney Betsy Elam discussed this item with Council. Most cities do not have an ordinance regulating residential lighting. This proposed ordinance would limit lighting that shines onto a neighbor's property and would be enforced on a complaint basis. Council discussed the following changes to be made in the proposed ordinance: add man-made/manufactured lighting to Sec. 22-221; add to Definitions that lighting by State or political subdivisions is excluded; and events sanctioned by the City are excluded from the provisions of the ordinance.

Following the discussion, motion was made by Councilmember Jean Bailey, seconded by Councilmember Kimberly Hiebert to approve the ordinance with the changes as discussed.

Motion carried 3-0

## **8. Budget Presentation from the East Parker County Library.**

Sue Ellen Shaw, East Parker County Library (EPCL), presented the Library budget for the upcoming 2014-2015 fiscal year. Ms. Shaw asked the Council to consider an allocation of \$15,000 for the upcoming year. Ms. Shaw stated that the EPCL is unique as it has operated as a non-profit, tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code since July 1994. EPCL receives community support from: Parker County - \$19,800, City of Aledo - \$7,000, City of Willow Park - \$2,000 and Annetta North - \$1,500 with fund raisers and donations making up the rest of the budget. The Garden Party is the largest fund raiser with over \$21,000 this year. Ms. Shaw stated that the Library is at a crossroads with the highway construction coming to a close and more residents moving to the area. The Library does not have the resources available to meet the growing demands. Ms. Shaw answered questions from the Council, and then thanked Council for their continued support. Mayor Kit Marshall thanked Ms. Shaw for coming to the Council meeting and presenting the Library budget.

No action was taken on this item.

## **9. Presentation and discussion concerning the proposed FY 2014-2015 Budget.**

City Administrator Ken Pfeifer presented the proposed FY 2014-2015 Budget to Council. The proposed General Fund budget is \$1,966,695, and the proposed Water & Sewer Fund budget is \$2,598,900. The proposed Debt Service budget is \$1,091,535, decreasing from \$1,171,245 in FY 2013-2014. The proposed Economic Development Corporation budget is \$414,390, an increase from \$317,540 in FY 2013-2014, due to Capital Improvement Projects for Aledo Trail/FM1187 and Front Street. The proposed budget that was presented is a balanced budget and was based on a proposed tax rate of \$0.38 per \$100 valuation with property valuations increasing from \$181,166,598 to \$203,067,825 due to new construction. The proposed tax rate is a decrease from the \$0.3943 from last year.

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

## **REPORTS:**

### **10. Monthly reports:**

- a. City Administrator's Monthly Report – FM 1187/Traffic Flow/Aledo Trail update**
- b. City Secretary's Monthly Report – First Friday Event August 1st**
- c. Director of Public Works' Monthly Report**
- d. Accounting Coordinator's Monthly Report**
- e. East Parker County Library report**
- f. Fire Marshal monthly report**
- g. Parker County Sheriff's Office monthly report**

City Administrator Ken Pfeifer gave a report regarding FM 1187/Traffic Flow and an Aledo

Trail update. There was a question regarding the soil in the medians. The contract states that the soil will be native soil with 2" of topsoil added. The concern regarding the asphalt below the soil has been brought to TXDOT's attention. City Engineer Robert McGee stated that what we are seeing is the clean-up activity as the project comes closer to completion. This is not the final product. FM 1187 is getting close to completion, and is still on target for late August to mid-September. The schedule for the completion of Aledo Trail project is late August.

## **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**

**11.) 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**

**12.) 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.**

Mayor Kit Marshall adjourned the regular meeting of the Aledo City Council into Executive Session at 9:34 p.m.

Those in attendance at the Executive Session were Mayor Kit Marshall, Mayor Pro Tem Bill McLeRoy, Councilmember Jean Bailey, Councilmember Kim Hiebert, City Administrator Ken Pfeifer, City Secretary Deana McMullen and City Attorney Betsy Elam.

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

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

Mayor Kit Marshall adjourned the Executive Session and called the meeting back to order at 9:41 pm. There was no action needed from Executive Session.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further items to discuss or consider, Mayor Kit Marshall adjourned this regular meeting of the City Council at 9:41 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 24<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY 2014.

Kit Marshall, Mayor

ATTEST:  
Deana McMullen, City Secretary