

**CITY OF ALEDO, TEXAS  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
MEETING LOCATION: ALEDO COMMUNITY CENTER  
104 ROBINSON COURT  
ALEDO, TEXAS 76008  
THURSDAY, JULY 24, 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 7:02 p.m. with the following members present: Councilmember Jean Bailey, Mayor Pro Tem Bill McLeRoy and Councilmember Matt Casey. Councilmember Kimberly Hiebert and Councilmember Kerby Smith 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, Accounting Coordinator Kari Kszyminski, City Engineer Robert McGee and City Attorney Betsy Elam.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Invocation was given by Pastor Lee Trigg of Aledo United Methodist Church and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Tem Bill McLeRoy.

**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. June 26, Regular City Council Minutes.**

## **2. June 2014 Monthly Financial report.**

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

Motion carried 3-0

## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

### **3. Discussion and action concerning the ISO rating and Emergency Services District 1 projects.**

Stephen Watson, Acting Fire Chief of ESD1 and Morris Leondar, Aledo Fire Chief were present to discuss the ISO rating and the Emergency Services District 1 projects.

Chief Watson gave a presentation showing the various projects that have occurred with the passing of the ESD1 in May of 2013. Since that time they have hired two full time fire fighters and started an accreditation program in the fall of 2013. In February 2014 they purchased a new Fire Truck. In June of 2014 they closed on a parcel of land that will be for a new fire station #3 on Thunderhead and FM5. In the winter of 2014 the plan is to begin 24 hour staffing with Full time and Part time positions along with volunteers. In December of 2014 there will be an ISO survey done. This rating can be good for up to 15 years. Having the additional fire trucks and staffing along with the 3<sup>rd</sup> station will help Aledo citizens. Currently the ISO rating is a 7 for Aledo with 1 being the best and 10 being the worst. With the changes being made and a new rating Aledo and Annetta will have a rating of 3 which will translate to approximately 29% savings on insurance for Commercial businesses and approximately 18% savings for residents. Chief Watson also stated that they are looking at building a Main station in Aledo in the area of Bailey Ranch and FM1187. Chief Watson and Chief Leondar also brought to the councils attention that at some point the outdoor siren will go away. The replacement of the siren will need to be considered in a future budget.

Mayor Kit Marshall thanked the Fire Department for what they do and the ESD1 board for doing exactly what they said they would do. This is a huge win-win for everyone. Thank you.

No action was taken on this item.

### **4. Discussion and action to consider options and an ordinance for a rate adjustment requested by Texas Gas Service, a division of ONE Gas, Inc.**

Representatives of Texas Gas Service were present to discuss options for a rate adjustment requested by Texas Gas Service, a division of ONE Gas, Inc.

Option 1 is a request by Texas Gas Service for a waiver to the language in Section C of the Cost of Service Adjustment (COSA) clause for a rate adjustment of \$916,391.

Option 2 is a request for \$566,260 which is the rate adjustment allowable within the COSA clause that cities previously agreed to the standard COSA clause.

Option 1 would increase the monthly bills by \$2.48 per customer. This is the option that all of the surrounding cities approved.

Motion was made by Councilmember Jean Bailey, seconded by Councilmember Matt Casey to approve Option 1 (COSA) for a rate adjustment of \$916,391.

Motion carried 3-0

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

City Administrator Ken Pfeifer informed the Council that we had just received the Certified Assessed Values from Parker County and the original estimate was \$203,000,000 with the certified amount being \$199,000,000. Due to this there will be approximately \$15,000 in General Fund that will need to be adjusted.

Also, there was a change regarding the permits. The new estimate for housing permits was changed to 72 vs. 52 in the original presentation based on the trend we are now seeing.

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.

Councilmember Jean Bailey asked to see if we could increase the appropriation for the Library no less than \$2,000 and more in the range of \$5,000. This would give them the \$12,000 they requested. The Library is a vital part of the city. Ms. Bailey stated that we should be supporting the Library and that we may even need to consider taking over the Library as a City Library in the future. The Library is a huge part of the City and is a big reason for people wanting to move here. The rest of the City Council agreed that this should be considered in the future.

Staff answered questions, and no action was taken on this item. Staff will look into a way to fund the additional monies requested for the Library and bring back for council in August.

There will be Public Hearings and discussion at future meetings.

## **REPORTS:**

### **6. 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 reported to Council that the retail center on FM1187 next to Kwik Kar has asked TXDOT to consider a curb cut for an entrance to their building. For Aledo Trail the 2 traffic lanes will be open by the end of next week. The improvements for the South end of Front Street will begin in approximately two weeks. The steps on Front Street have been repaired. Completion for both FM 1187 and Aledo Trail is mid to late August/early September.

City Secretary Deana McMullen reminded everyone to attend the First Friday event on August 1<sup>st</sup> from 6-9pm. There will be water slides, watermelon eating contests, free photo booth, many local businesses participating as vendors as well as outside vendors and the band will be Katie Keenie.

Director of Public Works David Fain reported to council that FM1187 is 95% complete. On the median landscape issue staff was present when various places were dug out and 2 of them were found to have asphalt in them. When this was brought to TXDOT's attention it was stated that there has to be some type of hot mix in there to keep the tree roots out of the pavement and to keep the trees from becoming too large. This is a maintenance issue. Mr. Fain also reported that work had begun on the entryway monument sign so that it can be placed prior to the landscaping.

## **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**

**7.) 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**
- 8.) 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**

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

There was no Executive Session held at this meeting.

**ADJOURN**

There being nothing further to discuss or consider Mayor Kit Marshall adjourned this regular meeting of the Aledo City Council at 9:07 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 28th DAY OF AUGUST 2014.

Mayor Kit Marshall

ATTEST:  
Deana McMullen, City Secretary