

**CITY OF ALEDO, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MEETING LOCATION: ALEDO COMMUNITY CENTER
104 ROBINSON COURT
ALEDO, TEXAS 76008
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2014
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The Aledo City Council met in regular session on Thursday, December 18, 2014, at the Aledo Community Center, 104 Robinson Court, Aledo TX 76008. Mayor Kit Marshall called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with the following members present: Councilmember Jean Bailey, Mayor Pro Tem Bill McLeRoy and Councilmember Kerby Smith. Councilmember Matt Casey and Councilmember Kimberly Hiebert 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

Troy Miklos of the Summit 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 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. November 20, Regular City Council Minutes.**

2. November 2014 Monthly Financial report.

3. Approve renewal with Parker County for law enforcement for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

4. Discussion and action concerning adoption of Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an inter-local agreement between the City of Aledo and the Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (Buy Board).

Motion was made by Councilmember Jean Bailey seconded by Councilmember Kerby Smith to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion carried 3-0

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

5. Public Hearing – the purpose of said hearing is to receive input regarding a request to amend the Future Land Use Plan (FLUP) from Planned Development (PD) to Commercial General Commercial District for Lot 6, Block 7, Lasater Addition.

Mayor Kit Marshall opened the public hearing to receive input regarding a request to amend the Future Land Use Plan (FLUP) from Planned Development (PD) to Commercial, General Commercial District for Lot 6, Block 7, Lasater Addition and to discuss and receive input regarding a request for a Zoning Change from R-2, Single Family Residential District to C-2 Commercial District for Lot 6, Block 7, Lasater Addition at 7:06 p.m.

Dan Hardick owner of said property was present to answer any questions regarding these requests and stated that they planned to turn the property into office space.

No one was present to speak for or against this item.

Mayor Marshall closed the Public Hearings at 7:08 p.m.

6. Public Hearing – the purpose of said hearing is to receive input regarding a request for rezoning from R-2 Single Family Residential District to C-2 General Commercial District for Lot 6, Block 7, Lasater Addition.

This item was discussed under item number 5.

7. Discussion and action concerning approval of an ordinance for a request to amend the Future Land Use Plan (FLUP) from Planned Development (PD) to Commercial General Commercial District for Lot 6, Block 7, Lasater Addition.

Motion was made by Councilmember Jean Bailey, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bill McLeRoy to approve the ordinance to amend the Future Land Use Plan (FLUP) as discussed.

Motion carried 3-0

8. Discussion and action concerning approval of an ordinance for a request for rezoning from R-2 Single Family Residential District to C-2 General Commercial District for Lot 6, Block 7, Lasater Addition.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bill McLeRoy, seconded by Councilmember Jean Bailey to approve the ordinance for a request for rezoning from R-2 Single Family Residential District to C-2 General Commercial District for Lot 6, Block 7, Lasater Addition.

Motion carried 3-0

9. Discussion and action concerning reducing the speed limit in Parks of Aledo, as requested by Parks of Aledo residents and approval of an Ordinance to reduce the speed limit in Parks of Aledo.

At the November 20, 2014 City Council meeting, the Council received a request from a citizen to consider lowering the speed limit in the Parks of Aledo. The established speed limit is 30 MPH. The citizen lives across the street from the 1.47 acre park that is located in the Phase 1 development. The citizen stated that there are a significant number of families with small children that live around the park and these families are concerned about the speed of the vehicles in this particular area. There are 24 homes that surround the 1.47 acre park in Phase 1. And with all the construction of new homes in the Parks of Aledo, the citizens that live around the park experience a higher volume of traffic than most neighborhoods in the community.

Changing speed limits is typically based on a set of criteria. In this particular situation, because of the high volume of traffic and the location of a 1.47 acre park site that is surrounded by City streets and homes, the criteria are the larger park area of 1.47 acres and the fact that the park is completely surrounded by City streets and homes. These items can serve as establishing criteria to decrease the speed limit from 30 MPH to either 25 MPH or 20 MPH.

If the Council desires to decrease the speed limit, staff suggests decreasing the speed limit just on the streets that surround the 1.47 acre park in Phase 1, Parks of Aledo. The streets that surround the 1.47 acre park in Phase 1 are: 100 block of Bluestem Lane and the addresses 200-222 of Parkview Drive.

Motion was made by Councilmember Jean Bailey, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bill McLeRoy to first approve the ordinance to lower the speed limit in Phase 1 of Parks of Aledo to 25 mph and the developer must pay for the signage in order for the speed limit to be in effect, secondly that the HOA and the Developer get with the City to discuss the requirements needed for a speed study for the areas around the park and to bring back information for consideration to lower the speed limit to 20 mph and thirdly that the city staff investigate the cost required to reducing the speed limit throughout the City with designated exceptions in certain Residential specified areas to 25 mph.

Motion carried 3-0

10. Discussion and action concerning approval of a Short Form Plat for the City of Aledo – Elm Street Park.

Director of Public Works David Fain brought forth to the City Council a short form plat for the City of Aledo Elm Street Park. Mr. Fain explained that the Planning & Zoning Commission had voted to recommend to council to approve the short form plat. The property in question is owned by the City of Aledo and the City wishes to develop this as a Park.

Motion was made by Councilmember Jean Bailey, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bill McLeRoy to approve the Short Form Plat for the Elm Street Park with the changes and revisions that were discussed including a 20' Right of Way/Utility Easement.

Motion carried 3-0

11. Discussion and action concerning the contract with Republic on trash service and curbside recycling.

In 2011, the contract for trash service with Republic/Duncan Disposal was approved, and curbside recycling was added as an option in the contract. Six cities (Aledo, Willow Park, Hudson Oaks and the Annetta's) entered into the regional contract; and to date, the Annetta's and Hudson Oaks have implemented curbside recycling. In the past, Aledo did not implement curbside recycling at the additional cost since water and sewer rates were increased to pay the debt on two major projects – obtaining Fort Worth surface water and constructing a wastewater treatment plant. If curbside recycling pick-up were added each week, the cost is \$4.18 per month. Aledo's current trash rate is \$11.03 per month. With curbside recycling, the total monthly bill would be \$15.21. A representative from Republic/Duncan was in attendance at the Council meeting to answer questions concerning curbside recycling. Republic is researching an option to offer 1 time a week trash pick-up service and 1 time a week curbside recycling (preferably on the same day). They are checking with the other 5 cities if there is interest in amending the contract since all 6 cities must vote to amend the contract to include this option.

Mayor Kit Marshall stated that before the City Council makes a decision to do this, we must first poll the citizens to see what they want. We must take into consideration the cost impact to the citizens as well. There needs to be Education about recycling along with Communication before a program such as this is put into place.

There was no action on this item. It was determined that the contract will actually be up in May of 2016 and negotiations for this contract would begin in early 2015. This item could be discussed as part of the negotiations for the new contract.

12. Discussion and action concerning the purchase of a 2015 Ford regular cab Dump Truck from Silsbee Ford utilizing the Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (Buy Board).

Motion was made to approve the purchase of a 2015 Ford Regular cab Dump Truck from Silsbee Ford utilizing the Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (Buy Board).

Motion carried 3-0

REPORTS:

13. Monthly reports:

- a. City Administrator's Monthly Report – FM 1187/Traffic Flow/Aledo Trail update**
- b. City Secretary's Monthly Report**
- c. Director of Public Works' Monthly Report- Park updates; Stage 2 Drought Restrictions.**
- d. Accounting Coordinator's Monthly Report**
- e. Municipal Court Monthly Report**
- f. East Parker County Library report**
- g. Fire Marshal monthly report**
- h. Parker County Sheriff's Office monthly report**

City Administrator Ken Pfeifer informed the Council that the Contractor did not have the street signs for the construction project however these are being made and should be installed soon. The poles for the fence on the North side of the Railroad tracks were removed because they were not set at the appropriate spaces for the pre-sized panels to fit in them. The new lights should be on by January 1, 2015. There was a delay with the Entryway Monument sign and they should begin working on that again within the next week or two. AEDC suggested the form be covered in black plastic to avoid possible graffiti issues.

Director of Public Works David Fain addressed the Council regarding the updates for the Parks. The plans and specs are being drawn up for the pavilion for the Community Center Park. Elm Street park improvements will begin when the plat is filed with the changes that were discussed earlier tonight. The number of building permits issued for all of 2012 was 23; for all of 2013 was 57 and so far for the year of 2014 a total of 79 with 21 of those being in the month of December. We do expect at least 3 to 4 more before the month ends.

The Stage 2 Drought discussion will be brought back to the next meeting in January due to time restraints.

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

14.) 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**

15.) 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 was no Executive Session for this meeting.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

16. Any action necessary from Executive Session

There was no Executive Session for this meeting.

ADJOURN

There being no further items to discuss or consider, Mayor Kit Marshall adjourned this regular meeting of the Aledo City Council at 9:33 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 22nd DAY OF JANUARY 2015.

Mayor Kit Marshall

ATTEST:
Deana McMullen, City Secretary