

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MEETING LOCATION: ALEDO COMMUNITY CENTER
104 ROBINSON COURT
ALEDO, TEXAS 76008
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2023
6:00 P.M.

CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nick Stanley called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 6:00 pm on Thursday, September 21, 2023 at the Aledo Community Center 104 Robinson Court. Those in attendance at this meeting were Mayor Nick Stanley, Councilmember Shane Davis, Mayor Pro Tem Nelson Rowls, Councilmember Summer Jones and Councilmember Christian Pearson. Councilmember Shawna Ford was not present at this meeting having given prior notice of her absence.

Staff present were City Manager Noah Simon, Director of Public Works Luis Gatica, Communications and Engagement Manager Whitney Walters, Director of Administrative Services Amber Karkauskas, City Secretary Deana McMullen and City Attorney Alicia Kreh.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Summer Jones gave the Invocation, Mayor Nick Stanley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. CITIZEN APPEARANCES: This is an opportunity for citizens to address the City Council on any agenda item not listed for public hearing or any matter not posted on the agenda. This is the citizens' only opportunity to address the City Council on agenda items not listed for public hearing. Individual citizen comments are normally limited to three (3) minutes; however, time limits can be adjusted by the presiding officer. Time is not transferable. The presiding officer may ask the citizen to hold their comment on an agenda item if the item is posted as a Public Hearing. The City Council cannot by law take any action nor have any discussion or deliberations on any presentation made at this time concerning an item not listed on the agenda. The City Council will receive the information, and ask the City Manager to review the matter, or an item may be noticed on a future agenda for deliberation or action. Please sign in before the start of the meeting and provide the paper to the City Secretary.

a) Cathy Mason – 102 Southwest Dr – Aledo 76008 - Ms. Mason represented the EPC Library and gave an update on the Budget for the Library and thanked the City Council for the continuing financial support each year. She spoke about the amount of visitors

that come to the Library. She also said if Aledo adopts us as a City Entity, they would continue their fund raising efforts and that Parker County still gives monetary support to all the Library's in Parker County. We would love for Aledo to take us in. The patrons in Aledo/Willow Park and Parker County would loose out if we have to shut our doors.

b) Kit Marshall – 314 Howard Way – Kit Marshall spoke about the City of Aledo Budget and the possibility of Aledo taking in the Library. She stated that she is a big supporter of the library and stated there is concern amongst the citizens that there has been no feasibility study done regarding the City taking in the Library and there is concern about the long term impact to the citizens of Aledo that will be paying the taxes. We just want to make sure you leave nothing unturned and make good decisions so as not to have a negative impact on the citizens.

4. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

There were no presentations or proclamations for this meeting.

- 5. CONSENT AGENDA:** All items listed below are considered routine by the City Council and will be enacted with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of items unless a Council Member requests, in which event the item will be removed from the general order of business and considered in its normal sequence. Approval of the Consent Agenda authorizes the City Manager to implement each item in accordance with the staff recommendation.

There were no items for the consent agenda for this meeting.

- 6. REPORTS:** Reports are prepared for informational purposes and will be accepted as presented (there will be no presentations associated with the report items). There will be no separate discussion unless a City Council Member requests that the report be removed and considered separately.

There were no reports for the Council at this meeting.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND CITY COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS:

The following items are the regular business of the City Council. If any item requires a public hearing, it will be noted in the caption of the item.

- a. Conduct a Public Hearing to consider the proposed Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024 City of Aledo Annual Budget.

Director of Administrative Services Amber Karkauskas presented the final proposed Fiscal Year 2023-2024 City of Aledo Annual Budget to be considered for adoption. Ms. Karkauskas informed the Council that the proposed budget has \$3.8 million in revenues over all funds and a total of \$2.8 million in expenditures and this is after some of the line items have been shifted internally to better match the actual

expenditure. There is also \$1.3 million in transfers in and out leaving a proposed fund balance at the end of the year of approximately \$6.9 million. In the Water and Sewer fund there is a proposed revenue balance of \$8.4 million and the expenditures are approximately \$15.4 million this is due to some CIP projects that are being funded by reserves and this will bring the fund balance down to around \$4.3 million by the end of the year. Ms. Karkauskas went over the details in the EDC budget and some of the projects being funded in the Water & Wastewater budget.

Councilmember Shane Davis had questions regarding the Community Center revenues, the Parks Department, HR/Finance is listed but not on the Organizational Chart, where in the budget is the Assistant that Council suggested to City Manager about during his review. Councilmember Davis also asked about the 380 agreements that had been approved and the Library and suggested that \$100,000 be put in a contingency fund in the event the City decides to approve to take the Library in. This is required in the Charter. Mr. Davis also stated that he wanted to see the financials for the Library as he had not seen anything on it yet. City Manager Noah Simon stated that the financials would be sent to all the council tomorrow.

Following that discussion Mayor Nick Stanley opened the Public Hearing for anyone wishing to speak for or against the adoption of the budget at 6:33 p.m. There was no one present that wished to speak for or against the adoption of the budget. Mayor Nick Stanley closed the Public Hearing at 6:33 p.m.

- b. Discuss and consider approval of Ordinance 2023-187, adopting the Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024 City of Aledo Annual Budget.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Nelson Rowls seconded by Councilmember Summer Jones to approve Ordinance 2023-187 adopting the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 City of Aledo Annual Budget.

Motion carried 4-0

- c. Conduct a Public Hearing to consider the proposed Ad Valorem Property Tax rate for the City of Aledo of \$0.383113 per \$100 taxable value for Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024.

Mayor Nick Stanley opened the Public Hearing to consider the proposed Ad Valorem Property Tax Rate for anyone wishing to speak for or against this item at 6:35 p.m. No one chose to speak on this item. Mayor Nick Stanley closed the Public hearing at 6:35 pm

- d. Discuss and consider approval of Ordinance 2023-188 setting the Ad Valorem Tax Rate of \$0.383113 per \$100 taxable value for Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024.

Motion was made by Councilmember Shane Davis seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Nelson Rowls that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate

of \$0.383113 Per \$100 assessed taxable value which is effectively a 7.43% (By which the proposed tax rate exceeds the no-new-revenue rate) percent increase in the tax rate and adopt Ord 2023-188.

Motion carried 4-0

- e. Discuss and consider action to ratify the property tax revenue increase reflected in the Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024 City of Aledo Annual Budget.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Nelson Rowls, seconded by Councilmember Shane Davis to ratify the property tax revenue increase reflected in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 City of Aledo Annual Budget.

Motion carried 4-0

- f. Consider approval of Ordinance 2023-189 amending and updating the City of Aledo's Fee Schedule Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024.

Motion was made by Councilmember Shane Davis seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Nelson Rowls to approve Ordinance 2023-189 amending and updating the City of Aledo's Fee schedule for Fiscal year 2023-2024.

Motion carried 4-0

8. BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES

- a. Appointment/Reappointment to Boards/Commissions/Committees – Consider approval regarding appointments to Boards/Commissions/Committees.

There were no appointments/reappointments or resignations to consider at this meeting.

- 9. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, the City Council may convene in executive session to deliberate regarding the following matters:

There were no items to discuss in Executive Session at this meeting.

- a. **§ 551.071. Consultation with Attorney** – to conduct a private consultation with the City Attorney on any legally posted agenda item, when the City Council seeks the advice of its attorney about 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 the provisions of Chapter 551, including the following items:

- None.

b. **§ 551.087. Deliberation regarding Economic Development Negotiations.**

The City Council may convene in executive session to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the City has received from a business prospect that the City seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the City and with which the City is conducting economic development negotiations; or to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect described above, including the following items:

- None.

10. ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

There was no Executive Session held at this meeting.

11. TAKE ANY ACTION, IF NEEDED, FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Take any action, if needed, on other matters from executive session.

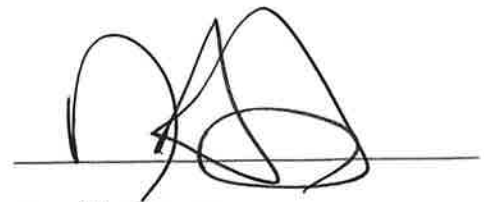
There was no action to take regarding Executive Session at this meeting.

12. COUNCIL RECAP/STAFF COMMENTS DIRECTION: (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, 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.)

13. ADJOURN

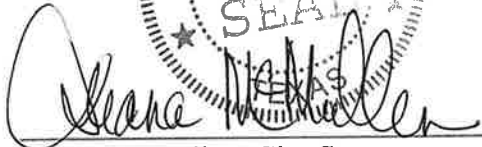
With there being nothing further to discuss or consider Mayor Nick Stanley adjourned this Special Meeting of the Aledo City Council at 6:37 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 28th DAY OF September 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Stanley', is written over a horizontal line.

Nick Stanley, Mayor

ATTEST

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Deana McMullen", written over a horizontal line.

Deana McMullen, City Secretary

