

The City Council of the City of Alvord, Texas met in regular session on **Thursday, October 21, 2021** in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. and a quorum was present. Mayor Enochs was present and presiding with Council Members Hatzenbihler, Sherwood, Raney, Redder and Caviness. Also in attendance were City Attorney Jim Shepherd, City Secretary Pam Gregg, City Administrator Clint Mercer and City Bookkeeper Susan Raines. There was no one in attendance from the public.

Council Member Redder gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was recited.

### **CITIZENS FORUM**

No one from the public requested to speak.

### **NEW ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**a.** Mayor Pro-Tem Sherwood made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting on September 16, 2021. Council Member Raney seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. The motion carried.

**b.** Mayor Pro-Tem Sherwood made a motion to designate the Wise County Messenger as the City's official newspaper. Council Member Raney seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. The motion carried.

**c.** Mayor Pro-Tem Sherwood made a motion to appoint Jamie Mitchell to Place 5 of the EDC with a term expiring October 21, 2023. Council Member Raney seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. The motion carried.

**d.** After determining that nothing had changed in the agreement, Mayor Pro-Tem Sherwood made a motion to approve an Interlocal Agreement with Wise County for Fire Protection and First Responder Services. Council Member Raney seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. The motion carried.

**e.** City Attorney Jim Shepherd recommended to Council a modified ordinance regarding the destruction of dangerous structures in order to follow state laws for due process. He stated that there were pieces of the City's existing ordinance that were sufficient, but the modified ordinance would repeal any conflicts with the old one. He added that moving forward the modified ordinance would be the only one needed. After some further discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Sherwood made a motion to accept the ordinance amending Ordinance No. 12102009H "Dangerous Structures." Council Member Raney seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. The motion carried.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The open session was recessed at 6:15 p.m. and Council entered into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to confidential legal advice regarding pending legal discussions with the owners of the Aloha RV Resort property.



The open session was reconvened at 6:49 p.m. and no action was taken as a result of deliberation in Executive Session.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

City Secretary Pam Gregg informed Council she would be traveling to Galveston October 27-30 for a seminar as part of her re-certification as a registered Texas Municipal Clerk.

Public Works Director Doug Baker was not present at the meeting but gave a written report for his department that included:

- ✓ 240' of 6" sewer main laid along with 4 new sewer taps in the Howard Breeze addition
- ✓ 2" water line leak on Lynch Drive
- ✓ Brush pickup
- ✓ Potholes
- ✓ Repairs to rotor on north side of track at wastewater plant
- ✓ Changed out shop lighting and changed oil in trucks

City Administrator Clint Mercer gave a report that included:

- ✓ Generator grant discussed at last meeting is "dead in the water"
- ✓ TxCDBG for other side of tracks is moving forward – looking for options on how to spend extra money but must be for where the survey took place
- ✓ Wise County Chamber sponsoring an EDC forum on November 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:30 a.m. with a luncheon after the forum – for all Council Members interested in attending
- ✓ Progress with City website
- ✓ New commercial account fees being charged by Legend Bank – will put together a more comprehensive analysis to present at the next meeting
- ✓ Completed critical load application with Oncor – identified all critical assets in town like the lift stations, sewer plant and water wells, etc. and it is entered into their database – it may not change how we get power but we have done what we can and are compliant with the state also
- ✓ Matthew doing well with Code Enforcement
- ✓ UTGCD requiring us to have a drought contingency plan on file – working on this with Doug and may have this next month for approval by Council
- ✓ ISO rating – Alvord went from a 6 to a 5 – there are things needed to lower it that are not in our budget right now
- ✓ Still waiting on 3-phase power for the new water well but making progress
- ✓ Reminder that Susan's last day is December 31 – would like to have someone in by the first of December for her to start training

Council Member Raney gave a report for the EDC that included:

- ✓ Welcome signs with TXDoT not ready yet
- ✓ Existing playground at the park will be made safer – and a new one with a cover to be built between the concession stand and the new water well geared toward younger children



### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

No future agenda items were discussed.

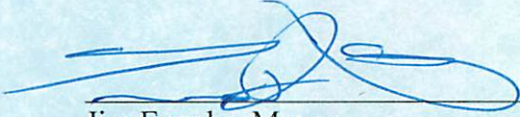
### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Mayor Pro-Tem Sherwood made a motion to adjourn the regular session of the Alvord City Council at 7:09 p.m. on Thursday, October 21, 2021. Council Member Redder seconded the motion. The Council voted five (5) in favor and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

These minutes were approved on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

  
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Jim Enochs, Mayor

  
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Pam Gregg, TRMC, City Secretary

