

The City Council of the City of Alvord, Texas met in regular session on **Thursday, November 18, 2021** in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. and a quorum was present. Mayor Enochs was present and presiding with Council Members Sherwood, Raney and Caviness. Council Members Hatzenbichler and Redder were absent. Also in attendance were City Attorney Jim Shepherd, City Secretary Pam Gregg, City Administrator Clint Mercer and Public Works Director Doug Baker. There were three people in attendance from the public.

Jim Shepherd gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was recited.

CITIZENS FORUM

Kris Brown voiced his concerns about the change in platting fees and submittal requirements for replats.

NEW ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

a. Council Member Raney made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting on October 21, 2021. Council Member Caviness seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. The motion carried.

b. Mayor Pro-Tem Sherwood made a motion to cast votes for the Wise County Appraisal District 2022 Board of Directors Election as follows:

 Noel Ruddick – 8 votes

 Kyle Erwin – 7 votes

Council Member Raney seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. The motion carried.

c. Council was provided with an informational presentation set forth by the Texas Department of Agriculture as a requirement for participating in the Community Development Block Grant Program. No action was necessary.

d. City Administrator Clint Mercer explained to Council the need for a Drought Contingency Plan to be on file as required by the Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District. The current one on file has expired and an updated version was prepared. The plan covers what can be done to supply the community with water in case of drought. The plan also sets the trigger points for when certain conservation measures are started such as surcharges, water restrictions or public service advertisements.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sherwood made a motion to approve the Drought Contingency Plan. Council Member Caviness seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. The motion carried.

e. Public Works Director Doug Baker reported that Texas Tank Services has been contracted for years to provide cleaning and inspections for the water tower and ground storage tanks but they are requesting that the City sign a three year contract. This is an effort to save the City some money but also allow them to set their schedule and prepare their budget.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sherwood made a motion to approve the Tank Maintenance Service Agreement. Council Member Raney seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The regular session of the Alvord City Council recessed at 6:20 p.m. and Council entered into Executive Session in the staff offices of City Hall to discuss matters pertaining to confidential legal advice regarding pending legal discussions with the Council and owners of the Aloha RV Resort property.

The Executive Session adjourned at 6:40 p.m. and the Alvord City Council reconvened into regular session in the Council Chambers.

Council Member Caviness made a motion to approve the compromise settlement agreement and release of all claims and authorize the Mayor to sign as long as it is in substantial compliance with the draft presented tonight. Council Member Raney seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. The motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

Public Works Director Doug Baker gave a report that included:

- A lot of time focused on the sludge holding tank at treatment plant
- Howard Breeze Subdivision – water line locates, added water taps, tap repairs and drainage ditch
- Water leaks – North Hubbard
- Boil water notice rescinded
- Installed some doors at City Hall

City Administrator Clint Mercer gave a report that included:

- Still waiting on three-phase electric for new water well
- Website close to going live – probably within the next two weeks
- Monitoring Well Agreement with UTGCD – allows them to come out and monitor the depth of the water table in our wells - gives them and us the ability to know the health of our water chlorination and our reservoir for water – also helps with Drought Contingency Plan
- Close to going live with Civic Ready – purchased by County that we have access to for reverse emergency notifications
- Drainage work corner of Howard and Live Oak – waiting on some materials that TXDoT will furnish for us
- Finally completed paving project for the fall

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

- Playground in the park
- Volunteers needed for Community Garden
- Street signs

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Possible zoning hearing

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Mayor Pro-Tem Sherwood made a motion to adjourn the regular session of the Alvord City Council at 6:43 p.m. on Thursday, November 18, 2021. Council Member Raney seconded the motion. The Council voted three (3) in favor and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

These minutes were approved on the 16th day of December, 2021.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:



Jim Enochs, Mayor


Pam Gregg, TRMC, City Secretary