

The City Council of the City of Alvord, Texas met in regular session on **Thursday, April 21, 2022** in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. and a quorum was present. Mayor Enochs was present and presiding with Council Members Hatzenbihler, Sherwood, Raney and Caviness. Also in attendance were City Attorney Jim Shepherd, City Engineer Mark Hill, City Administrator Clint Mercer, City Secretary Pam Gregg and Public Works Director Doug Baker. There were nine people in attendance from the public.

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

### **CITIZENS FORUM**

Linda Belknap and Nina Myers addressed the Council and voiced their opinion against prohibiting carports in the City.

### **NEW ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

Council Member Raney made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting on March 17, 2022. Mayor Pro-Tem Sherwood seconded the motion. All votes were yes. The motion carried.

City Engineer Mark Hill informed Council that he had received a version of the final plat for Whispering Winds Estate Phase 2, but not the final construction plans because the applicant's engineer didn't get them done in time. He added that there was nothing major standing in the way of his approval but without those completed plans, he could not make a recommendation. After Council considered their options, Council Member Caviness made a motion to approve a 30 day extension for the final plat for Whispering Winds Estates, Phase 2. Council Member Raney seconded the motion. All votes were yes. The motion carried.

City Administrator Clint Mercer explained to Council that the recent school expansion project brought to light the need to amend the City's fee schedule pertaining to commercial remodeling projects. The proposed ordinance and accompanying fee schedule would replace the ordinance approved by Council in 2019. The fees that the City charges for inspecting these types of large projects does not cover the piecemeal fees from the inspection company the City contracts with. Council Member Raney made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2022-04-01 regarding permit fees for commercial remodeling projects. Mayor Pro-Tem Sherwood seconded the motion. All votes were yes. The motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sherwood made a motion to approve an election contract with Wise County Elections for the May 7, 2022 general election. Council Member Hatzenbihler seconded the motion. All votes were yes. The motion carried.

Council Member Caviness made a motion to approve a request from the Records Management Officer to destroy records with expired retention periods. Council Member Hatzenbihler seconded the motion. All votes were yes. The motion carried.

Council Member Hatzenbihler made a motion to appoint Shane Raney to another term on the Economic Development Commission which will expire in May, 2024. Mayor Pro-Tem Sherwood seconded the motion. All votes were yes. The motion carried.

City Administrator Clint Mercer explained to Council the serious need for efficiency at the City's wastewater treatment plant by converting the sludge holding tank. He requested permission to spend approximately \$40,000 toward the project. Clint discussed different options of funding the remainder after applying an \$11,000 profit from the sale of a street roller. After some discussion about transferring from line item to line item in the budget versus increasing the total budgeted amount, City Attorney Jim Shepherd suggested a motion be made that this was unforeseeable at the time the budget was created and the use of the money is going to an emergency situation with the City's sanitation system, therefore, we are going to increase the total amount of the budget by \$40,000. Council Member Caviness made a motion "so moved". Mayor Pro-Tem Sherwood seconded the motion. All votes were yes. The motion carried.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

City Secretary Pam Gregg reminded Council about early voting that begins Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Public Works Director Doug Baker gave a report for his department that included:

- Potholes
- Sewer line 140' long from Shankle down to Leroy
- Relocated 2-2" meters out of low lying drain fields for the RV park and the tree farm
- Mixed in over 3200 lbs of lime in sludge boxes this month in order for it to be hauled off
- Ran a 2" line across Stadium and installed 3 water taps for triplex and a 2" tap for fire sprinkler system
- Installed a sewer tap for triplex
- Installed a sewer tap for 408 Pecan
- Fixed a water leak at 200 Deer Creek
- Brush pickup around town

City Administrator Clint Mercer gave a report that included:

- Work with Wise County Emergency Planning Committee
- Capital improvement project & existing developments
- Pre-construction meeting on TxCDBG water line project
- Sale of roller
- Considering online bill paying platforms
- Tracking visitors on city website
- Matt Roberts resignation
- Projected start date for new water tower

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

- More focused on downtown
- Parking lot at Elm Creek Park

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Discuss fees required by the City for new subdivision construction

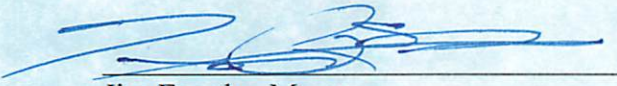
**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Mayor Pro-Tem Sherwood made a motion to adjourn the regular session of the Alvord City Council at 7:02 p.m. on Thursday, April 21, 2022. Council Member Raney seconded the motion. The Council voted four (4) in favor and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

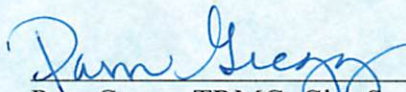
These minutes were approved on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:



Jim Enochs, Mayor



Pam Gregg, TRMC, City Secretary

