

The City Council of the City of Alvord, Texas met in regular session on **Thursday, May 19, 2022** in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. and a quorum was present. Mayor Enochs was present and presiding with Council Members Hatzenbihler, Sherwood, Raney, Redder and White. Also in attendance were City Attorney Jim Shepherd, City Engineer Mark Hill and City Secretary Pam Gregg. There were four people in attendance from the public.

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

### **CITIZEN FORUM**

No one requested to speak during this time.

### **CANVASS**

*(Canvass was done the day before this meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup> according to state regulations and all the results were accepted and approved. After the canvass was done, all newly elected officials were sworn into office)*

Council Member Redder made a motion to adopt Resolution R2022-05-01 canvassing and declaring the results of the May 7, 2022 election. Council Member Hatzenbihler seconded the motion. All votes were yes. The motion carried.

Council Member Caviness was presented with a plaque in appreciation of his time serving on City Council since 2019. Other Council Members expressed their thanks and appreciation for Caleb's part in the challenging decisions and issues they faced together as a Council.

Council Member White, who was previously sworn in, was welcomed and took her place at Place 5.

### **NEW ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

Mayor Pro-Tem Sherwood made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting on April 21, 2022. Council Member Redder seconded the motion. All votes were yes. The motion carried.

Council was presented with a letter from the City Engineer Mark Hill informing them he had concluded his review of the Whispering Winds Estates – Phase 2 final plat and that he recommended approval of the final plat and civil plans. Mayor Pro-Tem Sherwood made a motion to approve the final plat for Whispering Winds Estates, Phase 2. Council Member Raney seconded the motion. All votes were yes. The motion carried.

City Engineer Mark Hill explained that the change order that Council was asked to approve was only a modification of the logo from "ALVORD" in block letters to the City of Alvord logo on the new elevated water storage tank. This resulted in a 1.4% adjustment in the contract price and time of the project. Mayor Pro-Tem Sherwood made a motion to approve the change order. Council Member Redder seconded the motion. All votes were yes. The motion carried.

As part of their agreement with the City, Waste Connections is requesting an annual Consumer Price Index rate adjustment. The 7.83% increase will become effective June 1, 2022. Council was informed by the City Secretary that when the contract is up for renewal in May of 2024, the City will seek bids from other companies in order to get the best rates.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sherwood made a motion to table the discussion regarding fees for new subdivision construction. Council Member Redder seconded the motion. All votes were yes. The motion carried.

Council had a lengthy discussion about carports. Some Council Members agreed that there might be a need to allow carports with reasonable construction requirements such as how they are anchored, attached, constructed and located on the property. Other Council Members felt there were too many variables to consider in making requirements and that it would be going backwards to change the ordinance banning the carports. They were also concerned about making decisions based off of people's comments on social media. It was pointed out that no one bothered to show up and speak about this agenda item which has been such a hot topic on the residents' page for the last three months. City Attorney Jim Shepherd stated that it sounded to him like the Council is agreeable to what the public wants and that it is disheartening when the public doesn't show up. He added that the reasonable construction requirements mentioned earlier could be that if you have a garage or you don't want to take the option to build a garage, you would need to make the construction of the carport match the construction of the house, stick built, concrete floor and only for the purpose of parking a licensed motor vehicle and no outside storage. Mayor Pro-Tem Sherwood made a motion to table further discussion regarding carports. Council Member Redder seconded the motion. All votes were yes. The motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sherwood made a motion to table discussion regarding budget workshop dates. Council Member Redder seconded the motion. All votes were yes. The motion carried.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The regular session of the Alvord City Council recessed at 6:48 p.m. and Council entered into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to the Mayor Pro-Tem.

The Executive Session adjourned at 6:55 p.m. and the Alvord City Council reconvened into regular session in the Council Chambers.

Council Member Redder made a motion to appoint Council Member Sherwood as Mayor Pro-Tem. Council Member Raney seconded the motion. All votes were yes. The motion carried.

Discussion about the Code Enforcement Officer and City Administrator was tabled.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

Public Works Director Doug Baker gave a written report that included:

- ✓ Spent a lot of time on limbs and potholes this month
- ✓ A few sewer backups that were cleared
- ✓ Pump at Wastewater Plant went bad and is being repaired
- ✓ Installed an electric gate at the plant

- ✓ A few water leaks throughout town that were repaired


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

- ✓ Lights at the park
- ✓ Striping the parking lot at the park
- ✓ Possible purchase of some buildings downtown for leasing purposes
- ✓ Compliments on baseball fields

There being no further business, Council Member Hatzenbihler made a motion to adjourn the regular session of the Alvord City Council at 7:18 p.m. on Thursday, May 19, 2022. Mayor Pro-Tem Sherwood seconded the motion. The Council voted five (5) in favor and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

These minutes were approved on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022.

APPROVED:



Jim Enochs, Mayor

ATTEST:



Pam Gregg, TRMC, City Secretary





**City of Alvord**

**City Council Election  
May 7, 2022**

***OFFICIAL TABULATION OF ELECTION RESULTS***

<b><u>CITY COUNCIL PLACE 3</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL # OF VOTES</u></b>
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Shane Raney	46
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<b><u>CITY COUNCIL PLACE 4</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL # OF VOTES</u></b>
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Heather Redder	44
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<b><u>CITY COUNCIL PLACE 5</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL # OF VOTES</u></b>
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Caleb Caviness	25
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Dawn White	27
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