The City Council of the City of Alvord, Texas met in regular session on **Thursday**, **October 20, 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 and Caviness. Council Member White was absent. Also in attendance were City Administrator Clint Mercer, incoming City Administrator Troy Gregg, City Attorney Jim Shepherd, City Secretary Pam Gregg and Finance Director Martha Nivens. There were 21 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**

Those requesting to speak were: Kris Brown, Mr. Patel, Darrel Rich and Alfred Westfall

### PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

The regular session recessed at 6:16 p.m. and the Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting opened. A public hearing was conducted to receive comments for or against a request for a variance to Ordinance No. 04132006 in order to change the height and surface area requirement for a pole sign at 807 West State Street. City Attorney Jim Shepherd explained to Council that a development agreement is expected at any time from Allsup's which will allow them to proceed with developing the property after closing on the purchase. The agreement will be presented to Council at an upcoming meeting in order for them to approve or make changes.

Council Member Caviness made a motion to approve the request for a variance to Ordinance No. 04132006 changing the height and surface area requirements for a pole sign at 807 West State Street contingent on approval of a development agreement for the same property. Mayor Pro-Tem Sherwood seconded the motion. All votes were yes. The motion carried.

The regular session reconvened at 6:27 p.m.

#### **NEW ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

Consider and take appropriate action to annex the property described as a 3.4800 acre tract of land out of the James Pinchback Survey, Wise County, Texas. The applicant is Sherri Hartfield.

This agenda item was tabled.

Consider and take appropriate action to ratify an employment contract for Troy Gregg Council Member Caviness made a motion to ratify an employment contract for Troy Gregg. Council Member Raney seconded the motion. All votes were yes. The motion carried.

Consider and take appropriate action to approve an agreement for licensed water and wastewater compliance services

Mayor Pro-Tem Sherwood made a motion to table this item until the next meeting in November. Council Member Raney seconded the motion. All votes were yes. The motion carried.

# Consider and take appropriate action in awarding a contract to J&L Construction LLC in the amount of \$148,161.75 for construction services to be performed under TxCDBG grant #CDL7220000, pending approval of the amendment by TDA

Mayor Pro-Tem Sherwood made a motion to award a contract to J&L Construction LLC in the amount of \$148,161.75 for construction services to be performed under TxCDBG grant #CDL7220000, pending approval of the amendment by TDA. Council Member Raney seconded the motion. All votes were yes. The motion carried.

### Consider and take appropriate action to reappoint Garrett Archa to another term on the EDC

Mayor Pro-Tem Sherwood made a motion to appoint Garrett Archa to another term on the Economic Development Commission. Council Member Raney seconded the motion. All votes were yes. The motion carried.

## Consider and take appropriate action to designate the Wise County Messenger as the City's official newspaper

Council Member Hatzenbihler made a motion to designate the Wise County Messenger as Alvord's official newspaper. Mayor Pro-Tem Sherwood seconded the motion. All votes were yes. The motion carried.

# Consider and take appropriate action to approve an Interlocal Agreement for Fire Protection and First Responder services

Mayor Pro-Tem Sherwood made a motion to approve an Interlocal Agreement for Fire Protection and First Responder services. Council Member Hatzenbihler seconded the motion. All votes were yes. The motion carried.

## Consider and take appropriate action to approve the minutes from the meeting on September 15, 2022

Mayor Pro-Tem Sherwood made a motion to approve the minutes from September 15, 2022. Council Member Hatzenbihler seconded the motion. All votes were yes. The motion carried.

### Consider and take appropriate action for EDC to purchase a Christmas tree for the downtown area

Council Member Caviness made a motion to approve the EDC purchasing a Christmas tree for the downtown area and covering 2/3 of the cost. Council Member Hatzenbihler seconded the motion. All votes were yes. The motion carried.

#### STAFF REPORTS

Incoming City Administrator Troy Gregg gave a report that included:

- Rotor at the sewer plant
- Homecoming parade
- Water billing software
- Library additional space

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

- Moving forward with Christmas tree purchase
- Signs for EDC
- Façade grant Xtreme Makeover

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Special meeting regarding the annexation at 807 West State and possible Executive Session regarding personnel matters

### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Mayor Pro-Tem Sherwood made a motion to adjourn the regular session of the Alvord City Council at 6:54 p.m. on Thursday, October 20, 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Jim Enochs, Mayor

Pam Gregg, TRMC, City Secretary