

The City Council of the City of Alvord, Texas met in regular session on **Thursday, December 15, 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, Caviness and White. Council Member Raney was absent. Also in attendance were City Attorney Jim Shepherd, City Administrator Troy Gregg, City Secretary Pam Gregg, City Finance Director Martha Nivens, Interim Public Works Director Jerry Anderson, City Municipal Judge Kim Redman and Resident Deputy Jordan Burgan. There were 3 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

No one requested to speak during this time.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was opened at 6:04 p.m. to receive comments for or against a request for a zoning change to allow a convenience store and gas station or other commercial uses outside of the Development Agreement specific to the proposed Allsup's at 807 West State Street, a 3.4800 acre tract of land out of the James Pinchback Survey, Wise County, Texas. The applicant is BW Gas & Convenience Retail, LLC.

Kenneth Young spoke in opposition to the zoning change due to noise and garbage. He asked about plans for a privacy fence to divide his property and the proposed new business. Council agreed this was something that would be addressed with the applicant.

With no one else speaking, the public hearing closed at 6:09 p.m. A second public hearing is scheduled for January 19, 2023.

NEW ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

a. Consider and take appropriate action to approve Resolution No. 2022-12-01 appointing Kim Redman as Municipal Court Judge and administer Oath of Office

Mayor Pro-Tem Sherwood made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-12-01 to appoint Kim Redman as Judge for the City. Council Member Hatzenbihler seconded the motion. All votes were yes. The motion carried.

Judge Redman was sworn into office by the City Secretary.

b. Consider and take appropriate action to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-12-02 amending the City's Fee Schedule

After surveying fees charged by surrounding cities, City Administrator Troy Gregg requested that Council consider increasing fees for water and sewer taps, bulk water and commercial deposits, tampering fees and reconnect fees for water bills, park pavilion rental, variance requests and annexation. He also requested a permit and fee for boring under the road.

Interim Public Works Director Jerry Anderson discussed situations where boring under the road was necessary. Council Member Caviness made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-12-02 amending the City's Fee Schedule. All votes were yes. The motion carried.

c. Consider and take appropriate action to amend the City's personnel manual to include Wounded Warriors Leave and increase on-call pay and per diem for employees

City Administrator Troy Gregg explained to Council how he thought it would be fair to increase on-call pay for employees responsible for after hours and weekend duties and for per diem pay for employees when eating out during required travel. Troy also requested amending personnel policies to include the Wounded Warrior Leave Act which was started by the federal government in 2015 to allow veterans leave to obtain medical care administered by the Veterans Administration without a deduction in salary or loss of sick leave. Texas adopted 15 days or 120 hours per fiscal year but Troy asked Council to consider 10 days or 80 hours. He said that he would like to see Alvord be the leader in getting this program pushed throughout the County. Council Member Caviness made a motion to amend the City's personnel manual to include Wounded Warriors Leave of 15 days or 120 hours and to increase on call pay from \$50 to \$100 and to increase per diem for employees from \$40 per day to \$50 per day. Mayor Pro-Tem Sherwood seconded the motion. All votes were yes. The motion carried.

d. Consider and take appropriate action to approve an Interlocal Agreement with Wise County for road repairs on Washington Street, Decatur Street and Deer Creek Drive

Troy discussed the condition of these streets and the needed repair work. Mayor Pro-Tem Sherwood made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement for road repairs on Washington, Decatur and Deer Creek. Council Member Caviness seconded the motion. All votes were yes. The motion carried.

e. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the minutes from the meeting on November 17, 2022

Council Member Hatzenbihler made a motion to approve the minutes from November 17, 2022. Mayor Pro-Tem Sherwood seconded the motion. All votes were yes. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The regular session of the Alvord City Council recessed at 6:38 p.m. and Council entered Executive Session in the office area of City Hall to discuss matters pertaining to legal advice regarding development agreements.

The Executive Session adjourned at 6:52 p.m. and the Council reconvened into regular session in the Council Chambers. No action was taken.

STAFF REPORTS

City Finance Director Martha Nivens gave a report that included:

- ✓ Letter notifying all Council Members of new auditors
- ✓ No major purchases this last month
- ✓ Summary and update on tickets and court cases

City Administrator Troy Gregg gave a report that included:

- ✓ Interviewed several applicants for the Public Works Director position - Jerry Anderson is on 6 months interim basis for the job
- ✓ Hired a company to pick up 100 piles of brush around the City that we did not have the manpower to handle
- ✓ Water tower lights were not working but are now repaired
- ✓ Part-time meter reader position open and only 1 applicant so far
- ✓ Copier problems and unable to get parts due to the age of the machine – we have a loaner copier and a new one coming soon
- ✓ New water billing system in the works
- ✓ IT guy quit and now we are using SaltLogix out of Decatur
- ✓ New computers for the office on the way
- ✓ Boil Water Notice
- ✓ Resident Deputies
- ✓ New drop off location at the treatment plant for recycling used cooking oil

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 7:04 p.m. on Thursday, December 15, 2022. Council Member White seconded the motion. The Council voted four (4) in favor and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

These minutes were approved on the 19th day of January, 2023.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:



Jim Enochs, Mayor



Pam Gregg, TRMC, City Secretary



