

The EDC of the City of Alvord, Texas met in regular session on **Wednesday, September 13, 2023** in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. and a quorum was present. Garrett Archa, President, was present and presiding with EDC Members.

Next Meeting: October 11, 2023

Members Present

Garrett Archa, Place 4, President (term to expire 10/15/24)
Stephen Moak, Place 3 Vice President (Term to expire 1/18/25)
Autumn Garrison, Place 2 (term to expire 9/18/24)
Nettie Miranda, Place 5 Treasurer (term to expire 5/10/25)
Connie Swain, Place 6, Secretary (term to expire 3/17/24)
Aaron Moore, Place 1 (term to expire 3/8/25)

Absent

Vacant, Place 7 (term to expire 5/8/24)

Visitor

Troy Gregg, City Administrator
Chris Barnard, citizen
Donna Barnard, citizen

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE A QUORUM IS PRESENT
Meeting Called to order at 6:02pm

II. INVOCATION
Connie Swain gave the invocation.

III. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD
None

IV. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- a. Minutes from Previous meeting
Approved. Motion – Garrett Archa; 2nd – Autumn Garrison
- b. Approve Treasurer’s Report for August
Nettie Miranda reviewed
Approved. Motion – Connie Swain; 2nd – Sephen Moak
[See Attachment 1](#)
- c. Facebook – Social Media
Autumn has done a post asking businesses to identify themselves with great response.
- d. Outstanding Items

Outstanding items – food truck park – Mayor Caleb Caviness got a bid of \$47,727.00 for majority of construction, including truck beds. Electrical will be \$8,850.00.
Vote for approval was unanimous.

e. EDC positions

Troy Gregg explained that it is not required in the bylaws for a city council representative to fill this slot, so we can accept applications. We had one submitted and it was distributed to the group. The group discussed letting the community know we have an open position before deciding.

Approved. Motion – Garrett Archa; 2nd – Stephen Moak

f. Façade program applications

Facade Grant Application for James Wilkins – Garrett had received the information from Mr. Wilkins and it was provided in one project. Garrett went over the costs, which were in excess of \$400,000.00. We agreed to divide the costs into 3 projects, and give him \$5,000 per project. Garrett will get with Delise to discuss cutting the checks.

Motion – Garrett Archa; 2nd Stephen Moak

After the meeting, it was discovered that the state laws had changed and we are now limited to \$10,000.

g. Elm Creek Park

- Walking Path Update – Garrett measured and will send footage to group. Stephen suggested using a product called ‘reclaim’, he will get cost.
- T-ball field has been expanded, cost is \$2,500.00 for dirt work and fence expansion.

Motion – Connie Swain; 2nd – Aaron Moore

h. City council updates – Troy Gregg

- Bathrooms at the park need updates and Troy is getting bids.
- He also discussed insulating the concession stand and possibly installing AC.
- Troy sent email out to Garrett and Connie about mowing, stating:
 - There has been a slight increase in the cost, with the new rate being set at \$2315 per mow, as compared to the previous rate of \$1695 per mow. The new Contractor has submitted a bid of \$600 for the mowing services at the park. It would be greatly appreciated if the EDC could consider covering the expenses associated with mowing the park. Based on our calculations, we anticipate there to be a total of 28 mowing’s per year, resulting in an estimated cost of \$16,800.

Discussion regarding reimbursing the city monthly.

Motion – Garrett Archa; 2nd – Stephen Moak

- New Library – the city bought the insurance building downtown, will need updates. There has been a soft agreement in the past that the EDC will assist with the costs.

i. By Law Review – ended regular session and went into special session to review.

Special session ended at 8:00 pm. No notes included, minimal changes being reviewed by city council.

V. UPDATES FROM CITY EMPLOYEES

None

VI. TABLED ITEMS

- a. Discuss forming a subcommittee for Grant Writing
- b. Downtown Beautification
- c. Discuss directional Signs
- d. Alvord Events Updates
- e. Dog Park/Walking Path
- f. Library/Community Center/Multiuse Facility
- g. American Ramp
- h. Country Living Tour
- i. Pamphlet

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND SET NEXT MEETING DATE

- a. Next meeting – October 11, 2023

VIII. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourns at 7:00pm