

CITY OF ALVARADO
County of Johnson
State of Texas
09/16/2024
City Council Minutes

The City Council of the City of Alvarado met in Regular Called Session on Monday, September 16, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. The following were present for roll call:

Name	Title	Present	Absent	Excused
Jacob Wheat	Mayor	X		
Carrie Keeton	Council Ward 1	X		
Beverly Short	Council Ward 1	X		
Lydia Moon	Mayor Pro-Tem Ward 2	X		
Cherry Bryant	Council Ward 2	X		
Scott Arthur	Council Ward 3	X		
Kevin Thomas	Council Ward 3	X		

Others Present:

Paul DeBuff	City Manager
Beth A Walls	City Secretary
Jessica Hill	Deputy City Secretary
Laura Cox	Chief Financial Officer
Ashley Dierker	City Attorney
Donielle Suber	Director of Administrative Services
Justin French	Community Development Director
Hillary Cromer	Economic Development Director
John Rodgers	Fire Chief
Teddy May	Police Chief
Mike Dwiggin	Public Works Director
Mikaela Hall	Communications Manager

Mayor Jacob Wheat called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Fernando Rodriguez, John Wood, Duaine Goulding, Chris Hudley, and Brannon Potts – JC CAD nominations

Peter Suendsen – JC CAD high taxification

Jameye Jones – Events

Cheneka Johnson – Community awareness of hospice and additional care available

Don Neilan – Consumer protection when purchasing newly constructed homes

Martha Dean – Monarch Flyaway, potential for early spring events

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE 09/09/2024 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING.**
- 3. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AN ANNUAL RENEWAL OF EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1 CONTRACT BETWEEN ESD #1 AND THE CITY OF ALVARADO, TEXAS, FOR 2024-25.**
- 4. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE 2024-25 INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR DISPATCHING SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF ALVARADO POLICE DEPARTMENT AND JOHNSON COUNTY, TEXAS.**
- 5. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE 2024-25 INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR DISPATCHING SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF ALVARADO MARSHAL AND JOHNSON COUNTY, TEXAS.**
- 6. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE 2024-25 INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR HOUSING OF CLASS C MISDEMEANOR PRISONERS BETWEEN THE CITY OF ALVARADO, TEXAS, AND JOHNSON COUNTY, TEXAS.**
- 7. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AGREEMENT, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024, BETWEEN JOHNSON COUNTY, TEXAS, AND THE CITY OF ALVARADO, TEXAS.**

Lydia Moon pulled item # 2 from the Consent Agenda and moved it to New Business.

Motion was made by Lydia Moon and seconded by Carrie Keeton to approve agenda items # 1 and 3-7 on the Consent Agenda.

This motion supported 6 votes in approval and 0 votes opposed. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 2. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2024-0017 AND APPOINT CITY MARSHAL.**

Motion was made by Lydia Moon and seconded by Beverly Short to approve Ordinance No. 2024-0017.

This motion supported 6 votes in approval and 0 votes opposed. Motion carried.

- 8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING EVENTS AND FUNDING FOR JULY 4TH, 2025.**

Jerry Banks with Whistlejacket Farms presented. \$50,000.00 total cost to the city.

Motion was made by Cherry Bryant and seconded by Kevin Thomas to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Whistlejacket Farms.

This motion supported 4 votes in approval and 2 votes opposed. Motion carried.

9. PUBLIC HEARING, CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2024-0018, AMENDING ZONING LANGUAGE PERTAINING TO BUILDING MATERIALS AND HARDWARE STORES IN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT.

MAYOR JACOB WHEAT OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:11 P.M. AND CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:30 P.M.

On September 12, 2024, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the drafted Ordinance 2024-0018, changing the requirement that all outside display and storage be on a paved concrete surface to at least 50% of all outside display and storage being on a paved concrete surface.

Motion was made by Lydia Moon and seconded by Carrie Keeton to approve Ordinance No. 2024-0018, amending zoning language pertaining to building materials and hardware stores in the central business district.

This motion supported 6 votes in approval and 0 votes opposed. Motion carried.

10. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2024-0015, ADOPTING THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1, 2024, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025, FOR THE CITY OF ALVARADO, TEXAS.

A public hearing was held on Monday, September 9, 2024, to allow the governing body to communicate with interested persons regarding the proposed budget before adoption. Notice of this public hearing was announced at the August 19, 2024, City Council meeting. Additionally, it was published in the Cleburne Times-Review on August 27, 2024, and posted on the City's website.

	Aye	Nay	Abstention
Jacob Wheat, Mayor			X
Carrie Keeton, Council Member, Place 1, Ward 1	X		
Lydia Moon, Council Member, Place 2, Ward 2	X		
Kevin Thomas, Council Member, Place 3, Ward 3	X		
Beverly Short, Council Member, Place 4, Ward 1	X		
Cherry Bryant, Council Member, Place 5, Ward 2	X		
Scott Arthur, Council Member, Place 6, Ward 3	X		

Motion was made by Lydia Moon and seconded by Beverly Short to approve Ordinance No. 2024-0015, adopting the proposed budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 beginning on October 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 2025, for the city of Alvarado, Texas.

This motion supported 6 votes in approval and 0 votes opposed. Motion carried.

11. PUBLIC HEARING, CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2024-0016, FIXING AND LEVYING MUNICIPAL AD VALOREM TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ALVARADO, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025, AT THE RATE OF \$0.782572 PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) AND DIRECTING THE ASSESSMENT THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR A DATE ON WHICH SUCH TAXES BECOME DUE AND DELINQUENT TOGETHER WITH PENALTIES AND INTEREST THEREON; PROVIDING FOR A PLACE OF PAYMENT; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL OF THE TAX ROLLS PRESENTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

MAYOR JACOB WHEAT OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 8:30 P.M. AND CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 8:31 P.M.

This ordinance sets the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 tax rate at \$0.782572 per \$100 of assessed valuation and is \$0.029323 less than the current rate of \$0.811895. On August 19, 2024, the City Council set the date for the public hearing on the proposed tax rate and scheduled the vote to adopt the proposed tax rate for September 16, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers located at 104 W. College Avenue, Alvarado, Texas. Notice of this public hearing was published in the Cleburne Times-Review on August 27, 2024, and a link to the notice is posted on the City's homepage.

	Aye	Nay	Abstention
Jacob Wheat, Mayor			X
Carrie Keeton, Council Member, Place 1, Ward 1	X		
Lydia Moon, Council Member, Place 2, Ward 2	X		
Kevin Thomas, Council Member, Place 3, Ward 3	X		
Beverly Short, Council Member, Place 4, Ward 1	X		
Cherry Bryant, Council Member, Place 5, Ward 2	X		
Scott Arthur, Council Member, Place 6, Ward 3	X		

Motion was made by Lydia Moon and seconded by Kevin Thomas that they City adopt the following rates for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 - \$0.636018 for Maintenance and Operations, \$0.146554 for Debt Service for a total tax rate of \$0.782572, which is less than the voter-approved rate and equal to the non-new revenue rate.

This motion supported 6 votes in approval and 0 votes opposed. Motion carried.

12. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO RATIFY A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE REFLECTED IN THE CITY OF ALVARADO BUDGET APPROVED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025, IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 102.007.

This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$555,891, which is a 10.7 percent increase from last year's budget, and of that amount, \$595,217 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year. The Notice of Public Hearing Regarding the Proposed 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Budget with the statement required by Local Government Code, Section 102.0065(a) was published in the Cleburne Times-Review on August 27, 2024, and is posted on the City's website. Additionally, the 2024 Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase was published in the Cleburne Times-Review on August 27, 2024 and is posted on the City's website.

An ad valorem tax rate of \$0.782572 (M&O: \$0.636018; I&S \$0.146554) will generate \$4,669,422 (at a 100% collection rate) for M&O and \$1,075,948 for I&S.

Motion was made by Lydia Moon and seconded by Beverly Short to ratify a property tax increase reflected in the City of Alvarado budget approved for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 2025.

This motion supported 6 votes in approval and 0 votes opposed. Motion carried.

13. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO SELECT A BOARD DIRECTOR FOR TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE, REGION 8.

Motion was made by Lydia Moon and seconded by Kevin Thomas to select Jon McKenzie for Board Director for Texas Municipal League, Region 8.

This motion supported 5 votes in approval and 1 vote opposed. Motion carried.

14. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO SELECT PLACES 11-14 FOR THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RISK POOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION.

Motion was made by Carrie Keeton and seconded by Beverly Short to select Randy Criswell for Place 11, Allison Heyward for Place 12, Harlan Jefferson for Place 13, and Mike Land for Place 14 for the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board of Trustees Election.

This motion supported 6 votes in approval and 0 votes opposed. Motion carried.

15. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. R2024-0020, AFFIRMING THE NOMINATION(S) FOR CANDIDATE(S) FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT OF JOHNSON COUNTY, TEXAS FOR THE 2025-26 TERM.

Motion was made by Lydia Moon and seconded by Scott Arthur to approve Resolution No. R2024-0020, affirming Duaine Goulding, Amy Lingo, John Wood, Brannon Potts, and James Cockrell for candidates for the Board of Directors for the Central Appraisal District of Johnson County, Texas for the 2025-26 term.

This motion supported 6 votes in approval and 0 votes opposed. Motion carried.

MAYOR WHEAT DECLARED COUNCIL TO BE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:32 P.M. AND RECONVENED TO REGULAR SESSION AT 8:55 P.M.

16. CONSIDERATION AND ANY ACTION NECESSARY AS A RESULT OF ITEMS LEGALLY DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

No action taken.

17. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ALVARADO EDC AND LAMBERT & GREEN, LLC, BASED ON THE TERMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. (CROMER)

Motion was made by Lydia Moon and seconded by Carrie Keeton to authorize the Economic Development Director to execute an agreement between the Alvarado EDC and Lambert & Green, LLC, based on the terms discussed in Executive Session.

This motion supported 6 votes in approval and 0 votes opposed. Motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

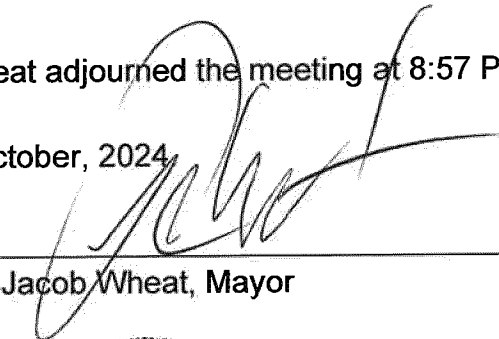
09/19/2024 North Texas Giving Day

09/28/2024 New Life Ministries Car Show from 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

JC Transportation Bond

There being no further business, Mayor Wheat adjourned the meeting at 8:57 P.M.

Passed and approved this the 21st day of October, 2024.



Jacob Wheat, Mayor

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth A. Walls, City Secretary/HRD

