

CITY OF ALVARADO
County of Johnson
State of Texas
12/18/2023
City Council Minutes.

The City Council of the City of Alvarado met in Regular Called Session on Monday, December 18, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. The following were present for roll call:

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

Others Present:

Paul DeBuff	City Manager
Beth A Walls	City Secretary
Laura Cox	Chief Financial Officer
Ashley Dierker	City Attorney
Donielle Suber	Director of Administrative Services
Justin French	Community Dev. Director
Paula Hardison	Director Billing/Accounting
John Rodgers	Fire Chief
Precious Moore	Library Director
Teddy May	Police Chief
Michael Dwiggin	Public Works Director

Mayor Jacob Wheat call the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS- Jameye Jones thanked Council for the City's support of the holiday events.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES- Isaiah Wilburn, Firefighter and Mikaela Hall, Communications Manager.

AGENDA ITEM #1,2,3,4,5

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE 11/20/2023 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
- 2. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2023-34 AMENDING SECTION 2-4 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES DESIGNATING THE CLEBURNE TIMES AS THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE CITY.**
- 3. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION R2023-0015 DESIGNATING THE CLEBURNE TIMES AS THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR PUBLICATIONS AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 15.05 OF THE CITY OF ALVARADO CHARTER.**
- 4. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO MOVE THE JANUARY REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO JANUARY 22, 2024 DUE TO THE MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY FALLING ON THE 3RD MONDAY OF THE MONTH.**
- 5. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN DOCUMENTS FOR THE SIGN SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL GRANT..**

Motion was made by Lydia Moon and seconded by Cherry Bryant to approve the consent agenda.

This motion supported votes 4 in approval and 0 votes opposed. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM #6

PUBLIC HEARING, CONSIDERATION, AND ACTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2023-0033 REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF STACY STANDRIDGE ON BEHALF OF TEXAS A&M TRUST ET AL REPRESENTED BY JOHN PERCIFIELD FOR APPROVAL OF A ZONING CHANGE FROM AGRICULTURAL (A) DISTRICT TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL (C-2) DISTRICT ON 5.04 ACRES KNOWN AS A PORTION OF TRACT 7 OF THE W. M. BALCH SURVEY, A-48, APPROXIMATELY ADDRESSED AT 6881 E. HWY 67.

Mayor Wheat opened the Public Hearing at 6:40 p.m.

The Future Land Use (FLU) map within the Alvarado Comprehensive Plan designates the subject site for Interstate Business, which generally includes big box retail and lifestyle shopping centers. This type of development is targeted to increase the non-residential tax revenue for the City and attract residents and visitors. The requested rezoning is anticipated to produce development consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

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The Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:43 p.m.

Motion was made by Lydia Moon and seconded by Beverly Short to approve Ordinance 2023-0033.

This motion supported votes 4 in approval and 0 votes opposed. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM #7

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Animal advisory committee.

(a) There is created the animal advisory committee of the city consisting of five members who are nominated and appointed by the city council at large.

(b) Committee members shall serve for a term of office to commence upon their date of appointment by the city council at large and to continue for a term coexistent with the term of office of the mayor.

(c) In accordance with V.T.C.A., Health and Safety Code § 823.005, members shall meet the following qualifications:

(1) One member shall be a licensed veterinarian.

(2) One member shall be a municipal official.

(3) One member shall represent an animal welfare organization.

(4) One member shall have duties which include the daily operation of an animal shelter.

(5) One member shall be a resident of the city.

(d) The committee shall meet at least three times a year and shall comply with the Texas Open Meetings Act for all of its meetings.

(e) It is the responsibility of the committee to assist the city council in complying with the requirements of V.T.C.A., Health and Safety Code ch. 823.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Dr. Matt Nelson	Veterinarian
Lydia Moon	Municipal Official
Laura Welsh	Tri-Cities
Assistant Chief Ben Moore	Alvarado PD
Tonya King	Resident

Motion was made by Beverly Short and seconded by Cherry Bryant to approve and appoint Dr. Matt Nelson, Lydia Moon, Laura Welsh, Ben Moore and Tonya King to the Animal Advisory Committee.

This motion supported votes 4 in approval and 0 votes opposed. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

:Pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, the City Council may convene in executive session to deliberate regarding the following matters:

1. § 551.071. Consultation with Attorney. The City Council may convene in executive session to conduct a private consultation with its attorney on any legally posted agenda item, when the City Council seeks the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation, a settlement offer, or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the provisions of Chapter 551, including the following items: A. Any item listed on the agenda. B) Lone Oak Development.

2. § 551.087. Deliberation regarding economic development negotiations. The City Council may convene in Executive to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the city has received from a business prospect that the city seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the city and with which the city is conducting economic development negotiations; or to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect as described above. A) Lone Oak Development.

Mayor Wheat announced the Executive Session open at 6:45 p.m.

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION:

Council was reconvened into regular session by Mayor Wheat at 7:45 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM #8

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION R2023-0016 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALVARADO, TEXAS, ACCEPT FOR FILING A LANDOWNER PETITION FOR THE MODIFICATION OF BOUNDARIES TO A PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND CALL A PUBLIC HEARING ON JANUARY 22, 2024. (LONE OAK).

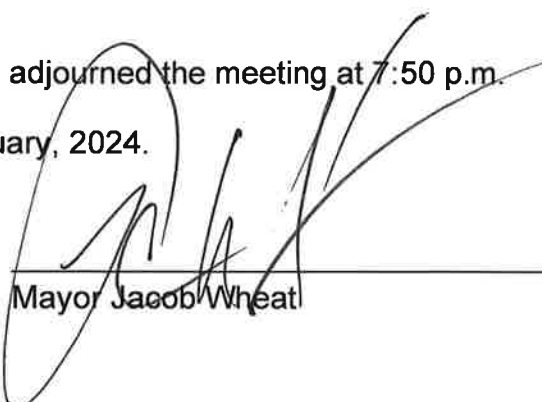
Motion was made by Lydia Moon and seconded by Beverly Short to approve call a public hearing on January 22, 2024 and to approve Resolution R2023-0016.

This motion supported votes 4 in approval and 0 votes opposed. Motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS- Mayor Pro-tem Lydia Moon publicly thanked the employees of the City for their efforts in recent months to provide events and decorations for the community.

There being no further business, Mayor Wheat adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Passed and approved this the 22nd day of January, 2024.



Mayor Jacob Wheat

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth A Walls, City Secretary/HRD

