

CITY OF ALVARADO

County of Johnson

State of Texas

January 25, 2021

MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Alvarado met in Regular Called Session on Monday, January 25, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. via videoconferencing through Zoom. The following were present for roll call:

Shawn Goulding	*	Councilperson
Jacob Wheat	*	Mayor Pro Tem
Lydia Moon	*	Councilperson
Cherry Bryant	*	Councilperson
Beverly Short	*	Councilperson
Tom Durington	*	Mayor

Absent:

Michael Bennett	*	Councilperson
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Others Present:

Emile Moline	*	Interim City Manager
Debbie Thomas	*	City Secretary

INVOCATION

Mayor Tom Durington called this regular meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. and gave the invocation.

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF A MAYOR PRO TEM.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Shawn Goulding, duly seconded by Councilperson Beverly Short, to nominate Councilperson Jacob Wheat for the Mayor Pro Tem position. This motion supported five votes in approval and zero votes opposed. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAYOR'S RESIGNATION.

Motion was made by Councilperson Shawn Goulding, duly seconded by Councilperson Cherry Bryant to accept the Mayor's resignation. This motion supported five votes in approval and zero votes opposed. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Jacob Wheat then convened into executive session at 6:42 p.m. He then reconvened into open session at 7:02 p.m.

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

No action was taken on this item.

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING THE CALLING OF A GENERAL ELECTION ON SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2021 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A COUNCIL MEMBER TO WARD 1, 2 AND 3, EACH TO SERVE A TWO YEAR TERM UNTIL MAY OF 2023; AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION ON SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2021 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR TO SERVE THE REMAINDER OF THE CURRENT TERM UNTIL MAY OF 2022.

Motion was made by Councilperson Cherry Bryant, duly seconded by Councilperson Beverly Short to call for a General and Special Election to be held on Saturday, May 1, 2021 for the purpose of electing a council member to Wards 1,2, and 3, to serve until May 2023, and Mayor to serve the unexpired term until May, 2022.

This motion supported five votes in approval and zero votes opposed. Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Bond Update: Interim City Manager Emile Moline told the council that the bond proceeds were in our bank.

Building Purchase Update: We have closed on the building at 207 E. College. Details regarding the best usage of this building will be coming soon.

N. Cummings Road repair: At this time, we are partnering with the school district to apply for a grant.

Maple Street Sewer Project: This project will be ready to advertise for bids in the near future.

Pandemic impact on staffing and departments: We have had several employees test positive and be in quarantine. We will be discussing a Covid 19 policy on this agenda.

City Website and Social Media: We will be looking into updating our website and to determine what social media is best for our city.

Virtual services: We need to update our policy on virtual services. We are behind on this and our website.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Councilperson Shawn Goulding, duly seconded by Councilperson Cherry Bryant to approve the consent agenda with the correction as submitted. This motion supported five votes in approval and zero votes opposed. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING A REQUEST FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT TO OPEN AND USE A TRUCK PARKING LOT ON THE EAST SIDE OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS LOT 2, BLOCK 1, GHANDI ADDITION, ALSO KNOWN AS 1163 HIGHWAY 67 W, ALVARADO, JOHNSON COUNTY, TEXAS.

Mayor Pro Tem Jacob Wheat opened this public hearing at 7:21 p.m. Interim City Manager Emile Moline explained to the council that this was to allow an extension to the current SUP that has expired for this parking lot. He stated that the owners have done very well in maintaining this parking lot as requested with the first SUP. Mayor Pro Tem Jacob Wheat then closed this public hearing at 7:26 p.m. Motion was made by Councilperson Shawn Goulding, duly seconded by Councilperson Lydia Moon to to extend this Specific Use Permit for another six (6) months. This motion supported five votes in approval and zero votes opposed. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR A TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (TXCDBG) GRANT FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND AND DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROGRAM

Mayor Pro Tem Jacob What opened this public hearing at 7:27 p.m. Interim City Manager Emile Moline explained that this was a requirement to apply for this grant. Mayor Pro Tem Jacob Wheat then closed this public hearing at 7:31 p.m.

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO BEGIN PROCUREMENT FOR ADMINISTRATION/APPLICATION FOR THE 2021-2022 TXCDBG-COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT

Motion was made by Councilperson Lydia Moon, duly seconded by Councilperson Beverly Short to authorize the City Manager to begin procurement for the administration/application for the 2021-2022 community block grant. This motion supported five votes in approval and zero votes opposed. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING ADOPTING OF A COVID-19 POLICY TO BE EFFECTIVE UNTIL MAY 31, 2021.

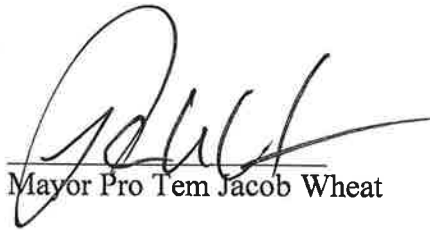
After discussion, this policy will be placed on the next agenda for review.

ADJOURNMENT

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Mayor Pro Tem Jacob Wheat then closed this regular meeting of the Alvarado City Council at 7:46 p.m.

Passed and approved this the 2nd day of February, 2021.



Mayor Pro Tem Jacob Wheat



Debbie Thomas, TRMC, City Secretary