

CITY OF ALVARADO

County of Johnson

State of Texas

May 17, 2021

MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Alvarado met in Regular Called Session on Monday, May 17, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Alvarado City Hall and via videoconferencing through Zoom. The following were present for roll call:

Tracy Melson	*	Councilperson
Jacob Wheat	*	Mayor
Lydia Moon	*	Councilperson
Cherry Bryant	*	Councilperson
Beverly Short	*	Councilperson
Kevin Thomas	*	Councilperson

Absent:

Michael Bennett	*	Councilperson
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Others Present:

Emile Moline	*	Interim City Manager
Debbie Thomas	*	City Secretary
Brad Anderson	*	Chief of Police
Richard Van Winkle	*	Fire Chief
Michael Dwiggins	*	Public Works Director
Reyth Garcia	*	Court Administrator
Paula Hardison	*	Finance Director

INVOCATION

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this meeting.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Wheat read the Motorcycle Awareness Month proclamation.

RECOGNITION OF SHAWN GOULDING FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE CITY OF ALVARADO.

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Mayor Wheat then presented Shawn Goulding, outgoing councilperson with a plaque and thanked him for serving 10 years as a councilperson for Ward 3.

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION TO THE DECLARED CANDIDATES.

Motion was made by Councilperson Beverly Short, duly seconded by Councilperson Lydia Moon to approve the certificate of election as presented. This motion supported four votes in approval and zero votes opposed. Motion carried.

ADMINISTER THE STATEMENT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS AND THE OFFICIAL OATHS TO THE CANDIDATES DECLARED ELECTED.

Debbie Thomas, City Secretary then administered the oath of office to Jacob Wheat as Mayor. Mayor Wheat then administered the oath of office to the duly elected candidates.

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING APPOINTMENT AND OATH OF OFFICE FOR COUNCILPERSON TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF JACOB WHEAT, WARD 3.

Motion was made by Councilperson Beverly Short, duly seconded by Councilperson Tracy Melson, to appoint Kevin Thomas to fill the unexpired term of Jacob Wheat, Ward 3. This motion supported four votes in approval and zero votes opposed. Motion carried. Mayor Wheat then administered the oath of office to Kevin Thomas. Councilperson Thomas then took his place at the podium.

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING APPOINTING A MAYOR PRO TEM FOR A ONE YEAR TERM.

Mayor Wheat nominated Councilperson Lydia Moon for Mayor Pro Tem. Motion was made by Councilperson Beverly Short, duly seconded by Councilperson Cherry Bryant, to appoint Lydia Moon as Mayor Pro Tem for a period of one year. This motion supported five votes in approval and zero votes opposed. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION BY MCCALL, PARKHURST, AND HORTON, BOND COUNSEL, REGARDING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS.

Jeff Bulbas, from McCall, Parkhurst, and Horton, then addressed the council and explained the Public Improvement District to the council. His presentation included how they are enacted and maintained and what use they serve to the city.

**CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING THE ANNUAL AUDIT FOR
THE PERIOD OF 10/01/2019 TO 09/30/2020.**

Carrie Adams, from Vollmering, Waters and Associates addressed the council and explained the City's financial position during the period ending 09/30/2020. She stated that the city is solvent and in a good financial condition. Motion was made by Councilperson Beverly Short, duly seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lydia Moon, to approve the audit as presented. This motion supported five votes in approval and zero votes opposed. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Councilperson Cherry Bryant, duly seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lydia Moon, to approve the consent agenda with the corrections as noted. This motion supported five votes in approval and zero votes opposed. Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Library: Emile Moline, City Manager, gave an update as to the repairs at the library. He stated that the roof has started leaking and an insurance claim has been forwarded to TML. The flooring cannot be laid until the roof is fixed. The estimated time to complete is 6 to 8 weeks.

Water/Wastewater Risk Assessment: TCEQ is requiring Texas cities to perform an EPA risk assessment on their water and wastewater plants. Alvarado is complying and is currently having this assessment done.

TXDOT Highway 67 and I-35 Update: TXDOT is currently exploring many solutions as to how to alleviate the traffic at Business 67 and Parkway Drive. They are also exploring options regarding making each access road one way.

City Hall Repairs: The engineers and contractor that were approved at the April meeting should be here this week to engineer the repairs on the front of City Hall. Construction should be starting May 24, 2021.

Street Repairs: All streets within the city will be looked at for pothole repair.

Court: Court is currently still virtual and is going paperless. Omnibase will be in place soon. This should bring in more revenue to the city.

Marshal: The city would like to thank our Marshal, Greg Shelton for going above and beyond during the ice storm. He helped hand out water to citizens and helped court answer phones and other court duties.

Police Department: A high speed chase was encountered on May 13, 2021. Our Police Department was part of many law enforcement agencies that were called to this chase. One of our officers did shoot at one of the suspects. This is currently being investigated by an outside source.

PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING THE REQUEST FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT TO OPEN A CHILD DAY CARE CENTER ON PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS BUSINESS 126.2431.03790, ALSO KNOWN AS 110 W. COLLEGE, ALVARADO, JOHNSON COUNTY, TEXAS.

Mayor Wheat then opened this public hearing at 7:25 p.m. Natasha Harris introduced herself to the council and her request to open a day care center at this location. Mayor Wheat then closed this public hearing at 7:27 p.m. Motion was made by Councilperson Cherry Bryant, duly seconded by Councilperson Beverly Short, to approve the Specific Use Permit as presented. This motion supported five votes in favor and zero opposed. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING A CONTRACT FOR A NEW WEBSITE.

After discussion, no action was taken on this item. This item will be placed on the next regular meeting agenda.

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ENGAGING FREESE AND NICHOLS IN THE CONCEPTUAL LEVEL DESIGN OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT.

Emile Moline, City Manager, explained to the council that there are currently 892 new plats that have been approved by the city. At this time, we are currently close to our TCEQ permitted capacity at our wastewater treatment plant. With all of the new plats that have been approved, we will be over our approved capacity. We will need to be in the engineering phase of enlarging our plant to accommodate the extra growth. After discussion, motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Lydia Moon, duly seconded by Councilperson Beverly Short to engage Freese and Nichols in the conceptual level design of the Wastewater Treatment Plant not to exceed \$183,000.00. This motion supported five votes in approval and zero votes opposed. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An Executive Session was not held at this meeting.

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no action taken at this meeting.

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CURRENT EVENTS

Mayor Jacob Wheat informed the council and audience that the Movies in the Park would be starting at Parkway Park in June and July. Refer to the city's website for more information.

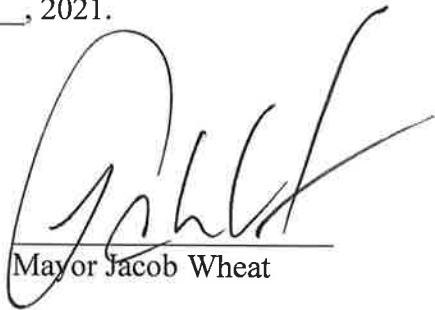
Todd Massey informed the council of fireworks and city's concerts scheduled for July 2, 2021 at M7 ranch. There will be food, concerts, and a firework show.

Emile Moline also stated that on June 12, there will be a 5K run to sponsor Helping Hands for Jesus.

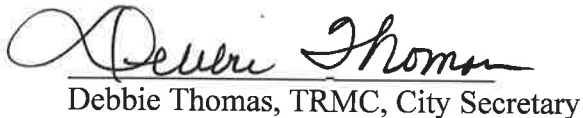
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jacob What then adjourned this regular meeting of the Alvarado City Council at 8:00 p.m.

Passed and approved this the 21st day of June, 2021.



Mayor Jacob Wheat



Debbie Thomas, TRMC, City Secretary