

CITY OF ALVARADO

County of Johnson

State of Texas

July 12, 2021

MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Alvarado met in Special Called Session on Monday July 12, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. The following were present for roll call:

Tracy Melson	*	Councilperson
Jacob Wheat	*	Mayor
Lydia Moon	*	Mayor Pro Tem
Cherry Bryant	*	Councilperson
Beverly Short	*	Councilperson
Michael Bennett	*	Councilperson
Kevin Thomas	*	Councilperson

Others Present:

Emile Moline	*	Interim City Manager
Debbie Thomas	*	City Secretary

INVOCATION

Mayor Jacob Wheat called this regular meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Calvin Jenkins addressed the council in reference to a open complaint against a police officer.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Lydia Moon, duly seconded by Councilperson Michael Bennett, to approve the consent agenda as presented. This motion supported six votes in approval and zero votes opposed. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING ALLOTMENT OF DEPENDENT SUBSIDY PER MONTH TO COVER COST OF DEPENDENT HEALTH INSURANCE.

After discussion, motion was made by Councilperson Tracy Melson, duly seconded by Councilperson Cherry Bryant, to allow a \$300.00 per month subsidy for all dependent health insurance. This motion supported six votes in approval and zero votes opposed. Motion carried.

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July 19, 2021

MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Alvarado met in Regular Called Session on Monday, July 19, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. The following were present for roll call:

Tracy Melson	*	Councilperson
Jacob Wheat	*	Mayor
Lydia Moon	*	Mayor Pro Tem
Cherry Bryant	*	Councilperson
Michael Bennett	*	Councilperson
Kevin Thomas	*	Councilperson
Beverly Short	*	Councilperson

Others Present:

Emile Moline	*	Interim City Manager
Debbie Thomas	*	City Secretary
Ashley Dierker	*	City Attorney
Michael Dwiggins	*	Public Works Director
Brad Anderson	*	Chief of Police
Reyth Garcia	*	Court Clerk
Richard Van Winkle	*	Fire Chief

INVOCATION

Mayor Jacob Wheat called this regular meeting to order at 6:40 P.M. and gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Councilperson Beverly Short duly seconded by Councilperson Michael Bennett, to approve the consent agenda as presented. This motion supported six votes in approval and zero votes opposed. Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Interim City Manager Emile Moline then addressed the council in regards to the following:

Streets Update – Public Works are diligently trying to repair pot holes in the worst streets in Alvarado. A list of streets for repairs has been discussed and is currently in the process of starting repairs.

Visions and Goals - The Visions and Goals of the city were presented. Some of the goals have already been scheduled with others waiting on a timeline to schedule. The growth and community overall visions are to continue basic services and try to add more value to each for our community.

Budget – The 2020-2021 fiscal year budget is nearing completion. It will be ready before July 31, 2021 which is the deadline for the filing in the City Secretary's office.

Corona Rescue Plan – We will be applying for the Corona Rescue plan which could possibly be up to one million dollars. The deadline is August 2, 2021.

Rate increase for Republic Waste – An automatic rate increase of 3.3% will be effective July 1, 2021. This has already been approved in the contract that was approved last year.

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALVARADO, TEXAS ADOPTING A REVISED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1, 2020 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Interim City Manager Emile Moline and Finance Director Paula Hardison explained the budget amendments that were needed for this fiscal year. Motion was made by Councilperson Lydia Moon, duly seconded by Councilperson Cherry Bryant to approve the resolution as presented. This motion supported six votes in approval and zero opposed. Motion passed.

PRESENTATION FROM ASHLEY DIERKER REGARDING AN ORIENTATION FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS.

Ashley Dierker, City Attorney, addressed the council in reference to the Open Meetings Act and the Public Information Act. She explained the seriousness of these two acts and the fines and possible jail time for violating them.

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING A 38.35 FEET WIDE BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF NORTH SECOND STREET AND 20.92 FEET WIDE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF N. SECOND STREET AND A 70.24 LENGTH OF NORTH SECOND STREET, ALVARADO , JOHNSON COUNTY, TEXAS, AND AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE TO ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS BY ISSUANCE OF A QUIT CLAIM DEED.

After discussion, motion was made by Councilperson Lydia Moon, duly seconded by Councilperson Michael Bennett, to approve the ordinance as presented. This motion supported six votes in approval and zero votes opposed. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING AN ALVARADO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT FROM RETAIL STRATEGIES.

Emile Moline, Interim City Manager explained to the council that this had been approved by the Alvarado 4B Board not to exceed \$40,000.00 with \$25,000 Downtown Revitalization project coming out of General Fund using the salary of the Economic Development Director since this position is not needed. After discussion, motion was made by Councilperson Michael Bennett, duly seconded by Councilperson Lydia Moon, to approve the agreement with Retail Strategies with \$40,000 coming out of Economic Development Funds and \$25,000 coming out of General Fund. This motion supported six votes in approval and zero votes opposed. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALVARADO, TEXAS, ACCEPTING FOR FILING A LANDOWNER PETITION REQUESTING THE CREATION OF A PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT.

A petition was presented to the City Council from Alvarado 429 Partners LLC for a Public Improvement District. After discussion, motion was made by Councilperson Cherry Bryant, duly seconded by Councilperson Beverly Short, to accept the petition to accept the PID and hold a public hearing at the next regular meeting on August 16, 2021. This motion supported six votes in approval and zero votes opposed. Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Jacob Wheat then convened into Executive Session at 8:42p.m. He then reconvened the regular called meeting at 9:20 p.m.

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**CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING ITEMS DISCUSSED IN
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Councilperson Lydia Moon, duly seconded by Councilperson Michael Bennett, to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement for a Temporary City Manager to start immediately and to be effective until August 16, 2021, and to enter into an agreement with Paul DeBuff as our permanent Interim City Manager to be effective August 16, 2021. This motion supported six votes in approval and zero votes opposed. Motion carried

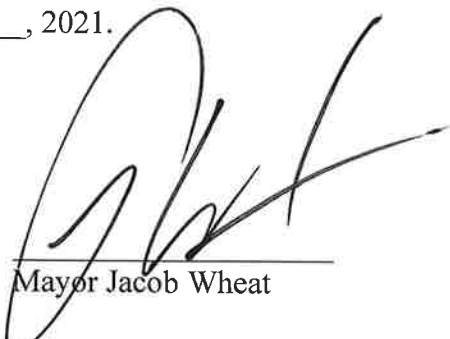
COUNCIL COMMENTS

There were no council comments at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jacob Wheat then adjourned this special called meeting at 9:22 p.m.

Passed and approved this the 16th day of AUGUST, 2021.



Mayor Jacob Wheat



Debbie Thomas, TRMC, City Secretary