

CITY OF ALVARADO

County of Johnson

State of Texas

July 20, 2020

MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Alvarado met in Regular Called Session on Monday, July 20, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. via videoconferencing through Zoom. The following were present for roll call:

Tom Durlington	*	Mayor
Shawn Goulding	*	Mayor Pro Tem
Cherry Bryant	*	Councilperson
Jacob Wheat	*	Councilperson – arrived at 6:46 p.m.
Michael Bennett	*	Councilperson

Absent:

Beverly Short	*	Councilperson
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Others Present:

Rick Holden	*	City Manager
Debbie Thomas	*	City Secretary
Ashley Dierker	*	City Attorney

INVOCATION

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Rick Holden, City Manager, updated the council regarding the new pickup procedures for the garbage company. He stated that the citizens comments as a whole have been very favorable.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Shawn Goulding, duly seconded by Councilperson Cherry Bryant to approve the consent agenda as presented. This motion supported four votes in approval and zero votes opposed. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020.

Rick Holden, City Manager presented the annual audit to the council. Waters, Volmering and Associates were not available to attend the meeting. He states that we are in a good financial position. Motion was made by Councilperson Lydia Moon, duly seconded by Councilperson Cherry Bryant, to accept the audit document as presented.

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

PRESENTATION BY TODD MASSEY REGARDING COMMUNITY RELATIONS.

Todd Massey addressed the council in reference to ways of improving the community relations with our Police Department. He made several suggestions as to how their relationship could be improved including passing out bottled water to citizens they see on the street, playing basketball with children and basically just being more community minded.

PRESENTATION BY STEPHEN DUNNAHOE, AQUA UTILITIES, REGARDING ACQUISITION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Stephen Dunnahoe of AQUA Utilities made a presentation to the council regarding a possible partnership between the City of Alvarado and AQUA Utilities. He addressed the council in ways that AQUA Utilities could acquire our water system and make the improvements needed to update the system.

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING A GOVERNMENT PRODUCT LEASE AGREEMENT WITH QUADIENT LEASING AND THE CITY OF ALVARADO FOR A NEW POSTAGE MACHINE.

Rick Holden, City Manager explained to the council that our current lease with our postage machine has expired. This lease would have a more modern postage machine and folder to the city. After discussion, motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Shawn Goulding, duly seconded by Councilperson Lydia Moon, to accept the lease as presented. This motion supported five votes in approval and zero votes opposed. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING WASTEWATER PLAN AS PRESENTED BY FREESE AND NICHOLS.

Andrew Franko from Freese and Nichols addressed the council in reference to a sewer line upgrade from which would extend down Maple Street, bore under IH 35W and connect at the sewer plant to prevent raw sewage from being released onto the ground. After discussion, motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Shawn Goulding, duly seconded by Councilperson Lydia Moon, to move forward with the Wastewater Treatment Plant sewer line upgrades as presented by Freese and Nichols.

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

This item was skipped.

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALVARADO, TEXAS DESIGNATING A PERSON TO FULFILL DUTIES AS IMPOSED BY TAX CODE CHAPTER 26.

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

City Manager and appropriate staff on a committee to review and approve the Economic Development Grant applications for Alvarado businesses. This motion supported six votes in approval and zero votes opposed. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Tom Durlington then convened into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m.
Mayor Durlington reconvened into open session at 7:54 p.m.

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

No action was taken.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

There were no council comments at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Tom Durlington then adjourned this regular meeting of the Alvarado City Council at 7:55 p.m.

Passed and approved this the 17th day of August, 2020.



Mayor Tom Durlington



Debbie Thomas, TRMC, City Secretary