

The Board of Commissioners for the City of Alamo, Texas met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 04, 2020 at 7:00 p.m, at the City of Alamo Municipal Building.

COMMISSION PRESENT:

Mayor Diana Martinez
Robert De La Garza, Mayor Pro-Tem
Okie Salinas, Commissioner
Pilar Garza, Commissioner
Pete Morales, Commissioner

COMMISSION ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Robert L. Salinas, Interim City Manager
Cris Palacios, City Attorney
Alexandra Rangel, City Secretary
Alicia Cano, HR Director
Melisa Gonzales, Special Projects Director
Alex Oyoque Museum Director
Rafael Tapia, AEDC Director
Julio Villarreal, Public Works Director

Michael Torres, IT Director
Saul Solis, Interim Police Chief
Adela Perez, Purchasing Agent

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Diana Martinez called the regular meeting held on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 to order at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Alamo Municipal Building. Mayor Diana Martinez led the Pledge of Allegiance and Melisa Gonzales led the Invocation.

C. Presentation and Announcements

Melisa Gonzales announced Audie Murphy's 5k this Saturday, that will be starting at Downtown Central park. All proceeds will go to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Audie Murphy. On Wednesday, February 19th is our next community run. Warm up will be at the Alamo Fitness Center on bus. 83 at 5:30 pm

Commissioner Pete Morales wanted to recognize a fellow student of PSJA, Beyonce Garza just signed her letter of intent to Neosho County Community College in Kansas.

Mayor Diana Martinez wanted to thank Adela for a successful auction, Mrs. Perez stated they made \$8,700 from 3 items.

D. Consideration and action to approve the minutes for the second regular meeting of December 17, 2019.

Mayor Pro-Tem Robert De La Garza motioned to approve, and Commissioner Pilar Garza seconded. Motion carried.

E. Presentation regarding operations analysis for City of Alamo water meters and potential cost savings and revenue measures for the city.

Mr. Aaron Garcia from Schneider Electric gave a presentation on a water analysis which includes necessary water production and consumption reports, information about lifetime volume and installation dates on each meter at no cost.

Interim City Manager Robert Salinas stated there is no financial obligation until we see the results.

Mayor Diana Martinez stated one of the cities did this, Raymondville correct?

Mr. Aaron Garcia responded yes

Mr. Zia Qureshi, from Schneider Elect stated an analysis was conducted in Raymondville which found the non-revenue of water was 20%; the national average for non-revenue water 7-9%, when its above that then there is a fundamental issue. This system will measure in real time, with there savings they were able to upgrade the meter system. He stated Mr. Salinas will have access to changes being done in real time. San Juan at the moment, has moved forward and are expecting to earn an additional \$20,000 in revenue

Commissioner Pete Morales asked Mr. Salinas to provide additional information on other cities doing the program and the cost.

Interim City Manager Robert Salinas stated he personally spoke with Yogie Garcia the City Manager for Raymondville and mentioned he did a presentation at a small city coalition and stated this was the best decision he has done. Schneider will provide that information, and we will not get into an agreement until after information has been provided.

Mr. Aaron Garcia stated there are 3 phases, the first is the preliminary audit, the second phase will consist of a contract and additional analysis, and third is the construction of the project.

Mayor Pro-Tem asked what is the longevity on the meters

Mr. Qureshi responded these meters will measure to the last drop and the manufactures have a 20-year guarantee. If the meter falls short of the readings, then the manufacture will replace it. The platform allows flexibility on billing, in addition the system is compatible with the current accounting system.

F. Consideration and action to proclaim April 22, 2020 as "Mayor's Monarch Pledge Day" in commitment to help restore habitat for the monarch butterfly.

Special Projects Director Melisa Gonzales presented the Mayors' Monarch Pledge Day in The City of Alamo, this proclamation addresses the combination of Earth Day and Mayor's Monarch Butterfly Pledge Day on April 22, 2020. We will create a monarch butterfly garden at Marcia Garza Elementary and Gus Guerra Elementary.

Commissioner Pete Morales motioned to approve, and Mayor Pro-Tem Robert De La Garza seconded. Motion carried.

G. Consideration and action on a Resolution to submit a grant application to the LRGVDC Regional Solid Waste Grants Program and name Mayor Diana Martinez as the Authorized Representative in all matters related to the grant application and subsequent grant contracts and projects.

Special Projects Director Melisa Gonzales stated they are working on a solid waste grant, and this year the LRGVDC are only giving out 4 grants for the next two years. Only 2 \$25,000 grants per year. We are competing region wide, what we are proposing this year is to create a stand-alone recycling trailer. Alton has one by the city hall and the city of Pharr has one by the public works facility. It serves as a recycling center after 5pm and on the weekends, which is our biggest complaint. The reason why we chose Veteran's Memorial is because Veterans Memorial is open from 7am-10pm. The school district has no problem. If approved, we will need an interlocal. The cost of the building is \$17,000, we got 4 quotes and the highest is \$11,292 being the highest.

Interim City Manager Robert Salinas stated the reasoning for the location is the area already has paved parking, easy access and open viewing.

Mayor Diana Martinez asked if there is another location

Special Projects Director Melisa Gonzales responded no, there is no other location with that much security and feasibility.

Mayor Diana Martinez asked if we can add it to the existing recycling center

Special Projects Director Melisa Gonzales responded we can but we will have to replace the old one, in addition the turnaround is difficult.

Interim City Manager Robert Salinas asked if the location can be modified once the application is submitted.

Special Projects Director Melisa Gonzales responded yes, I just need to name the Mayor as the authorized rep. and the grant is due on the 17th.

Commissioner Pete Morales asked if there is anyway to name the city manager as the authorized rep.

Special Projects Director Melisa Gonzales responded no, because the LRGDV has had difficulties in the past with city manager.

Interim City Manager Robert Salinas stated it was changed by the Solid and Waste Advisory Committee Board.

Commissioner Pete Morales stated he prefers the CM to overlook the project

Special Projects Director Melisa Gonzales responded it used to be in the past where Mr. Ozuna was in charge of the grant but the rules have changed, the SWAC have decided only the Mayor and executive directors will have authority.

Mayor Pro-Tem Robert De La Garza motioned to approve, and Commissioner Pilar Garza seconded. Motion carried.

H. Consideration and action on a Resolution adopting Work Plan & Budget for Year 33 for Urban County Program.

Interim City Manager Robert Salinas stated on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 a public hearing to solicit public input on community needs was held. One of the projects was sewer services for Calle Naranja, it's a mobile home subdivision. All of these homes are using septic tanks, it's a state law to have a minimum of ½ acre. This resolution is to utilize the budget of \$257,604.00. The 2019 monies are going to the widening of Crockett, and this sewer project, will be from the 2020 budget

Mayor Pro-Tem Robert De La Garza motioned to approve, and Commissioner Pete Morales seconded. Motion carried.

Mayor Diana Martinez asked how many neighborhoods do not have sewer

Interim City Manager Robert Salinas responded the subdivision to the north, Oneida Circle, Bonita Estates and Morning Terrace. These are ½ acre lots. Each subdivision has their own issues, at the moment this one is easier to accomplish.

I. Consideration and action to enter into an Interlocal agreement with Hidalgo County for Library System Services.

Interim City Manager Robert Salinas stated this is an annual agreement between the city and the county.

Mayor Pro-Tem Robert De La Garza motioned to approve, and Commissioner Pilar Garza seconded. Motion carried.

J. Consideration and action on a request by the Alamo Chamber of Commerce to close Alamo Road and Business 83 and Main Street for the duration of the Texas Independence Day Parade on February 29, 2020 at 11 :00 am.

Interim City Manager Robert Salinas this is for our Annual Texas Independence Day Parade, and will allow us to close specific roads.

Commissioner Pete Morales motioned to approve, and Commissioner Pilar Garza seconded. Motion carried.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Five minutes per person with no response from the City Commission. Residents must sign up prior to the city meeting.

No citizen participation

I. ADJOURNMENT

Citizens are encouraged to sign the attendance sheet.

There being no further business, Mayor Diana Martinez adjourned the meeting at 7:33 pm


Mayor Diana Martinez

ATTEST:


Alexandra Rangel, City Secretary

