

Alba City Council
Monday, August 7, 2017

Mayor Hass called the regular monthly meeting of the City of Alba City Council to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, August 7, 2017 in the Council Chambers at 145 S Broadway Street in Alba, Texas. Hass asked Heinert to lead in the invocation. The room recited the Pledges to the US and the Texas flags.

Members Present:
Preston Hass, Mayor
Marja Heinert
Larry Jones
Tammy Kirkpatrick
Larry Harris

Staff Present:
Lindy McCarty, City Secretary
Paul Kelbe, Public Works
Tim Koonce, Police Chief
Shawn Newland, Fire Chief
Cheryl Gill, Library

Visitors present: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kraemer, Ted Levitt

Ted Levitt signed in for public forum speaking about unresolved issues.

Heinert moved to approve the minutes from the July 3, 2017 meeting. Harris seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Kelbe gave the water and sewer report. Informed council of sewer main problem on Quitman Street. Also introduced a new format for his monthly report.

Koonce gave the PD report. Informed council of Tom Miller going to a reserve position and looking at a replacement part time as Molly Tucker Chester.

Newland gave the FD report. 26 total calls made during the month of July. New truck is scheduled for delivery the week of August 21, 2017.

Kirkpatrick gave the EDC report. Board is negotiating the sale of the Hwy 69 property for a new business, and that person has agreed to help in the design of a pavilion for the lot next to city hall.

Gill gave the library and museum report.

Heinert moved to accept the reports. Harris seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Harris moved to approve the financials. Jones seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Asked that Norman White attend the September meeting to help with budget concerns.

Travis Reed with SPI presented pay requests #5, 6, 7 and a certificate of substantial completion on the WWTP project. Heinert moved to approve the pay requests and the certificate. Jones seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Heinert moved to accept the letter of engagement with Norman White for YE audit 9-30-17 at a fee of \$10,100.00. Jones seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Jones moved to publish the proposed tax rate of \$1.0145 per \$100 valuation for the 2017 City of Alba property tax rate. Heinert seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Robert Haberle with SPI and Paul Jasin & Steven Adams with SPFI presented a possible project of replacing 3500' of sewer main on Mockingbird Street and 1500' of sewer main on Quitman Street as being the next potential debt for the city. Project would cost approximately \$789K and the recommendation would be to borrow from TWDB \$850K. City will need to raise the water and sewer rates 5% annually for at least four years. Council gave a verbal ok for proceeding.

Heinert moved to adjourn. Jones seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Lindy McCarty, City Secretary

Preston Hass, Mayor