

ALICE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

CITY HALL
SECOND FLOOR
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TUESDAY
4:30 P.M.
JANUARY 19, 2021

The Governor of Texas has issued an Executive Order with guidelines for the temporary suspension of certain portions of the Texas Open Meetings Act in order to avoid social gatherings of more than ten (10) people during the COVID-19 virus pandemic. This allows cities to have council meetings via teleconference and to conduct executive sessions via teleconference. These actions are being taken to mitigate the spread of the virus by avoiding meetings that bring people into a group setting and in accordance with Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code.

Telephonic capabilities will be utilized to allow individuals to address the City Council. Members of the public are entitled to participate remotely via Toll-Free **Dial-in Number: 346.248.7799; Webinar ID: 893 5489 6057**, or watch the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone: <https://zoom.us/j/89354896057> or <https://www.facebook.com/CityofAlice/> An electronic copy of the agenda can be found at the following link: www.cityofalice.org/AgendaCenter

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with order of the Office of the Governor issued March 16, 2020, the City Council of the City of Alice will conduct a Regular Meeting scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 located at City Hall, 500 East Main Street, Alice, Texas 78332 by telephone or video conference in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings (also called “social distancing”) to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). There will be limited public access to the location described above.

1. Open Meeting, Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Citizen Comments and Public Announcements.
3. Presentation of two (2) life-saving awards for officers with the Alice Police Department.
4. Information from City Manager: Police Chief Search updates.
5. Discussion regarding Covid-19 including vaccine distribution information.
6. Presentation and discussion from Bill Norris with Norris Leal regarding Texas Water Development Phase I & Phase II including P3 updates on Water project.

7. Discuss, consider and act upon adopting a Resolution in support of the proposed FishPond at Alice development located at approximately 300 and 320 E 3rd Street, Alice, Texas through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (Pre-Application Number 21290).
8. Discuss, consider and act upon approval of City Council Minutes for the December 15, 2020.
9. Presentation by David Craig with Performance Services on water meter project update.
10. Discuss, consider and act upon a Contract for Election Services between the Elections Administrator's Office of Jim Wells County and the City of Alice.
11. Discuss, consider and act upon Order of General Election for May 1, 2021 for the election of a Mayor and four Councilmembers, Place 1, Place 2, Place 3 and Place 4; posting Notice of Election on Bulletin Board; and Order Designating Election Precincts and Polling Places.
12. Discuss, consider and act upon authorizing Tax Refund on an Application for Tax Refund submitted by Angela Dawn Hernandez for Tax Year 2020 on account # 12493-005-000-00, Santa Rosa Addition, Lot 4, 0000.8144.
13. Discuss, consider and act upon a Resolution on an offer to purchase tax sale property, described as: Lot 1, Block 4, Timberlane Addition, an addition to Jim Wells County, Texas, as described in Volume 1149, Page 129, Official Records of Jim Wells County, Texas.
14. Discuss, consider and act upon entering into a contract with EZGO for the lease and/or purchase of golf carts for the Alice Municipal Golf Course and authorizing City Manager to negotiate and sign all documents.
15. Conduct a public hearing to discuss, consider and act upon accepting the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation for the final replat of HILLCREST ADDITION NO. 5, LOT 37R AND LOT 38R, BLOCK 17, being Lots 37,38 and the west half of Lot 39, Block 17, Hillcrest Addition Number 5, recorded in Volume 6, page 6 of the map records of Jim Wells County, Texas, also, being a tract of land conveyed to Jaime Flores by deed recorded under Document No. 466877 of the Official Public records of Jim Wells County, Texas.
16. Discuss, consider, and act upon adopting a Resolution authorizing: (a) the City Manager to sign and submit Grant Application Number 4193301, titled Portable and Mobile Radios, to the Office of the Governor, for funds available in the 2021 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP); (b) designating the City Manager as the City's authorized official and authorizing the City Manager to apply for, to accept, to reject, to alter, or to

terminate a grant on behalf of the City; and (c) providing assurance that in the event of loss or misuse of grant funds, the City will return all funds to the Office of the Governor.

17. Discuss, consider and act upon adopting a Resolution: (a)authorizing the City Manager to sign and submit Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Application Number 4212501, Portable Radios, to the Office of the Governor, for funds available in the FY2022 Criminal Justice Grant Program; (b)designating the City Manager as the City's authorized official with the authority to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate a grant on behalf of the City; and (c)providing assurance that, in the event of loss or misuse of grant funds, that the City will return all funds to the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division.
18. Discuss, consider and act upon: (a) authorizing Staff to issue a Request for Proposals for Grant Writing and Grant Administrative Services regarding funding available through the Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) 2021-2022 Community Development Fund; and (b) selecting at least one Councilmember to serve on the Evaluation Committee to review proposals.
19. Discuss, consider and act upon: (a) authorizing Staff to issue a Request for Qualifications for Engineering Services regarding funding available through the Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) 2021-2022 Community Development Fund; and (b) selecting at least one member of City Council or a City employee with authority to act on behalf of that member, to serve on the Evaluation Committee to review statements of qualifications.
20. Hear presentation and discussion from prospective new business regarding gaming/sweepstakes business. **{Mayor Jolene B. Vanover}**
21. Discuss, consider and act upon an Ordinance allowing for the temporary reduction and/or waiver of certain Health, Day Care, Liquor permits and other permits or licenses or fees as it relates to business closures or reduced business hours due to the Covid-19 pandemic. **{Mayor Jolene B. Vanover}**
22. Hear status report on December 2020 Month End Financial Statements, and Summary of Funds and delivery of December 2020 check registers and discussion on sales tax revenues.
23. Hear a presentation from the Alice Fire Department Fire Chief Patrick Thomas regarding statistics for fourth quarter and yearly calls for service.
24. Hear a presentation from the Alice Police Department Interim Chief Ron Davis regarding statistics for fourth quarter and yearly calls for Service, Arrest, and Citation information within the City of Alice.

25. The Council may enter into Closed Executive Session to discuss the following pursuant to:

Section 551.087 Texas Government Code, (Economic Development): to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations.

26. Return to Open Session and take any action necessary as a result of discussions in preceding Agenda Item No. 25, pursuant to the following:

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27. Delivery of updated Grant Report.

28. Adjourn and/or consider and act upon adjournment.

Agenda Items: All items on the agenda are for possible discussion and action. Council may vote and/or act upon each of the items listed on this Agenda. One agenda item will be discussed at a time, in the order determined by the Mayor, unless logic and practical considerations allow similar topics to be considered together for purposes of convenience and efficiency. Consent items are considered to be non-controversial and will be voted on in one motion unless a councilmember asks for separate discussion. Executive Sessions: The City Council for the City of Alice, Texas, reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above as authorized by Government Code Sections -- 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), Private consultation with city attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation; a settlement offer; or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this Chapter -- 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property) -- 551.072, A governmental body may conduct a closed meeting to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person - 551.073 (Deliberations Regarding Prospective Gift) -- A governmental body may conduct a closed meeting to deliberate a negotiated contract for a prospective gift or donation to the state or the governmental body if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person -- 551.074 (Personnel Matters), This chapter does not require a governmental body to conduct an open meeting to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee. The first section does not apply if the officer or employee who is the subject of the deliberation or hearing requests a public hearing -- 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices) - - 551.087 (Economic Development) This chapter does not require a governmental body to conduct an open meeting: (1) to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations; or (2) to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect described by Subdivision (1). Accommodations: The City of Alice encourages compliance with the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) in the conduct of all public meetings. Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who need additional accommodations are requested to contact the City Clerk at 361.668.7210, or cityclerk@cityofalice.org, two working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Braille is not available. Certification:

AUDIENCE AND PRESENTER SOCIAL DISTANCING AND PUBLIC TESTIMONY AND PUBLIC HEARING INPUT AT PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

To reduce the chance of COVID-19 transmission, public meetings will be held in a manner intended to separate, to the maximum practical extent, audience and presenters from personal contact with members of Community, City Staff, Mayor and Councilmembers. Public testimony and public hearing input for Public Comment and all items on the agenda at public meetings of the city council shall be provided in written format and presented to the City Secretary and/or designee prior to the start of each meeting of the City Council. This testimony and/or public input shall be in accordance

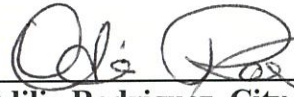
with the City Secretary's instructions, which shall be posted on the City Secretary's outdoor public bulletin board at City Hall and on the City website and allow for electronic submission. The written public testimony shall be provided to members of the City Council prior to voting on measures for that meeting. Written testimony shall be limited in accordance with the City Secretary requirements and shall be placed into the record of each meeting. This written testimony shall serve as the required public testimony pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.007 and shall constitute a public hearing for purposes of any public hearing requirement under law. The meeting may be held telephonically or via videoconference; and, if so conducted, the public may participate remotely by following the instructions of the City Secretary which would be posted on the City Secretary's outdoor public bulletin at City Hall and on the City website.

CERTIFICATE

I, Odilia Rodriguez, City Secretary, do hereby certify that a copy of the January 19, 2021 City Council agenda was posted on the City Hall bulletin board, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and to the City's website, www.cityofalice.org, in compliance with Chapter 551.045 Texas Government Code and remained so posted continuously for at least seventy-two (72) hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

DATE OF POSTING: 01/15/2021 TIME OF POSTING: 3:15 p.m.

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Odilia Rodriguez, City Clerk

