

ALICE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

CITY HALL
SECOND FLOOR
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TUESDAY
4:30 P.M.
MARCH 16, 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: 826-5363-3769**, or watch the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone: <https://zoom.us/j/82653633769> 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, March 16, 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. Information from City Manager: Billboards and U.S. Hwy 281 temporary road closures.
4. Discussion regarding Covid-19 including vaccine distribution information.
5. Discuss, consider, and act upon approval of City Council Minutes for the February 16, 2021 City Council Meeting.
6. Discussion regarding Severe Winter Weather disaster.

7. Discuss, consider, and act upon a Resolution authorizing the submittal of an application for financial assistance from Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF), for the groundwater project “Supplementing Water Resources for City of Alice, Phase II;” authorizing application for financial assistance in an amount not to exceed \$7,000,000.00; designating the City Manager as the authorized representative of the City to submit the application for financial assistance and to execute such documents as may be required in connection with the preparation, and filing of the application for financial assistance and the TWDB rules; authorizing other individuals and firms to assist in the preparation and submission of such application and authorizing them to appear on behalf of, and represent, the City of Alice before any hearing held by the TWDB in its review and consideration of the application.
8. Discuss, consider, and act upon authorizing City Manager to renegotiate and redefine the scope of work for the Phase 1 TWDB contract with Norris Leal, Inc.
9. Presentation by David Craig with Performance Services on water meter project update.
10. Discuss, consider, and act upon entering into a Master Agreement for Mutual Aid Coastal Bend Council of Governments for the purpose of providing disaster assistance.
11. Discuss, consider, and act upon approving a resolution authorizing execution of an amendment to the water contract with the Alice Water Authority and approving the issuance and sale of Alice Water Authority unlimited tax and revenue refunding bonds, series 2021.
12. Discuss, consider, and act upon adopting a Citizen Participation Plan related to the TxCDBG 2021-22 Community Development Fund Grant Submission.
13. Discuss, consider, and act upon adopting a Resolution authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Application to the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) for 2021-22 Community Development Fund grant program; committing force account match; authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to act as the City’s Executive Officers and Authorized Representatives in all matters pertaining to participation in the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG).
14. Discuss, consider, and act upon an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Alice approving presiding and alternate election judges for voting precincts/places, Early Voting Ballot Board; and individuals to serve as presiding judge and alternate judge of the central counting station on Election Day; providing for a savings and separability clause; and effective date.
15. Discuss, consider, and act upon approving a Resolution responding to the application of CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., South Texas Division, to Increase Rates; Suspending the effective date of the CenterPoint gas reliability infrastructure interim rate

adjustment for CenterPoint's South Texas Division for 45 days pursuant to §104.301 of the Texas Utilities Code, authorizing the City of Alice to continue to participate in a coalition of cities known as the "Alliance of CenterPoint municipalities, and taking all other action deemed appropriate.

16. Conduct a public hearing to discuss, consider and act upon accepting the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation for the final plat of ADAMS ADDN LOT 1, BLOCK 1, being the remaining portion of a called 50 foot by 208.9 foot tract of land being the east 50 feet of a one (1) acre tract of land. Conveyed by Angie Bevil to Gumesindo Saenz by deed recorded in Volume 95, page 32, deed records, Jim Wells County, Texas.
17. Conduct a public hearing to discuss, consider and act upon accepting the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation for the final plat of LOTS 2 AND 3, BLOCK 116F, TOWNSITE ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ALICE.
18. Conduct a public hearing to discuss, consider and act upon accepting the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation for the final replat of TRACT 1: 0.97 ACRE OF LAND OUT OF ALL OF LOTS ONE, (1) THROUGH SIX (6) INCLUSIVE, BLOCK EIGHTEEN (18), CITY OF ALICE, JIM WELLS COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE ESTABLISHED MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME 1, PAGE 63, TRANSCRIBED MAP RECORDS OF JIM WELLS COUNTY, TEXAS. TRACT 2: 0.01 ACRE OF LAND OUT OF THE NORTH ONE (1) FT. OF THE ALLEY RUNNING EAST AND WEST THROUGH BLOCK EIGHTEEN (18) AND BORDERING ON THE SOUTH BOUNDARY LINE OF LOTS TWO (2), THREE (3), FOUR (4), FIVE (5), AND SIX (6), BLOCK 18 ABANDONED BY ORDINANCE RECORDED IN DOCUMENT NUMBER 277699 (VOLUME 528, PAGE 917) DEED RECORDS, JIM WELLS COUNTY, TEXAS FILED FEBRUARY 13, 1992.
19. Hear status report on February 2021 Month End Financial Statements, and Summary of Funds and delivery of February 2021 check registers and discussion on sales tax revenues.
20. The Council may enter into Closed Executive Session to discuss the following pursuant to:

The City Council May Enter into Closed or Executive Session to discuss the following pursuant to: Texas Government Code Section 551.074 (Personnel Related Matters) - Chief of Police - review, deliberate and discuss Chief of Police applications, selection process, employment and appointment.
21. The Council may return to Open Session and take any action necessary as a result of discussions in preceding Agenda Item 20, pursuant to the following.

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 (Personnel Related Matters) – Chief of Police Position - review, deliberate and discuss Chief of Police applications, selection process, employment and appointment.

22. Delivery of updated Grant Report.

23. 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 March 16, 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: 03/12/2021 TIME OF POSTING: 1:00 p.m.

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Odilia Rodriguez, City Clerk