

CITY OF ALAMO HEIGHTS
CITY COUNCIL
October 24, 2016

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Alamo Heights, Texas was held at Council Chambers, located at 6116 Broadway, San Antonio, Texas, at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, October 24, 2016.

Present and composing a quorum were:

Mayor Louis Cooper
Mayor Pro-Tempore Fred Prassel
Councilmember Lawson Jessee
Councilmember Bobby Rosenthal
Councilmember Lynda Billa Burke
Councilmember John Savage

Also attending were:

City Manager J. Mark Browne
Fire Chief/Assistant City Manager Buddy Kuhn
Assistant to the City Manager Marian V. Mendoza
City Attorney Mike Brenan
Finance Director Robert Galindo
Human Resource Manager Lori Harris
Chief Police Rick Pruitt
City Secretary Jennifer Reyna
Public Works Director Pat Sullivan

Absent was:

Community Development Services Department Director Jason Lutz

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Mayor Louis Cooper opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

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Item # 1 Approval of Minutes

Mayor Cooper asked City Council for any revisions to the minutes of the October 10, 2016, City Council Meeting. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Fred Prassel to approve the minutes of October 10, 2016. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lynda Billa Burke.

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Item # 2 Announcements

Mayor Cooper read the following captions.

a. St. Peter's Halloween Carnival, October 29, 2016

Assistant to the City Manager Marian V. Mendoza announced St. Peter's 19th Annual Halloween Carnival event. It will be held on Saturday, October 29, 2016 at the school grounds. The event will begin at 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. There will be a haunted house, pumpkin carving contest, costume contest, cake walk, food and games for attendees to enjoy. She referenced www.stpeterprince.org for additional details.

b. 39th Annual Chamber of Commerce Holiday Parade, November 19, 2016

Ms. Mendoza invited the community to the 39th annual Alamo Heights Chamber of Commerce Holiday parade. It will be held on Saturday, November 19th beginning at 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. She displayed the parade route.

c. Voting Information for Alamo Heights' Special Election, November 8, 2016

City Secretary Jennifer Reyna reminded the community of the upcoming special election. The election is a proposition regarding the reauthorization of local sales and use tax at the rate of one-fourth of one percent to provide revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets.

Ms. Reyna announced that early voting began today and will end on November 4, 2016 with various early voting polling sites within Bexar County. She shared of the different voting opportunities available such as curbside voting, mail-in ballots, and identified the two election day polling sites for the City of Alamo Heights. Website addresses www.alamoheightstx.gov and www.bexar.org/elections were referenced to provide additional information.

d. Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

Finance Director Robert Galindo stated the City of Alamo Heights received the certificate of achievement for Excellence in financial reporting for FY2015. He stated this is the 19th year awarded by the Government Finance Officers Association.

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) is prepared in conjunction with the annual audit and is judged by an impartial panel to meet high standards to include "full disclosure".

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Item # 3 Citizens to be heard concerning items not on the agenda

Sarah Reveley, resident, stated she conducted research on wild animals and distributed information to Council on her research. She noted there were no records of reports on captured wild animals through the Public Information Act. She referenced the many laws applicable to capture of wild animals. Ms. Reveley shared of the expenses she had occurred for the capture of wild animals on her property. She encouraged the City to consider a monthly wild animal round up with an outside contractor for residents that provide permission to participate in.

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Items for Individual Consideration

Item # 4 Mayor Cooper read the following caption.

ORDINANCE NO. 2062

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE LOWEST BID OF \$77,115 FROM TEXAS PRIDE UTILITIES LLC FOR THE ALAMO HEIGHTS BOULEVARD REHABILITATION PROJECT PLUS A 10% CONTINGENCY OF \$7,715 FOR A TOTAL AUTHORIZATION OF \$84,870

Public Works Director Pat Sullivan made a PowerPoint presentation that included background information.

On June 2, 2016, a sewer manhole was overflowing at Corona & Alamo Heights Boulevard. An inspection revealed a section of the sewer main located in the 100 block of Alamo Heights Boulevard was impeded by root intrusion. He stated the use of acid could not be used to address the root growth due to the concern for the health of the trees.

Freese and Nichols secured contractors' low bids for rehabilitating the main through a process called "pipe bursting" and once completed the 10" main will be up sized to a 12" seamless main which will eliminate root intrusion in the future. Freese & Nichols led the efforts on the bid selection. The project was advertised in the *San Antonio Express-News* on Wednesday, September 14, 2016 and Wednesday, September 21, 2016. Bids closed on Friday, September 30, 2016. Five submitted were received from the following: Horseshoe Construction, PM construction and Rehab LLC., T Construction LLC, Pronto Sand Blasting and Coasting and Oilfield, and Texas Pride Utilities LLC. Freese & Nichols recommended the bid be awarded to Texas Pride Utilities.

Council asked questions related to the amount of bid differences for the project, seamless pipe, and amount for pipe bursting.

Mr. Sullivan responded Freese & Nichols obtained favorable feedback from Texas Pride Utilities' references and were recommended to do reputable work at a low

price. He explained the pipe bursting process commenting the work conducted should last about 50 years for seamless job project. City Manager Mark Browne added that pipe bursting process provides savings to the City

A motion for approval was made by Councilmember Lawson Jessee. The motion was seconded by Councilmember John Savage and passed by unanimous vote.

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There being no further business, a motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Prassel to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Billa Burke and passed by unanimous vote. Mayor Cooper adjourned the meeting at 5:48 p.m.


Jennifer Reyna
City Secretary


Louis Cooper
Mayor