City of Alba City Council Tuesday, January 2, 2024

Mayor Pro-Tem Kraemer called the regular monthly meeting of the City of Alba City Council to order at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 in the Council Chambers at 145 S Broadway Street in Alba, Texas. Kraemer led the room in an invocation and then the room recited the Pledges to the American flag and the Texas flag.

Members Present: Robert Kraemer, Mayor Pro-Tem Tammy Kelbe, Alderwoman Tammy Kirkpatrick, Alderwoman Debbie Shaddox, Alderwoman Tim Westervelt, Alderman Staff Present: Jenna Trussell, Asst City Sec'y Jim McLeroy, Atty, via Zoom Juan Ramirez, Police Chief Lindy McCarty, City Sec'y

Visitors present: none

A motion to approve the consent agenda items was made by Shaddox. These items are the December 4, 2023 regular meeting minutes, December, 2023 financials and December, 2023 departmental reports presented. A second followed from Westervelt and the motion carried unanimously.

Paul spoke to the council about conducting interviews for the job vacancy in the W&WW department. After the interviews, he had narrowed it down to 3 choices. Paul recommended that we hire 2 full time people since we need to fill the vacancy and then in February, 2024 is when we were going to hire Paul's replacement. Paul recommended we hire 2 people starting at \$18/hour, on a 90 day probation. Council recommended that the hires be with a stipulation that after they get their licenses they have to stay with the city at least a year or must reimburse the city for the schooling and testing. McLeroy said that would be no problem. Westervelt made a motion to hire 2 full time @ \$18/hour with the stipulation that after they get their licenses, they sign to stay with the city for at least one year or reimburse the city for the schooling and testing. A second came from Shaddox and the motion carried unanimously.

Juan informed council that he is still accepting applications.

No citizen comments.

Kirkpatrick moved to adjourn the meeting. Westervelt followed with a second and the motion carried unanimously.

Lindy McCarty, City Sec'y

Robert Kraemer, Mayor Pro-Tem