

**MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING**

Monday November 16, 2020 6:00pm

ALTO CITY HALL

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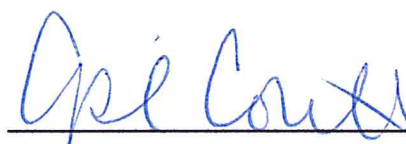
1. **Call to Order:** *Mayor Jimmy Allen called the meeting to order at 6:05pm*
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2. **Quorum Check:** *Councilman Carey Palmer, Mayor Jimmy Allen, Councilwoman Kara Reagan, and Councilman Steve Cox were all in attendance in person. Councilman Elpressely Thacker was present via teleconference. A quorum was present.*
3. **Public Forum** (not to exceed 3 minutes per speaker) *You may hold your comments until the agenda item is up for discussion.:*
NONE
4. **Discussion and Action- Canvassing of the votes from the General election held on November 3rd, 2020:** *City Secretary canvassed the votes as follows: Ballots cast by precinct- Precinct 26 had 5 absentee ballots, 187 early ballots, and 36 ballots on election day totaling 228 ballots cast for precinct 26. Precinct 27 had 6 absentee ballots, 126 early ballots, and 21 ballots cast on election day, totaling 153 ballots cast for precinct 27. Total ballots cast: 11 absentee, 313 early, and 57 on election day totaling 381 ballots cast. Number of votes cast: 13 absentee, 459 early, and 102 on election day totaling 574 votes cast. Monty Collins received 117, El Thacker 169, Shamonica Johnson 112, Carey Palmer 106, and Sharon Carter 70. Councilwoman Reagan made the motion to approve the canvassing of the votes. Councilman Palmer seconded the motion. Motion passed. 4 yeas 0 nays.*
5. **Discussion and Action- Certificate of Election, Statement of Officer, and Oath of Office of newly elected candidates for City Council:** *Before the official swearing in of the newly elected council, Monty Collins gave a written and verbal exit of his seat. He stated that when he signed up to run he had much more energy than he does at this time and felt like he could not carry out the duties of Councilmember. The council agreed to accept his exit and to appoint a new councilmember at a later meeting. Councilman El Thacker, and Councilwoman Shamonica Johnson were sworn in by Judge Phifer and assumed duties right away.*
6. **Discussion and Action- Nominations for and Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem:** *This item was tabled until a later date.*
7. **Discussion and Action- Cheryl Cameron: Would like to address the council regarding concerns for lack of enforcement using Jake Breaking:** *Cheryl Cameron was not present at the meeting. This item was tabled.*
8. **Discussion and Action- Representatives from Hahn Equipment will be in attendance to provide supper for all attendees and to give a presentation on their services:** *Representatives from Hahn Equipment came and gave a presentation of their services. This item did not require action.*
9. **Discussion and Action- Designation of Cherokeean Herald as official newspaper for 2020-2021:** *Councilwoman Reagan made the motion to designate the Cherokeean Herald as the official newspaper for the 2020-2021 FY year. Councilman Cox seconded the motion. Motion passed. 4 yeas 0 nays.*
10. **Discussion and Action- Removal and appointment of new designated signatories on accounts with BancorpSouth and Commercial Bank of Texas:** *This item was tabled*

- 11. Discussion and Action- Approval of employees cashing in unused vacation time for 2020. Possible permanent revision of section 13.10 in the Employee Handbook:** *Councilwoman Reagan made the motion to approve employees cashing in unused vacation time for the year 2020. The policy will stay the same in the handbook and the council will approve on an as needed basis. Councilman Cox seconded the motion.*
- 12. Discussion and Action- Approve accounts payable and financials for the month of October 2020:** *Councilwoman Reagan made the motion to approve accounts payable and financials for the month of October 2020. Councilman Cox seconded the motion. Motion passed. 4 yeas 0 nays.*
- 13. Discussion and Action- Department Reports**
- A. Court**
 - B. Police**
 - C. Code**
 - D. Utilities**
 - E. Admin:** *Councilwoman Reagan made the motion to accept all department reports as given. Councilman Cox seconded the motion. Motion passed. 4 yeas 0 nays.*
- 14. Discussion and Action-Approve Meeting minutes from October 26, 2020:** *Councilman Cox made the motion to approve the meeting minutes form October 26, 2020. Councilman Thacker seconded the motion. Motion passed. 4 yeas 0 nays.*
- 15. Discussion and Action- Approve adjustments made in the month of October 2020:** *Councilman Thacker made the motion to approve adjustments made in the month of October 2020. Councilwoman Reagan seconded the motion. Motion passed. 4 yeas 0 nays.*

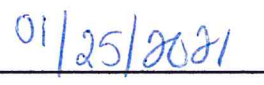
The council may vote or act upon each of the following items on this agenda.

1. The council reserves the right to retire into executive session concerning any of the items on this agenda, and especially for personnel matters listed above, whenever it is legal under the Open Meetings Act; Texas Government Code Chapter 551.001 et seq

Adjourn: *Councilwoman Reagan made the motion to adjourn. Councilman Cox seconded the motion. Motion passed. 4 yeas 0 nays. Meeting adjourned at 7:28pm*



Approved by Council



Date