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Mayor Kelbe called the regular monthly meeting of the City of Alba City Council to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, January 5, 2026, in the Council Chambers at 145 S Broadway Street in Alba, Texas. Kelbe led the room in an invocation and then the room recited the Pledges to the American flag and the Texas flag.

Member's Present:

Paul Kelbe, Mayor

Donna Lansdowne, Alderwoman

Robert Kraemer, Alderman

Tammy Kirkpatrick, Alderwoman

Debi Shaddox, Alderwoman

Staff Present:

Lindy McCarty, City Sec'y

Jenna Trussell, City Sec'y Asst.

Cadan Kane, Police Officer

Shawn Newland, Public Works Director

Randall Bohannon, W&WW Oper.

Visitors' Present: Leigh Thompson, City Attorney, Brenna Williamson, Wood County Monitor, and citizens Amanda Bohannon, Tim Koonce, and Dena Burge

Public Comments – Agenda Items: None.

Mayor Kelbe would like to the record to reflect no monthly report was presented in the packets for the fire department. Kirkpatrick made a motion to accept the consent agenda items, a second followed from Lansdowne, and the motion carried unanimously.

Lansdowne made a motion to accept the resolution authorizing professional service provider(s) selection for hazard mitigation assistance program(s) funded through TDEM and/or TWDB. A second followed from Kraemer, and the motion carried unanimously.

Kraemer made a motion to hire SPI as the engineering/architectural service provider to complete application and project implementation for the Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) funding administered by TDEM and/or TWDB. A second followed by Lansdowne and the motion carried unanimously.

Kirkpatrick makes a motion to open a complete audit with an independent auditor of all amazon purchases and compare to the bank statements 2023-present with possible disciplinary actions if anything may be found. Donna made a second, and the motion carried unanimously.

Donna made a motion to remove Casey Bohannon from all EDC checking and Venmo accounts and replace with new treasurer, April Lewers a second followed from Kirkpatrick, and the motion carried unanimously.

Kirkpatrick made a motion to approve the EDC officers being Tim Koonce, President, Amber Rountree, Vice President, Tammy Kirkpatrick, Secretary, and April Lewers, Treasurer a second followed from Lansdowne, and the motion carried unanimously.

Donna made a motion to table indefinitely the action regarding payroll processing for direct deposit vs payroll check, Shaddox made a second, and the motion carried unanimously.

Kirkpatrick made a motion for Jenna to make a list of current vendor accounts and make sure they are all under tax exempt status. A second followed from Lansdowne, and the motion carried unanimously.

Kraemer made a motion to put Leigh Thompson, City Attorney on a 90-day probationary period for response time, a second followed from Kirkpatrick, and the motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Comments – Non-Agenda Items: Paul Kelbe, Mayor presented budget amendments that were made in the general fund and the water and sewer fund. Jenna Trussell, City Sec’y Asst notified council of applicants for the part time city sec’y asst position, and that interviews will be done by the end of the week, with a recommendation presented at the February council meeting.

Kirkpatrick made a motion to adjourn, a second followed from Lansdowne, and the motion carried unanimously.

Lindy McCarty, City Sec’y

Paul Kelbe, Mayor