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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, November 3, 2025, 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  
Tim Westervelt, Alderman  
Tammy Kirkpatrick, Alderwoman  
Debi Shaddox, Alderwoman

Staff Present:

Jenna Trussell, City Sec'y Asst.  
Juan Ramriez, Police Chief  
Shawn Newland, Public Works Director  
Randall Bohannon, W&WW Oper.

Vistor's present: Amanda Bohannon, citizen and Brenna Williamson with Mineola Monitor.

Public Comments: Agenda Items Only – None.

Lansdowne made a motion to accept the consent agenda items, Kraemer made a second, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Kelbe spoke with tax accessor Angie Lumen, and she said it would be very hard to project what impact a tax freeze would have on the city. It would be more feasible to project the impact on a tax cap. Kirkpatrick makes a motion to look back into this at the November meeting. A second followed by Lansdowne, the motion carried unanimously.

Per recommendation of City of Attorney Leigh Thompson, no action was taken regarding Swepeco's filing request with PCU.

Kirkpatrick made a motion to rescind the current city secretary job description and temporarily adopt the local government code for city secretary job duties until one can be amended. Shaddox made a second, the motion carried unanimously.

Westervelt made a motion to approve to change the number of city reps on the EDC board from a minimum of two city reps to a minimum of one. Lansdowne made a second, and the motion carried unanimously.

Lansdowne made a motion to appoint Amanda Bohannon and Karyn Margos to the EDC board and renew Tammy Kirkpatrick and Casey Bohannon's term. A second followed from Shaddox and the motion carried unanimously.

Westervelt made a motion to table the purchase and installation of a business listing sign at the Welcome Center until the EDC contacts TXDOT to get it approved. A second followed from Lansdowne, and the motion followed unanimously.

Kraemer made a motion to make police chief Juan Ramriez an exempt employee with a yearly salary of \$62,819.32 and a full comp time buy out. A second followed from Lansdowne, and the motion carried unanimously.

Kirkpatrick made a motion to table the creation of a part-time water/sewer/trash clerk until the November council meeting. Westervelt made a second, and the motion carried unanimously.

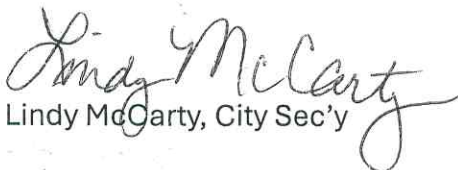
Shaddox made a motion to create a full-time water/sewer operator at \$18/hour, a second followed from Lansdowne, and the motion carried unanimously.


Kirkpatrick made a motion to spend up to \$500 on a plaque with several placeholders for previous Mayor's, a second followed from Lansdowne, the motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Comments: Non-Agenda Items – None.

Announcements: Lansdowne explained Sandra Burge was recognized by The Wood County Historical Commission and given the Historian Lifetime Achievement Award. Reminder of the Veteran's Day Parade on Saturday November 8<sup>th</sup>. Parade line up at 9am, parade starts at 10am.

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

  
Lindy McCarty, City Sec'y

  
Paul Kelbe, Mayor