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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 Bohannan, W&WW Oper.

Vistor's present: Amanda Bohannan, 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 Swepco'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 Bohannan and Karyn Margos to the EDC board and renew Tammy Kirkpatrick and Casey Bohannan'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 Ramirez 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.

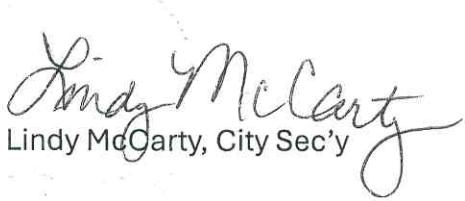
Shaddox made a motion to create a full-time water/sewer operator at \$18/hour, a second followed from Lansdowne, and the motion carried unanimously.

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 Saundra 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 8th. 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



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Paul Kelbe, Mayor