

City of Alamo Georgia

City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday May 18th, 2026

Alamo City Council Chamber 6:00 pm

1. Call Order Mayor Lee called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm
2. Invocation Led by City Manager Jeff Floyd
3. Pledge of Allegiance—everyone in attendance
4. Approve the Minutes of the April 20th council Meeting minutes—motion made by Council Member Patricia Woodard to approve the minutes and 2nd by Council Member Geoffrey Villegas all unanimously approved
5. Approved Agenda--- Motion was made by Council Member Patricia Woodard to approve the agenda for the meeting and 2nd by Council Member Laura Brownley all unanimously approved
6. Approved the Finance Report for April----- Motion made by Council Member Steve Jones to approve the finance report with the correct to Chris Milton check was for \$1,350.00 not \$13,500.00 and 2nd by council Member Geoffrey Villegas all unanimously approved

Old Business

7. Bids for event Center---- City Manager Jeff Floyd stated that I have a picture of the event center up here on the big screen, also I sent everyone a copy by email a little while ago. The amount of the event center is estimated at \$883,368.00 there is a safe room that would cost \$62,312.00, Jeff has sent that by email to you all also. Jeff's question to all the council members is do you all want me to go ahead and put that out for bids on the Georgia Procurement register? Council Member Dondrea Geter asked about the kitchen being added and Jeff said that would be something we can add later. But it must be in kind to the insurance to cover the cost , we can come back later and put that in ourselves.

We have received \$255,000.00 dollars of insurance money so far and another \$111,000.00 dollars to come to us if we do the build. Jeff stated that if the insurance company was okay with it , we could build metal with stone, and it would be cheaper. Council Member Steve Jones said what we are looking at if we do it with the insurance payment, we are still looking at another ½ million dollars we would have to pay. Council member Steve Jones Stated, I just do not think we need to go there with that. We have got a center; the county center is set up and all. Council Member Steve Jones said I

think there is another avenue of a building over there that would benefit all citizens, and help with our ISO rating, that would be a new fire department. I believe we have some members here tonight to talk about that, don't know if we would do that now or not. Mayor Lee said we can do it during the fire report. Council Member Patricia Woodard said now you are telling me if we don't do the event center the other option would be to build a fire department? Council Member Steve Jones said our insurance rates are based on the ISO rating and the I have been told that the fire department has more trucks that are not housed and they have to be housed. My idea is using that property to build the new fire department, and to obtain the old one for our City Workers. They will be better way to spend the money. I say take the \$255,000.00 and say thank you, we have spent \$9,000 on the drawing to have this done , and Jeff said we have another bill of \$17,000 .

We would be out of \$ 25,000 if we stopped here with the event center. Council Member Laura Brownley stated that the event center would not be used much , Council Member Steve Jones said the safe room would only be for staff or the people that were there having an event so it wouldn't benefit all the citizens. Jeff stated that we are not on a time schedule , he has talked with the insurance. Council Member Steve Jones stated he would like to hear from the fire department about it, and Mayor Pamela Lee stated that now would be a good time to hear from them. Assistant Fire Chief Ryan Dixon came up to speak he said he has been on the fire department for 20 years. Right now, we have the strongest fire department we have had, we have 4 fairly new members. Jimmy Powell, his son, Curtis Hay and his stepson Aiden. With that Council Member Steve Jones has hit on some of the things when I first started our ISO rating was a 9 with lots of work, we now have an ISO rating of 4 the best you can get is a 1 our goal is to get to a 3. We have 4 bays and 6 trucks, so we are out of room, it seems over kill , but Crossroad has no members, Stuckey has 2 members that are loggers and their ability to respond is almost non exist they have jobs to do, Glenwood is real hit or miss, and Springhill probably has 4 active members on a good day. Some of the problem we have with the location of where we are now, the traffic from Lori's , I'm glad Lori's is there and doing business, but that creates problems for us when the drive-through line backs up and people park in front of the bays. When we come back the alley is blocked with traffic, so we have to go through the City Hall parking lot. The other problem with the Alley is when we go on an emergency calls, there are houses at the end of the ally and they are always out there playing and I'm glad to see them out there playing, The kids seem to run towards the sirens to see them so that is a huge concern . Mcrae has asked us to do a support firefighter class. We do not have a training room. We are also out of lockable storage, If we went this way getting a bathroom and a shower in there.

Jeff and I have talked before about putting the City shop where the fire station is now. Then you all could do the fence around the whole thing like y'all had talked about if would of not be practical for us. Council Member Laura Brownley asked if there was a grant out there for that to help build the fire department, Assistant Fire Chief Ryan Dixon stated he didn't know if there was. Council Member Dondrea Geter asked if there would be any other area for the fire department to go? City Manager Jeff Floyd stated that there are three different lots over there. Council member Patricia Woodard asked have we looked into that can we build it with the \$255,000? Jeff said we must keep in mind we gave \$150,000. For that property and we still have the land \$100,000 for the building that got hit by the tornado and we got \$255,000 for the building that got hit by the hurricane. We paid \$10,000 dollar for the buildings that got hit to be torn down, we had to pay two five thousand-dollar deductible we have received \$355,000 dollars and we have spent \$170,000 on the property on deductible and tearing the building down. Mayor Pamela Lee asked so we can scale down that event center and do the fire department. Council Member Dondrea Geter said we need to have an administrative committee meeting. This was tabled until the next meeting.

8. 911 ordinance- This is the first reading of the proposed 911 ordinance. The city of Alamo, Wheeler Telfair county 911 ordinance to have 911 signs in your front yard.
9. Administrative committee recommendations on insurance—Jeff said the 1st one he wanted to talk about was the Medicare Supplement insurance plan it is \$200.00 a month for employee 65 or over saving us \$1,175.00 a month. Roy Adams is the only employee he has right now to have it and he is onboard for it. You have to have Medicare plan A and he has a,b,d. Motion was made by Council Member Laura Brownley to approve the \$200.00 a month for Roy Adams Medicare supplement plan of \$200.00 and 2nd by Council Member Steve Jones and all unanimously approved 2nd part---life insurance for our employees would be 10 thousand, 20 thousand, 25, thousand. The city would pay for that for the employees; the city would need to decide what amount of coverage to go with. This is sun life insurance. Council Member Patricia Woodard asked if the employee wanted to purchase more can they? City Manager Jeff Floyd said he would find out for us. If they want more, I would be okay with doing the 10 thousand. Tabled until next month.
10. Records retention --- Tabled we didn't get that ordinance ready
11. City Hall/ Fire Truck bids---- We received 1 sealed bid from RGC construction out of Merritt Georgia, the bid was for \$138,416.26 for both of those projects. Repair old city hall and replace the Fire truck building, insurance will pay \$83,000.00 dollars for the old city hall. Fema would reimburse us for the fire truck building once we have it built. Motion was made to accept the bid with the attorney approval by council member Dondrea Geter and 2nd by Council Member Wright all unanimously approved.

12. CD's----- the cd's are due to roll over at the end of this month. Motion made to transfer \$79,275.10 from General funds savings account To the General Funds Cd and move \$150,00.00 from the water sewer checking account to the water sewer savings cd for a term of 6 months by council Member Patricia Woodard and 2nd by Council Member Georgey Villegas all unanimously approved. Motion was made to move 39,673.95 from the bond and sinking fund to the bond & sinking fund cd for a 12 month term by Council Member Woodard and 2nd by council Member Laura and all unanimously approved .

New Business

13. Amend the Eastside park budget--- City Manager Jeff Floyd stated that we are over budget it was original budget at\$ 2,200.000 dollars and as last week when we finish out it would be \$37,585.45 dollars over budget. Camery suggests that we do a letter to the government office over the overage of\$ 37,585.45 and all we need is a signature from the mayor to do that. Motion was made to amend the east side park account to the 2,237,585.45by council Member Geoffrey Villegas and 2nd by Council Member Patricia Woodard all unanimously approved
14. Hiring a Full-time employee- Jeff said he would like to give it another month before we hire someone and get with the administrative committee and see what we want to hire a full-time employee or a full- time supervisor .
15. LRA 2026----fully funded by GDOT no match this year we are getting 41,021.68 the streets would be Jefferson st beginning at 3rd Ave and end at 4th Ave 2nd Ave beginning at Pine Street ending at South Broad Street , Stubbs Street beginning at North Broad and end at Jefferson Street. I have until 6/15/2026 to apply for this. Motion was made by Council Member Laura Browning and 2nd by Council Member Villegas to apply for this grant on these streets all unanimously approved
16. Wastewater Treatment Plant—We have 2 quotes for the 2 pumps that are needed at the wastewater treatment plant one from Southeastern for \$13,992.00 and quote from Radwell for \$18,753.60, Motion was made by Council Member Steve Jones to go with Southeastern on the pumps and 2nd by Council Member Geoffrey Villegas all unanimously approved
17. Flower Garden and walking track---- City Manager Jeff Floyd spoke about the flower garden and walking track we want to get some landscaping done. I would like to talk about setting aside some money for sprinkler system and landscaping and put in a pavilion at the walking track . My first thought was to put about \$ 25,000 dollars. We would love to get some quotes from landscaping companies . The electricity needs to be redone over there also. City Manager Jeff Floyd suggested that we talk with Gdot and see about getting that flower garden re paved.

18. Checking signing---- Motion to remove Former Council Member Cobby Cox from the City of Alamo Check signing for the City of Alamo at Sun Mark Bank and to add Council Member Angelia Wright to the check signing for the City of Alamo .

Motion was made to remove Former Police Chief Karen Zanders from the City of Alamo Credit Card and to add City Clerk Dana Burkhalter to the Credit Card for the City of Alamo by Council Member Laura Brownley and 2nd by Council Member Geoffrey Villegas all unanimously approved.

Executive Session (employee matters & ligations) if needed.

No need for executive session

19. City Manager Report – attached

20. Police report – attached***** Council Member Steve Jones asked if Police Chief Roy Adams would put the SO on the schedule where they are covering us. Police Chief Roy Adams stated that he has taken them off the schedule, I am always on call they call we when they have a call.

21. Fire Report—attached

22. No report

23. Mayor Report- attached

Public Participation ----- none

24. Adjournment--- Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm by Council Member Geoffrey Villegas and 2nd by Council Member Angelia Wright all unanimously approved.

Presiding Officer

Pamela Lee

Mayor Pamela Lee

Attest:

Dana Burkhalter

City Clerk Dana Burkhalter

Seal: _____

