

## **City Business**

New Employee K. Alan Carlton  
by Michael Leamons

After a few weeks of collecting stray dogs, issuing permits and dealing with code compliance complaints, it's with great pleasure I am able to announce K. Alan Carlton has assumed his duties as Hico's new Building and Development/Code Compliance/Animal Control Officer. Alan is trained in several disciplines which should prove beneficial to the community. He is a fourth generation home builder and a pioneer of the professional licensed Home Inspector field with experience pre-dating the 1984 State established program. Alan developed and taught a Continuing Education Course for Home Inspectors at the University of Texas at Arlington.

Additionally, he is a Master Electrician, a Licensed Texas Peace Officer, a Veteran U.S. Air Force Radio Electronics Technician and a trained storm spotter on Ham Radio, still active in Air Force MARS Civil Defense communications. He has earned a Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Degree and is Licensed and Certified by TDLR, as a Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Technician.

Alan served as Building Official/Chief Electrical, Plumbing and Mechanical Inspector for several DFW Metroplex cities and has over 30 years of experience in Plan Review, Zoning, Building and Development, Fire Prevention and Law and Code Enforcement.

Like a County Extension Agent, except with expertise in construction instead of agriculture, Alan is available to serve you and answer your questions. He loves to teach, and plans to offer classes unraveling the mysteries behind building codes, lumber span tables, as well as electrical, structural and HVAC calculations so you can do a professional job on your next project.

Alan is also looking forward to the challenge of assuming the duties of an Animal Control Officer. His Law Enforcement training gives him special skills in Animal Cruelty Investigation. He is a cattle raiser, and has been involved in training both dogs and horses. He developed a Mounted Police Unit for Tarrant County Constable Mike Honeycutt; and helped start the Mansfield ISD Police Department where Alan used a German Shepherd he had trained in a high visibility zero tolerance drug program.

Should you require help with Building Projects, Code Compliance or Animal Control give Alan a call or stop by City Hall for a visit. Alan is eager to put his experience to work on your behalf.

May God bless the City of Hico.