

ALAMOSA CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes

Council Chambers
300 Hunt Avenue, Alamosa, CO
March 6, 2024

Zoom Webinar Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85753492744>

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Council Calendar

6:00 PM - Work Session: Discussion on perception of crime and if new City ordinances are needed

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Regular Meeting of the Alamosa City Council was called to order on the above date by Mayor Ty Coleman at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. ROLL CALL

Present at Roll Call: Mayor Ty Coleman, Councilors Liz Hensley, Michael Carson, Jamie Dominguez, Jackie Vigil, and Dawn Krebs. Councilor Jan Vigil previously requested to be excused and his absence is an excused absence. Also present: City Manager Heather Brooks, City Attorney Erich Schwiesow, and City Clerk Holly Martinez.

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilor Hensley moved, seconded by Councilor Carson, to approve the agenda as presented and to excuse Councilor Jan Vigil. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. CITIZEN COMMENT

Alamosa City Council welcomes your comments. Citizens wishing to speak may obtain and complete a speaker card through the City Clerk at the start of the meeting.

A. Audience Comments

None.

B. Follow-Up

None.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR A

The Consent Calendar allows multiple actions with one motion. Consent Calendar A contains routine items which have been recommended for action by staff or advisory boards. Council may remove a consent calendar item for separate consideration.

Councilor Krebs moved, seconded by Councilor Hensley, to approve Consent Calendar A. The motion carried unanimously.

C.7.a. Approve Minutes of Meeting February 21, 2024

VI. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Presentations from Outside Agencies

1. Annual Update from Outside Funding Partner: Habitat for Humanity

Audrey Liu and Trudy Chavez provided the annual update on the projects Habitat for Humanity has worked on this past year.

2. USA Today's Best Small Town Cultural Scene

Beth Sumner and Kale Mortensen with Visit Alamosa presented information on the USA Today's Best Small Town Cultural Scene that Alamosa is being nominated for.

B. Board/Commission Business

1. Library Board Annual Report

Library Board Chair Will Krebs provided the annual report for the Library Board to Council.

C. Business Brought Forward by City Staff

1. Development Services

a. Various Water Updates

Deacon Aspinwall and Beata Ramza with Development Services provided information to Council on the annual water usage and the WaterSmarts Committee.

2. Police

a. Motion authorizing the purchase of 30 Axon Fleet 3 in-car camera systems for \$420,703.06 to be paid over 5 years.

Interim IT Director Brandon Gallegos provided information to Council on the Axon Fleet 3 in-car camera systems to Council. Interim Chief Joey Spangler and Ms. Brooks also provided additional information.

Councilor Carson moved, seconded by Councilor Jackie Vigil, to authorize the purchase of 30 Axon Fleet 3 in-car camera systems with the inclusion of the Technology Assurance Plan for \$420,703.06 to be paid over 5 years. The motion carried unanimously.

3. City Manager/Legal

- a. Second Reading and Public Hearing, Ordinance No. 3-2024, an ordinance approving an intergovernmental agreement with Water Activity Enterprise Special Improvement District No. 6 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District to cover the City's municipal wells in the district's annual replacement plan(s) pending approval of the City's plan for augmentation

Counselor Schwiesow reviewed this ordinance with Council.

Mayor Coleman opened the public hearing at 8:09 p.m. and asked for those wishing to speak on this ordinance.

There being no one wishing to speak, the hearing closed at 8:10 p.m.

Councilor Carson moved, seconded by Councilor Jackie Vigil, to finally adopt Ordinance No. 3-2024. The motion carried unanimously.

- b. Selection of Art for Purchase

Ms. Brooks reviewed the art pieces and budget amount for Council for 2024. Council discussed the pieces and decided to purchase Casey Caterpillar. Councilor Hensley stated that Aaron with the Boys and Girls Club would help to purchase this item as well. Councilor Dominguez stated that Shooting Stars would cover the remaining balance of whatever the Boys and Girls Club and the City couldn't for the purchase of Casey Caterpillar.

Councilor Jackie Vigil moved, seconded by Councilor Hensley, to purchase Casey Caterpillar with the budget funds of \$5,450. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Committee Reports

Councilor Dominguez reported on the Homeless Coalition meeting he attended.

Councilor Carson reported on the Rio Grande Basin Roundtable meeting he attended.

E. Staff Announcements

Public Works Director Harry Reynolds provided an update on the street construction for La Veta, an update for the houses on Princess Ann, and an update of the date for the removal of the huts at the St. Benedict campsite.

Ms. Martinez informed Council that the current agenda management software the City uses will be coming to an end of life per the company that owns it, and that the City Manager,

Interim IT Director, and herself are researching other software and will be issuing an RFP to generate interest for a new agenda management software.

COUNCIL COMMENT

Councilor Carson commented in regards to the property on Edison Ave and the certificate of occupancy. Councilor Dominguez stated that he would like to be included on this discussion.

Mayor Coleman commented in regards to the Monterey Cafe.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Holly C. Martinez, City Clerk

Ty Coleman, Mayor

ALAMOSA CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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Council Calendar

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

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Alamosa City Council Meeting and Event Calendar

Updated 02/29/2024

All events are held in Alamosa Colorado unless otherwise noted.

CITY HALL IS LOCATED AT 300 HUNT				
Date	Time		Location	Additional Information
March 6, 2024	6:00 p.m.	Work Session: Discussion on perception of crime and if new City ordinances are needed	Council Chambers	*
March 6, 2024	7:00 p.m.	Regular Council Meeting	Council Chambers	
March 11, 2024	6:00 p.m.	Dinner Meeting with Alamosa Board of Education	Lindo Jalisco	*
March 13, 2024	6:30 p.m.	Work Session: Dark Sky Requirements	Council Chambers	*
March 20, 2024	7:00 p.m.	Regular Council Meeting	Council Chambers	
March 27, 2024	6:30 p.m.	Work Session: Review of Fire Study	Fire Training Room	*
April 3, 2024	6:00 p.m.	Work Session: Water Treatment Future	Council Chambers	*
April 3, 2024	7:00 p.m.	Regular Council Meeting	Council Chambers	
April 17, 2024	7:00 p.m.	Regular Council Meeting	Council Chambers	
April 22, 2024	6:00 p.m.	Annual Board Appreciation Dinner	TBD	****
May 1, 2024	7:00 p.m.	Regular Council Meeting	Council Chambers	
May 15, 2024	7:00 p.m.	Regular Council Meeting	Council Chambers	
* Work sessions are informal Council meetings for the purpose of discussion among Council members. No action is taken. The public is invited to attend, but public comment is generally not received unless otherwise noted.				
**Sponsored by outside entity. Council members have been invited to attend. Please check with originating entity for registration information				
*** Citizens are encouraged to attend this community event				
**** This is a purely social event and not open to the public				
*****This is a closed session and not open to the public				

Subject/Title:
Approve Minutes of Meeting February 21, 2024

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III. AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilor Jan Vigil moved, seconded by Councilor Jackie Vigil, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. CITIZEN COMMENT

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A. Audience Comments

Helen Sigmond and Craig Rauwolf provided an update to Council on the Veteran's Memorial Park project.

Ruthie Brown spoke in regards to concerns related to the pay raises across the board in the budget, plans for what the City will do if undocumented workers come to Alamosa, and the huts at the homeless camp.

Donna McDonald spoke in regards to the huts at the homeless camp and the ruling in the 9th circuit court.

B. Follow-Up

Ms. Brooks stated that there is discussion on the agenda related to the huts, provided information to Ms. Brown related to the pay raises and also stated that the City of Alamosa is not a sanctuary city in regards to the concern of the undocumented workers.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR A

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Councilor Hensley moved, seconded by Councilor Krebs, to approve Consent Calendar A. The motion carried unanimously.

C.7.a. Approve Minutes of Meeting February 7, 2024

C.8.a. Receive January 2024 Monthly Reports

C.8.b. First Reading, Ordinance No. 3-2024, an ordinance approving an intergovernmental agreement with Water Activity Enterprise Special Improvement District No. 6 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District to cover the City's municipal wells in the district's annual replacement plan(s) pending approval of the City's plan for augmentation

VI. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Presentations from Outside Agencies

1. Science of Addiction, Dr. Ely Walker

Dr. Ely Walker provided a presentation on the Science of Addiction and Evidence Based Treatments to Council. Council thanked Dr. Walker for his presentation.

2. ICM & Co-Responder Update

Center for Restorative Programs Executive Director, Luke Yoder, provided an update to Council on ICM (Intensive Case Management).

Co-Responders Connie Brydges and Tim Dellett, along with Interim Chief Joey Spangler, provided an update on the Co-Responder program to Council.

3. Women's Citizenship Club Update on Crane Committee

Women's Citizenship Club members Mary Russell, Theresa Rudder, Sharon Adcock, and Helen Taylor provided an update on the Jocelyn Russell "Into Thin Air" Cranes in Flight project being done by the Crane Committee.

B. Business Brought Forward by City Staff

1. Development Services

a. Public Hearing and motion authorizing staff to submit a Community Development

Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$600,000 for the construction of the Boys and Girls Clubs of the San Luis Valley's new early childhood learning center.

Development Services Director Rachel James provided information to Council.

Mayor Coleman opened the public hearing at 8:41 p.m. asked for those wishing to speak on this item.

Aaron Miltenberger spoke in support of the grant and thanked Council for the partnership.

There being no one else wishing to speak, the hearing closed at 8:44 p.m.

Councilor Carson moved, seconded by Councilor Hensley, to authorize staff to submit a Community Development Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$600,000 for the construction of the Boys and Girls Club of the San Luis Valley's new early childhood learning center. The motion carried unanimously.

2. City Manager/Legal

- a. Motion approving updates to the Council Policy Manual.

Ms. Sanchez provided information to Council.

Councilor Carson moved, seconded by Councilor Jackie Vigil, to approve the updates to the Council Policy Manual. The motion carried unanimously.

- b. Motion authorizing the removal of the huts at St. Benedict.

Ms. Sanchez, Captain Sam Maestas and La Puente Street Outreach Director Brett Phillips provided information to Council and Council further discussed this item.

Councilor Hensley moved, seconded by Councilor Jan Vigil, to authorize the removal of the huts at St. Benedict. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Committee Reports

Councilor Hensley reported on the Recreation Advisory Board and Main Street Advisory Committee meetings she attended.

D. Staff Announcements

Public Works Director Harry Reynolds provided an update on the Princess Ann homes to Council.

COUNCIL COMMENT

Mayor Coleman relayed a call of gratitude and thanks he received to the team of Public Works for an issue that

occurred outside of work hours and was resolved quickly.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Holly C. Martinez, City Clerk

Ty Coleman, Mayor