

ALAMOSA CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes

Council Chambers
300 Hunt Avenue, Alamosa, CO
April 3, 2024

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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 Jamie Dominguez, Jan Vigil, Jackie Vigil, Dawn Krebs, and Michael Carson. Councilor Liz Hensley was present via Zoom Webinar. Also present: City Attorney Erich Schwiesow and City Clerk Holly Martinez. City Manager Heather Sanchez was present via Zoom Webinar.

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

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

IV. CITIZEN COMMENT

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A. Audience Comments

Rachael Cheslock commented in regards to the Rural Co-Action Innovation and Entrepreneurship Expo.

B. Follow-Up

None.

V. CEREMONIAL ITEMS

A. Proclamation: International Dark Sky Week

Councilor Dominguez read the proclamation. Representatives of SLV GO! were unable to be present to receive the proclamation.

B. Proclamation: Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Mayor Coleman read the proclamation and Council presented it to representatives of Tu Casa.

C. Proclamation: Child Abuse Prevention Month

Councilor Jackie Vigil read the proclamation and Council presented it to representatives of Tu Casa.

D. Introduction of Alamosa Fire Explorers

Alamosa Fire Chief Bill Stone introduced new Fire Explorers Lucia Andres-Jacinto, Aidan Clark, Christian Wolfe, Jaileigh Williams, and Josh Cline, who were all welcomed by Council.

VI. 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 Jan Vigil moved, seconded by Councilor Jackie Vigil, to approve Consent Calendar A. The motion carried unanimously.

C.7.a. Approve Minutes of Meeting March 20, 2024

VII. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Presentations from Outside Agencies

1. Annual Update from Outside Funding Partner: La Puente

La Puente Executive Director Lance Cheslock provided the annual update on La Puente to Council.

B. Business Brought Forward by City Staff

1. Police

- a. Second Reading and public hearing, Ordinance No. 5-2024, shortening the cure and notice provisions for nuisance properties owned or controlled by resident owners creating the nuisance.

Counselor Schwiesow reviewed this ordinance with Council.

Mayor Coleman opened the public hearing at 7:52 p.m. and asked for those wishing to speak on this ordinance.

There being no one wishing to speak, the hearing closed at 7:53 p.m.

Councilor Jan Vigil moved, seconded by Councilor Jackie Vigil, to finally adopt Ordinance No. 5-2024. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Parks and Recreation

- a. First Reading, Ordinance No. 4-2024, An Ordinance approving official hours for public use of City of Alamosa Parks and Open Space and prohibiting deadly weapons in all Parks, Open Space, and Recreation Facilities.

Parks and Recreation Director, Andy Rice, presented information on this ordinance to Council.

Councilor Carson moved, seconded by Councilor Jan Vigil, to approve Ordinance No. 4-2024 on first reading and set for a public hearing on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Committee Reports

Councilor Krebs reported on the Alamosa Senior Citizens Board, Library Board, and Creative District Committee meetings she attended.

D. Staff Announcements

None.

COUNCIL COMMENT

Councilor Jan Vigil commented in regards to concerns of residents around Washington Avenue being notified of how to get around during construction.

Councilor Krebs commented in regards to Water Week happening next week.

Mayor Coleman thanked Rachel and Deacon for giving tours and information from visitors of Boulder regarding housing around Alamosa.

Councilor Hensley commented to remind everyone of the upcoming community color in mural that is happening on Saturday at the Welcome Center from 10-3. Ms. Sanchez also commented in regards to this Friday being the upcoming First Friday and start of We Love our National Parks month.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

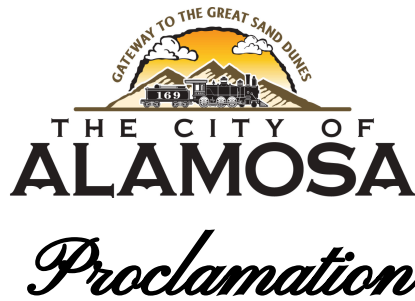
Holly C. Martinez, City Clerk

Ty Coleman, Mayor

Subject/Title:
Proclamation: International Dark Sky Week

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
International Dark Sky Week	Proclamations



International Dark Sky Week **April 2 - 8, 2024**

WHEREAS, the San Luis Valley region is treasured by residents and visitors alike for having some of the darkest night skies in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the experience of standing beneath a dark sky inspires feelings of wonder and awe, and may encourage interest in science and nature; and,

WHEREAS, San Luis Valley Great Outdoors and partners in the Sangre de Cristo Dark Sky Coalition are working to educate the community about light pollution and to apply to DarkSky International for the status of "International Dark Sky Reserve;" and,

WHEREAS, the solutions can be as easy as using light only where you need it, when you need it, with the minimum amount of light needed, with the appropriate color temperature, while shielding lights and directing light downward; and,

WHEREAS, education about the night sky helps our community improve and maintain its unique rural character, neighborhood livability, safety, and quality of life; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that, I, **Ty Coleman**, Mayor of the City of Alamosa and on behalf of the entire City Council proclaim April 2 - 8, 2024 as

International Dark Sky Week

in the City of Alamosa. During this week, I encourage all residents to learn about the benefits of the night sky to our community.

Adopted this 3rd day of April, 2024

Ty Coleman, Mayor

Subject/Title:
Proclamation: Sexual Assault Awareness Month

ATTACHMENTS:

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Tu Casa, Inc.

Empowering all children and adults
to live healthy, violence-free lives.



Proclamation

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

In the City of Alamosa, Colorado, in recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) we call attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every person in every community. SAAM aims to raise public awareness about sexual abuse, harassment, and assault and educate communities about how to be involved in prevention.

This year's SAAM campaign theme, *Building Connected Communities*, calls on each of us to work together to prevent sexual abuse, harassment, and assault. We believe when anyone experiences sexual violence, every community member is affected. We must strive to build more connected, respectful, and inclusive communities to promote our collective well-being and protect against the risk of sexual violence. We believe all of our communities will be safer and stronger by making them more equitable for people of all gender identities and sexual orientations, races and ethnic backgrounds, ages, faiths, and abilities.

WHEREAS, over 53% of women and over 29% of men reported experiencing contact sexual violence in their lifetime (Chen, J., Khatiwada, S., Chen, M. S., Smith, S. G., Leemis, R. W., Friar, N., Basile, K. C., and Kresnow, M. (2023). The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS) 2016/2017: Report on Victimization by Sexual Identity. Atlanta, GA: National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

<http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pdf/nisvs/nisvsReportonSexualIdentity.pdf>); and

WHEREAS, most men and women across all sexual identities who experienced contact sexual violence reported that the person who harmed them was someone they knew (Chen, et al., 2023); and

WHEREAS, as such, we must strive to create strong, connected communities that take care of one another and make decisions to ensure the safety and well-being of others to end sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, The *Building Connected Communities* campaign is an opportunity for our community to join with others around the world in committing to prevent sexual abuse, assault, and harassment.

We encourage our community to take action to prevent sexual violence. April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and each day of the year is an opportunity to create change for the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that, I, **Ty Coleman**, Mayor of the City of Alamosa, and on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim April 2024 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the City of Alamosa.

Adopted this 3rd day of April, 2024

Ty Coleman, Mayor

ALAMOSA CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

Subject/Title:

Proclamation: Child Abuse Prevention Month

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

[Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation](#)

Type

Proclamations



Child Abuse Prevention Month

April 1, 2024

WHEREAS, in Federal fiscal year 2022, nearly 3.1 million children received either an investigation response or alternative response; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone; and

WHEREAS, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of the [State or jurisdiction]; and

WHEREAS, child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for victims of abuse; and

WHEREAS, protective factors are conditions that reduce or eliminate risk and promote the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of children; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the partnerships created between child welfare professionals, education, health, community- and faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and families; and

WHEREAS, communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that create strong and thriving children and families; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, prevention remains the best defense for our children and families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tyler Coleman, Mayor of the City of Alamosa, do hereby proclaim April 2024 as NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH in the City of Alamosa and urge all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families.

Ty Coleman, Mayor

Subject/Title:

Introduction of Alamosa Fire Explorers

Subject/Title:
Approve Minutes of Meeting March 20, 2024

ATTACHMENTS:

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Council Calendar

6:30 PM - Work Session: Concrete Replacement Program

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II. ROLL CALL

Present at roll call: Mayor Ty Coleman, Councilors Dawn Krebs, Jan Vigil, Liz Hensley, Jamie Dominguez, Jackie Vigil, and Michael Carson. A quorum was declared. Also present: City Manager Heather Sanchez, City Attorney Erich Schwiesow, and City Clerk Holly Martinez.

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

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

IV. CITIZEN COMMENT

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A. Audience Comments

None.

B. Follow-Up

None.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR A

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Councilor Carson moved, seconded by Councilor Jackie Vigil, to approve Consent Calendar A. The motion carried unanimously.

C.7.a. Approve Minutes of Meeting March 6, 2024

C.8.a. Receive February 2024 Monthly Reports

C.11.a Ratification of Planning Commission Approval: Conversion of a Non-Conforming Light Industrial Telecommunications Use to a Conforming Use at 1405 Hunt Avenue

C.11.b Motion Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Property Ownership and Agency Affidavit, Allowing Manish Patel to Apply for a Variance on the Former Walsh Property

VI. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Presentations from Outside Agencies

1. Annual Update from Outside Funding Partner: South Central Colorado Seniors

The representatives to present this update were not present at the meeting and their update will be rescheduled to a later date.

B. Business Brought Forward by City Staff

1. Development Services

a. Quarterly Update on Housing and Downtown

Development Services Director Rachel James provided the quarterly update on Housing and Downtown to Council.

b. Motion approving the San Luis Valley Habitat for Humanity Contract for Services

Ms. James presented information to Council.

Councilor Carson moved, seconded by Councilor Hensley, to approve the San Luis Valley Habitat for Humanity Contract for Services for \$5,427. The motion carried unanimously with Councilor Jan Vigil abstaining from the vote as he serves on that board.

2. Police

a. First Reading, Ordinance No. 5-2024, shortening the cure and notice provisions for nuisance properties owned or controlled by resident owners creating the nuisance.

Counselor Schwiesow provided background information to Council.

Councilor Jan Vigil moved, seconded by Councilor Hensley, to approve Ordinance No. 5-2024 on first reading and set for a public hearing on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. The motion carried unanimously.

3. City Manager/Legal

- a. First Reading, Ordinance No. 6-2024, an ordinance amending *The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Alamosa* to Include a new Chapter 17 titled "Guidelines and Regulations for Water Projects for Export Outside The San Luis Valley as Designated as Matters of State Interest of the City of Alamosa"

Counselor Schwiesow provided background information on this ordinance to Council.

Councilor Carson moved, seconded by Councilor Jan Vigil, to approve Ordinance No. 6-2024 on first reading and set for a public hearing on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Committee Reports

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

Councilor Dominguez reported on the Alamosa Housing Authority Board meeting he attended.

Councilor Jackie Vigil reported on the LEAD Policy Committee meeting she attended.

D. Staff Announcements

Counselor Schwiesow informed Council of an update on the city's augmentation cases and that they are set for trial in October of 2026 and he has engaged litigation counsel to help with the cases.

Public Works Director Harry Reynolds provided an update on the construction of La Veta Avenue and informed Council that they'll be heading to Washington Avenue next.

COUNCIL COMMENT

Councilor Jan Vigil extended congratulations to new Police George Dingfelder.

Councilor Krebs commented in regards to the Adopt a Park/Trail meeting that she attended and encouraged people to look into the program.

Councilor Carson thanked the staff and committee for the process of hiring a Police Chief and also extended his congratulations. He also thanked the Police Department for being there for his family this week related to a personal matter.

Mayor Coleman thanked the City Manager and team for taking time on the process of hiring a new police chief.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Holly C. Martinez, City Clerk

Ty Coleman, Mayor