

ALAMOSA CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes

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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 Kristina Daniel, Michael Carson, David Broyles, Liz Hensley and Jan Vigil. Councilor Charles Griego previously requested to be excused. Also present: City Manager Heather Brooks, City Attorney Erich Schwiesow, and City Clerk Holly Martinez.

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilor Vigil moved, seconded by Councilor Daniel to approve the agenda as presented and to excuse Councilor Griego. 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

Ruthie Brown spoke in regards to concerns about the Christmas lights timeline of the lighting downtown.

Harvey Hisgen spoke in regards to the resolution for the National Historic Pike trail.

B. Follow-Up

Heather Brooks provided information related to why the timeline is set as it is for the Christmas lighting timeline.

V. CEREMONIAL ITEMS

- A. Recognition of Retiring Council Members
 - 1. David Broyles

Councilor Broyles thanked the community and staff for all their support during his term and was presented with a plaque for his years of service.

- B. Oath of Office for New Council Members
 - 1. Ty Coleman, Mayor
 - 2. Jan Vigil, Councilor At Large
 - 3. Kyle Woodward, Ward 2
 - 4. Michael Carson, Ward 4

City Clerk, Holly Martinez, administered the oath of offices to these newly elected Councilors and presented them with their Certificates of Election.

Mayor Coleman, Councilor Vigil, Councilor Woodward and Councilor Carson thanked those who voted and supported them.

Mayor Coleman, Councilor Vigil, Councilor Woodward and Councilor Carson carried out the remainder of the meeting.

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 Vigil moved, seconded by Councilor Daniel to approve Consent Calendar A as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

C.2.a. October 2021 financial statements and expenditure reports

C.7.a. Approve Minutes of Meeting November 17, 2021

C.8.a. Motion authorizing the Mayor and City Staff to sign FAA grant documents for the Airport Rescue Grant for the Alamosa Airport.

C.8.b. Resolution No. 9-2021; A Resolution in Support of the Creation of the Pike National Historic Trail.

VII. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Presentations from Outside Agencies

1. LEAD Update

Carey Deacon, Megan Martinez, and Chief Anderson provided an update on the LEAD program to Council. Council thanked them for the update.

B. Board/Commission Business

1. Homeless Coalition Update

Dawn Melgares provided an update to Council on what the Homeless Coalition has been working on.

2. Discussion on Temporary Council Committee Assignments

Ms. Brooks provided an update to Council on the boards that Councilor Broyles had been serving on and asked if they're okay with the alternate carry out the remaining meetings until the mini retreat in February when committees are discussed and assigned. Council concurred that they were okay with the alternate carrying out the remainder of the meetings.

C. Business Brought Forward by City Staff

1. PH Ordinance 24-2021, Renewal of IGA with the City of Monte Vista for the provision of Information Technology Services.

Ms. Brooks reviewed this ordinance with Council.

Mayor Coleman opened the public hearing at 7:46 p.m. and asked for those wishing to speak on this ordinance.

There being no one wishing to speak, the hearing closed at 7:47 p.m.

Councilor Vigil moved, seconded by Councilor Hensley to finally adopt Ordinance No. 24-2021. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Development Services

a. Public Hearing and Second Reading, Ordinance No. 25-2021, An Ordinance Amending Section 21-2-405 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Alamosa Concerning Short-Term Rental Regulations

Rachel Baird provided information to Council and informed them of the changes that were put into this ordinance for second reading based on the direction council gave at first reading.

Mayor Coleman opened the public hearing at 7:56 p.m. and asked for those wishing to speak on this ordinance.

Marc Eaton thanked staff and council for their efforts but stated that he is against buffer zones this ordinance is recommending.

Amy Scaveezee spoke regarding her concerns to the ordinance.

Chuck Kelley spoke in opposition to the ordinance and stated his concerns as a property management owner.

Heather Parga spoke in opposition to the ordinance.

Luke Yoder spoke regarding his concerns and how is in favor of such an

ordinance because he wants his neighborhood to have a sense of community.

Ruthie Brown spoke regarding her concerns and is in support of short term rentals and is not supportive of the restrictions in this ordinance.

Darrel Cooper spoke in opposition to this ordinance and recommended council to table this ordinance and bring it back at another time.

There being no one else wishing to speak, the hearing closed at 8:50 p.m.

Council further discussed this ordinance.

Councilor Carson moved, seconded by Councilor Woodward to put a moratorium in place tonight. Before a vote was taken, both Councilors withdrew their motion and second.

Councilor Daniel moved, seconded by Councilor Hensley to table this ordinance and to direct staff to prepare a moratorium ordinance for the next meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

- b. First Reading and Introduction, Ordinance 26-2021, An Ordinance Amending the Unified Development Code to Expand Housing Options

Ms. Baird provided information to Council.

Councilor Vigil moved, seconded by Councilor Hensley to approve Ordinance No. 26-2021 on first reading and set for a public hearing on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Police

- a. First Reading, Ordinance No. 27-2021 an ordinance adding a new article VI to chapter 14 (nuisances) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Alamosa concerning mitigation of public nuisances created by the use of property in connection with certain crimes and allowing for the closure of such property.

Chief Anderson provided information on this ordinance to Council.

Councilor Vigil moved, seconded by Councilor Hensley to approve Ordinance No. 27-2021 on first reading and set for a public hearing on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Committee Reports

None.

E. Staff Announcements

Ms. Brooks reminded Council of the upcoming Celebration of Lights this Friday.

Andy Rice updated council on trail outreach that will be happening.

Rachel Baird provided an update to council on the Walsh building status.

Holly Martinez asked for Council's guidance on the vacancy on the Main Street Committee and if they'd like to appoint the recently interviewed applicant or continue recruitment. Consensus was to add the appointment to the next agenda.

VIII. LOCAL LIQUOR LICENSING AUTHORITY ACTIONS

F. CONSENT CALENDAR B

The Consent Calendar allows multiple actions with one motion. Consent Calendar B 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 Vigil moved, seconded by Councilor Daniel to approve Consent Calendar B. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Consideration of written findings and conclusions for grant of hotel and restaurant liquor license to The Friar's Fork, Inc. at 607 Fourth Street.

COUNCIL COMMENT

Councilor Vigil commented on the basketball and wrestling season beginning and gave a shout out to the Recreation Department for the pee wee basketball season.

Councilor Carson welcomed Councilor Woodward to Council.

Mayor Coleman extended congratulations to Councilor Woodard and mentioned the Celebration of Lights again and encouraged Council and the community to come out for the event.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Holly C. Martinez, City Clerk

Ty Coleman, Mayor

**ALAMOSA CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

Subject/Title:

Recognition of Retiring Council Members

1. David Broyles

Subject/Title:

Oath of Office for New Council Members

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**ALAMOSA CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

Subject/Title:

October 2021 financial statements and expenditure reports

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends Council accepts financial statements and expenditure reports.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
October Monthly Financial Report	Reports
October Monthly Expenditures	Reports

ALAMOSA CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

Subject/Title:

Approve Minutes of Meeting November 17, 2021

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Type

[Minutes of Meeting November 17, 2021](#)

Minutes

ALAMOSA CITY COUNCIL COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

Subject/Title:

Motion authorizing the Mayor and City Staff to sign FAA grant documents for the Airport Rescue Grant for the Alamosa Airport.

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends that Council authorize the Mayor and City Staff to sign the attached grant agreements for FAA funds for the Alamosa Airport.

Background:

Because the City remains a joint owner of the Airport property, it is listed as a sponsor and thus grant applications must include City authorization. The City is not involved in the project and does not have any resources dedicated to the project.

The County was successful in receiving funding through the Airport American Rescue Plan Act. They have received funding in the amount of \$1,049,504. The funds can be used for operations, personnel, cleaning, sanitation, combating the spread of pathogens & debt service at the airport.

Issue Before the Council:

Does Council wish to authorize the Mayor and City Staff to sign the attached grant documents for the Alamosa Airport?

Alternatives:

Council can authorize the Mayor and City Staff to sign the documents or provide further direction to staff.

Fiscal Impact:

There is zero fiscal impact to the City. The grant would provide \$1,049,504 towards the Airport operations handled by Alamosa County.

Legal Opinion:

The City Attorney will be present for questions.

Conclusion:

While the City plays no role in the Airport operations, the joint ownership of the land requires the City's authorization of any grant applications per FAA requirements.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

[Grant Agreement](#)

Type

Backup Material

ALAMOSA CITY COUNCIL COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

Subject/Title:

Resolution No. 9-2021; A Resolution in Support of the Creation of the Pike National Historic Trail.

Recommended Action:

That Council adopt the attached Resolution as presented.

Background:

The Pike National Historic Trail Association (PNHTA) is requesting a resolution of support for the creation of the Pike National Historic Trail. Staff and the Community Recreation Board formally endorsed the project at the October 2021 Community Recreation Board meeting. The National Park Service is currently in the "review of study findings" phase with a final report due to Congress in 2022.

This exciting National Trail (see attachment map) honoring Zebulon Pike, who made his way through the San Luis Valley in 1807 with the Pike Expedition, would theoretically come either through or very close to Alamosa arguably providing significant historical, cultural and tourism benefits. Staff would eventually explore connecting the City's trail system as well.

The PNHTA is requesting resolutions from all city and county governments in the Valley. Alamosa County passed their resolution on October 27th, 2021.

Issue Before the Council:

Does Council wish to adopt the attached resolution?

Alternatives:

1. Adopt the attached resolution
2. Decline to act at this time and give staff further direction.

Fiscal Impact:

None

Legal Opinion:

The City Attorney will be present if there are any legal questions regarding this action.

Conclusion:

Supporting the creation of the Pike National Historic Trail aligns with the Council and Comprehensive Plan goals of increasing trails, quality of life and responsible tourism. In addition, there will be plenty of time for more dialog should any issues arise regarding this proposal as the Park Service evaluation process will continue through 2022.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
Resolution 9-2021 in support of Pike National Trail	Resolution
Misc Background & Map	Backup Material

**ALAMOSA CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

Subject/Title:

Consideration of written findings and conclusions for grant of hotel and restaurant liquor license to The Friar's Fork, Inc. at 607 Fourth Street.

Recommended Action:

Approve draft written findings and conclusions prepared by City Attorney consistent with decision made after the hearing held on November 17, 2021.

Background:

Council must adopt written findings and conclusions when it takes action on a liquor license application. The Friar's Fork, Inc., presented its application for a hotel and restaurant license accepted administratively on October 8, 2021, and a need/desires hearing was held at the meeting on November 17, 2021. After the hearing concluded, Council voted unanimously to approve the application for the new hotel/restaurant license. Council must issue written findings for its action.

Issue Before the Council:

Do the proposed findings and conclusion submitted by the City Attorney comport with Council's findings and action after the public hearing?

Alternatives:

1. Adopt the written findings and conclusion as presented.
2. Amend the written findings and conclusion.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Legal Opinion:

Counselor Schwiesow has provided Findings of Fact for your consideration and will be available at the meeting.

Conclusion:

These written findings merely formalize the decision to grant the license taken by Council after the hearing. The license is not finalized until Council adopts written findings.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
Proposed findings Granting Friar's Fork Hotel/restaurant License	Reports