

ALAMOSA CITY COUNCIL

Wednesday September 3, 2014
Minutes of the Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Alamosa City Council was called to order on the above date by Mayor Josef Lucero at 7:01 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present at roll call: Mayor Lucero, Councilors Greg Gillaspie, Jan Vigil, Rusty Johnson, Charles Griego, Ty Coleman and Michael Stefano. A quorum was declared. Also present: City Manager Heather Brooks, City Attorney Erich Schwiesow, and City Clerk Kristi Duarte.

AGENDA APPROVAL. It was moved by Councilor Griego and seconded by Councilor Gillaspie to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENT

A. Audience Comments.

Ruthie Brown of Alamosa spoke about drug issues and supports the police department getting a K9. She also spoke about the weed issues.

Dorothy Brant of Alamosa spoke in support of the museum's request for money.

Darrel Cooper of Alamosa spoke about the need for sweeping up the Parks & Recreation parking lot, as there are a lot of cracks and gravel in the lot. He also spoke about a traffic hazard on Thomas Avenue as there is a tree blocking the view for drivers.

B. Follow Up. Staff will follow up as needed.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

A. Lifesaving Awards.

Captain Sam Maestas presented lifesaving awards to Officer Dana Knauer and William Squires.

B. POW/MIA Recognition Days Proclamation

Councilor Griego read the proclamation and Council presented it, proclaiming September 19 and 20 as POW/MIA Recognition Days.

CONSENT CALENDAR A. It was moved by Councilor Johnson and seconded by Councilor Coleman to approve Consent Calendar A as presented. The motion carried unanimously. Items:

C. 7. a. Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting August 20, 2014

C. 8. a. Approve Renewal of Contract with the City Manager

REGULAR BUSINESS

B. Presentations

- a. Linda and Joe Ortega of Alamosa presented to Council their concerns regarding the weeds on the Railroad property. They also have issues with the railroad not complying

with the Special Use Permit that was granted to them regarding putting up landscaping and slats in the fence.

It was moved by Councilor Griego, seconded by Councilor Gillaspie to send this item to staff to come up with a plan of action for the next meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Business Brought Forward by City Staff

1. Public Works

a. Formal Request for Extension of Special Use Review by Viaero.

Pat Steenburg gave an update to the request by Viaero Wireless.

It was moved by Councilor Gillaspie, seconded by Councilor Johnson to accept the update by Viaero. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Resolution, No. 13, 2014. A Resolution approving the addition of the Richardson Triplex, Block 62, Lots 8-10, original town site of Alamosa as depicted on the plat of the Alamosa Depot grounds, dated March 28, 1884, Alamosa County, Colorado, to the City of Alamosa registry of historic places.

Mr. Steenburg presented information to Council on the history of this property and advised that this property meets all of the requirements for designation as a historic place.

It was moved by Councilor Johnson, seconded by Councilor Stefano to adopt Resolution No, 13, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.

8. City Manager/Legal

a. Consideration of Request from the Museum.

Heather Brooks presented the information for the request from the museum for \$1000.00 to support the Women Veteran's Support group.

It was moved by Councilor Griego, seconded by Councilor Gillaspie to approve the request for \$1000 for the Museum. The motion passes with a 5 to 2 vote, with Mayor Lucero and Councilor Johnson voting no.

b. Resolution, No. 9, 2014. A Resolution calling an election on November 4, 2014, to authorize the issuance of Special Assessment Bonds for the City's Special Improvement District No 14-1 to pay for the construction and installation of certain street, street lighting, sidewalk, curb and gutter, water and sanitary and storm sewer improvements within the District, and determining the ballot title and text of the ballot issue to be submitted at such election.

Counselor Schwiesow presented the different options available for the issuance of special assessment bonds for the city's special improvement district no. 14-1, the Carroll Subdivision No. 2. The recommendation from staff was to adopt Resolution No. 9, 2014.

Arvin VanRy and Mark Hensley spoke to Council with concerns of the price increase for this project and recommended approving Resolution No. 9, 2014, but excluding the lift

station, the sidewalks, cutting the contingency factor down to 5%, and extending the term of the loan to 15 years, rather than 10 years.

It was moved by Councilor Johnson, seconded by Councilor Gillaspie to amend Resolution No. 9, 2014, to exclude the lift station, remove the sidewalks, but leaving the corners for the ADA requirement, cutting the contingency factor to 6.5% and extending the term of the loan to 15 years. The motion carried unanimously.

c. First Reading, Ordinance No. 11, 2014, An Ordinance amending Chapter 1, Section 1-18(a) of the Alamosa Code of Ordinances to clarify that sentences for violation of criminal ordinances do not need to correspond to state standards for sentences for violation of corresponding state criminal statutes, and clarifying that the Municipal Court Rules of Procedure are applicable to criminal prosecutions in Municipal Court.

Counselor Schwiesow presented this ordinance that would clarify that criminal violations under the Alamosa Code of Ordinances are not governed by corresponding state sentencing guidelines and limitations, and that the Municipal Court Rules of Procedure are applicable to criminal prosecutions in Municipal Court.

It was moved by Councilor Griego, seconded by Councilor Vigil, to approve Ordinance No. 11, 2014, on first reading and set it for public hearing thereon on Wednesday, September 17, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Committee Reports

Councilor Vigil reported on the Alamosa School Board meeting.

Councilor Gillaspie reported on the Golf Board meeting.

F. Staff Announcements

Heinz Bergann:

- Update on the tennis court resurfacing project.
- The installation of the elevator at the Recreation Center has been moved to September 29.
- The GOCO grant for the ice rink boards has been submitted.

Heather Brooks:

- Update on the upcoming budget meetings, dates/times
- Reminded Council of the upcoming CML Meeting on 9/16 in Creede
- Audit Review on September 24 at 5:30 p.m.

Erich Schwiesow gave an update on the Water Board meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENT

Members of Council thanked both the Police Department and the Parks and Recreation Department for their hard work during the Early Iron Festival.

Councilor Gillaspie reminded every one of the event at the Sand Dunes at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 4th for the launching of the new quarter.

Councilor Gillaspie also spoke in remembrance of former City Attorney Rick Jacobs.

Councilor Vigil invited everyone to the Alamosa High School football game on Friday night.

Mayor Lucero commented on the railroad property.

Councilor Stefano commented on the Early Iron Festival.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Kristi Duarte, City Clerk

Josef P. Lucero, Mayor