

ALAMOSA CITY COUNCIL
Wednesday, September 17, 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 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present at roll call: Mayor Lucero, Councilors Greg Gillaspie, Jan Vigil, Rusty Johnson, Ty Coleman, and Charles Griego. Councilor Michael Stefano previously requested to be excused. A quorum was declared. Also present: City Manager Heather Brooks, City Attorney Erich Schwiesow, and City Clerk Kristi Duarte.

AGENDA APPROVAL. Heather Brooks advised that agenda needed to be amended to remove the approval of Resolution 14, 2014 for the Foote Annexation; it will be presented at an upcoming meeting. It was moved by Councilor Johnson and seconded by Councilor Gillaspie to approve the agenda as amended and to excuse Councilor Stefano from the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENT

A. Audience Comments.

Doreen Deherrera of Alamosa spoke in regard to the weed issues by the railroad.

Don Thompson gave an update on the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee.

B. Follow up. None.

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

- C. 2. a. Receive August 2014 Expenditure Report
- C. 7. a. Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting September 3, 2014
- C. 8. a. Receive August 2014 Monthly Reports

REGULAR BUSINESS

C. Business Brought Forward by City Staff

1. Public Works

a. Permitted Special Use Review.

Mr. Steenburg presented information to Council to accept the planning commission's recommendation to allow outside sales in a commercial business zone, which is the former railroad right of way laying generally north of the Seventh Street, south of the railroad tracks and east of Highway 285. The applicant intends to construct and operate a retail garden center that will include a greenhouse and bulk landscaping materials.

Councilor Johnson moved, seconded by Councilor Vigil, to approve planning commission's recommendation to approve the permitted use by special review to allow outside sales in a commercial business zone as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

8. City Manager/Legal

- a. Public Hearing, Ordinance 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.

Mayor Lucero opened the Public Hearing at 7:16 p.m. and asked for those wishing to speak on this matter.

Dan McCann of Alamosa spoke in favor of this ordinance.

There being no one further wishing to speak, the hearing closed at 7:17 p.m.

Councilor Griego moved, seconded by Councilor Johnson that Ordinance No. 11, 2014 be finally adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

- b. Update on Railroad Landscaping Requirements

Ms. Brooks presented information to Council on the progress with the Railroad Property.

E. Committee Reports

Councilor Vigil reported on the Alamosa School Board.

Councilor Johnson reported on the Marketing Board.

F. Staff Announcements

Heather Brooks reminded Council of the upcoming events:

- September 23rd Breakfast with the County Commissioners
- September 24th Audit Review/Budget at the Recreation Center

Ms. Brooks advised Council that there will be a meeting for the property owners of the Special Improvement District on September 28th.

Pat Steenburg advised that the City has closed on the property for the Monroe right-of-way.

COUNCIL COMMENT

Mayor Lucero attended the Mayor summit in Denver and will have a report next meeting. He also spoke about the recent CML meeting that was held in Creede.

Councilor Vigil asked about the status of the Dog Park.

Councilors commented on the completion of the resurfacing of the tennis courts. They did a great job on them.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(a) to Discuss Potential Real Estate Acquisition of the Sicc & Twisted property.

It was moved by Councilor Griego and seconded by Councilor Coleman to enter into Executive Session at 7:46 p.m. pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(a) to Discuss Potential Real Estate Acquisition; specific topic to be discussed in the executive session is the Sicc and Twisted property.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting adjourned immediately following the Executive Session.

Kristi Duarte, City Clerk

Josef P. Lucero, Mayor