

ALAMOSA CITY COUNCIL
Wednesday, October 1, 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 Jan Vigil, Rusty Johnson, Ty Coleman, Michael Stefano and Charles Griego. Councilor Greg Gillaspie 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. It was moved by Councilor Griego and seconded by Councilor Coleman to approve the agenda as amended to include a proclamation for Breast Cancer Awareness Month and to excuse Councilor Gillaspie from the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENT

- A. Audience Comments. Dan McCann of Alamosa spoke about the recent rain and the drainage system in the City.
- B. Follow up. None.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

- A. Domestic Violence Awareness Month
Mayor Lucero presented the Proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness Month to Asha Hoslopple and Ashley Lopes from Tu Casa.
- B. Mayor Lucero read the proclamation proclaiming October Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

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

- C. 7. a. Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting September 17, 2014

REGULAR BUSINESS

- C. Business Brought Forward by City Staff

- 2. Finance

- a. Resolution 15, 2014, Budget Amendment

Finance Director Amanda Valdez presented information to Council regarding the changes that have occurred since the adoption of the budget in October 2013.

It was moved by Councilor Johnson and seconded by Councilor Stefano to adopt Resolution No. 15, 2014, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

8. City Manager/Legal

a. Pink Elephant Project

Heather Brooks presented information to Council regarding the Pink Elephant Project and recommended to Council to provide an additional \$25,000.00 for this project. This extra funding will ensure that the redevelopment goals are achieved and that the community partners who contributed to the project see a positive outcome, and that the requirements of the grant funding are met.

It was moved by Councilor Johnson and seconded by Councilor Griego to provide an additional \$25,000 to the Pink Elephant Project. The motion carried unanimously.

b. First Reading, Ordinance 12, 2014, An Ordinance Establishing the Employee Pay Plan.

Ms. Brooks reviewed the ordinance. Essentially the pay plan remains as the current one that is in place. The changes that were made were to reflect the addition of the HR Manager. She advised that the Market Analysis is moving forward and there could be future changes the pay plan.

Councilor Griego moved, seconded by Councilor Stefano, to approve Ordinance No. 12, 2014, on first reading, as amended to include the standard boiler plate on publication, and set it for public hearing thereon on Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. The motion carried unanimously.

c. First Reading, Ordinance 13, 2014, An Ordinance Adopting the Proposed 2015 Budget.

Ms. Brooks reviewed the budget and stated the operations are essentially staying the same. Overall revenues are expected to increase over current year budget projections. Council gave staff direction to spend down a portion of the unassigned fund balance available to be used for Capital projects there were listed in the Capital Improvement Plan for purchases in future years based on the priority of such projects. The budget is a \$16 million dollar budget, which reflects the priorities for the community. Council thanked staff for all the work they've done on the budget.

Councilor Johnson moved, seconded by Councilor Vigil, to approve Ordinance No. 13, 2014, on first reading, as amended to include the standard boiler plate on publication, and set it for public hearing thereon on Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Brooks summarized the Capital Improvement Plan changes that were discussed at the budget work session which includes spending an additional percentage of the fund balance.

Councilor Johnson moved, seconded by Councilor Coleman, to direct staff to incorporate the CIP changes in the final draft of the budget. The motion carries unanimously.

E. Committee Reports

Councilor Johnson reported on the Airport Board.

Councilor Johnson reported on Tree Board.

Mayor Lucero reported on the Justice Center Task Force.

F. Staff Announcements

Ms. Brooks:

- Commented about the recent SID meeting that was held.
- Advised she will be attending a meeting with Dr. Simone from Trinidad State Jr. College.
- Advised that in the future we will be attaching minutes from the various Advisory Board meetings to the Council packet for review.
- Asked Council who wanted to serve on the Economic Development Committee: Councilors Johnson and Coleman volunteered to serve on this committee. Also there are 2 spots for the Comprehensive Plan Committee: Councilors Griego and Stefano volunteered to serve on this committee.

COUNCIL COMMENT

Mayor Lucero advised that he would like a Ranch update at a future meeting. Ms. Brooks advised that one is scheduled for the November meeting.

Councilor Coleman encouraged everyone to come out and attend the Alamosa Youth Football League's football games on Saturday, October 4, 2014 beginning at 9am.

Councilor Griego advised that he attended the aerospace road trip meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to CRS § 24-4-402(4)(e) to determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, develop strategies for negotiations and instruct negotiators with respect to economic development.

It was moved by Councilor Johnson and seconded by Councilor Coleman to enter into Executive Session at 8:16 p.m. pursuant to CRS § 24-4-402(4)(e) to determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, develop strategies for negotiations and instruct negotiators with respect to economic development. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting adjourned immediately following the Executive Session.

Kristi Duarte, City Clerk

Josef P. Lucero, Mayor