

ALAMOSA CITY COUNCIL
Wednesday, October 15, 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, Michael Stefano, and Charles Griego. Councilor Ty Coleman 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 Johnson and seconded by Councilor Gillaspie to approve the agenda as presented and to excuse Councilor Coleman. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENT

A. Audience Comments.

Amy Scavezze of Alamosa gave an update on the programs and upcoming events at La Puente.

Wilburn Gibson of Alamosa spoke about the need for street repairs and routine maintenance on Catlin.

B. Follow up. Staff will look into Mr. Gibson's request.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

A. Introduce new Police Officer, Caylum Atencio.

Chief Duane Oakes introduced new police officer Caylum Atencio, who was welcomed by Council.

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

- C. 2. a. Receive September 2014 Expenditure Report
- C. 7. a. Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting October 1, 2014
- C. 8. a. Receive September 2014 Monthly Reports

REGULAR BUSINESS

C. Business Brought Forward by City Staff

1. Public Works

a. 2014 Foote Annexation

1. Eligibility Public Hearing

Mayor Lucero opened the hearing at 7:22 p.m. and asked for those wishing to speak on the matter.

Dan McCann of Alamosa spoke in favor of the annexation.

There being no one further wishing to speak, the hearing closed at 7:24 p.m.

2. Resolution No. 14, 2014, A Resolution finding Property Subject to the 2014 Foote Petition for Annexation to be Eligible for Annexation.

Councilor Gillaspie moved, seconded by Councilor Stefano to adopt Resolution No. 14, 2014 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Resolution No. 16, 2014. A Resolution approving the final plat of the Russell Subdivision, City of Alamosa, Alamosa County, Colorado.

Councilor Vigil moved, seconded by Councilor Stefano to adopt Resolution No. 16, 2014 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

c. First Reading, Ordinance 14, 2014. An Ordinance re-zoning the cell tower tract of the Russell Subdivision lying generally north of County Road 8 South and South of West Eleventh Street, as portrayed on the attached Exhibit A. in the City of Alamosa, Colorado from residential Medium (RM) to Commercial Business.

Councilor Johnson moved seconded by Councilor Vigil, to approve Ordinance No. 14, 2014, on first reading, and set it for public hearing thereon on Wednesday, November 5, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. The motion carried unanimously.

8. City Manager/Legal

a. Direction on Enforcement of Landscaping Requirement of 2011 Building Permit for San Luis & Rio Grande Railroad.

Ms. Brooks presented information to Council on the progress with the Railroad Property. She advised that the slats for the fencing have been installed, the rocks will be put in within the next week and weather permitting, the trees will also get planted.

b. Public Hearing, Ordinance 12, 2014. An Ordinance Establishing the Employee Pay Plan.

Mayor Lucero opened the Public Hearing at 7:42 p.m. and asked for those wishing to speak on this matter.

There being no one wishing to speak, the hearing closed at 7:43 p.m.

Councilor Griego moved, seconded by Councilor Johnson that Ordinance No. 12, 2014 be finally adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

c. Public Hearing, Ordinance 13, 2014, An Ordinance Adopting the Proposed 2015 Budget.

Mayor Lucero opened the Public Hearing at 7:50 p.m. and asked for those wishing to speak on this matter.

Dan McCann of Alamosa spoke in favor of approving the ordinance as presented and wished the Council good luck.

Darryl Cooper of Alamosa also spoke in favor of approving the ordinance as presented.

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

It was moved by Councilor Griego, seconded by Councilor Vigil to add an additional \$1000.00 to the 2015 budget for funding for the La Puente's Homeless Prevention Program. Motion failed; three yes votes to three no votes, with Mayor Lucero and Councilors Johnson and Gillaspie casting the no votes.

Councilor Johnson moved, seconded by Councilor Stefano to finally adopt Ordinance No. 13, 2014. The motion passes 5 to 1 with Councilor Griego casting the no vote.

E. Committee Reports

Councilor Johnson reported on the Marketing Board.

Councilor Vigil reported on the Alamosa School Board.

Councilor Griego reported on the Adalante meeting that he attended.

F. Staff Announcements

Heather Brooks:

- Advised Council that the water bottles that were presented to them were from the 2nd Annual City of Alamosa's Employee Wellness Fair.
- Asked Council about having a Council Member serve as the liaison for the ACEDC Board or continue having the City Manager. Discussion was held and Council agreed by consensus to have the City Manager to continue to serve in this role. The ACEDC meetings are held the 3rd Thursdays at 12:00 p.m. and Council can attend these as desired.

Heinz Bergann:

- Updated Council on the progress of Dog Park. A grand opening for the dog park will be schedule early next year.
- Advised Council that the elevator at the Recreation Center was being installed this week.

COUNCIL COMMENT

Mayor Lucero and Council welcomed back IT Director Jim Belknap. They also thanked Jose Trujillo for stepping in and handling IT needs while Jim was gone.

Councilor Johnson thanked the Valley Courier for the article on Alamosa Youth Jonathan Archuleta as being selected to the CHASA Hall of Fame. Mr. Archuleta is a 1995 graduate of Alamosa High School.

Councilor Gillaspie commented about the right turning lane on Clark Street to Craft Drive.

Councilor Griego welcomed Christy from DOLA for her attendance at the meeting and invited her back to do a presentation for Council.

Mayor Lucero asked staff if there were any plans on having benches installed at the tennis courts.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Kristi Duarte, City Clerk

Josef P. Lucero, Mayor