

ALAMOSA CITY COUNCIL
Wednesday, June 26, 2013
Minutes of the Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Alamosa City Council was called to order on the above date by Mayor Kathy Rogers at 7:08 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present at roll call: Mayor Rogers, Councilors Greg Gillaspie, Charlie Griego, Rusty Johnson, Josef Lucero, Leland Romero, and Marcia Tuggle. A quorum was declared. Also present: City Manager Heather Brooks, Acting City Attorney Helen Sigmond, and City Clerk Judy Egbert.

Mayor Rogers made preliminary comments:

- She thanked Chief Don Chapman and firefighters for efforts toward the numerous wildfires.
- She recognized new City Manager Heather Brooks, and thanked Chief Craig Dodd for service as Interim Manager.
- She thanked Helen Sigmond for filling in as City Attorney for the meeting.
- She apologized for the late start, necessitated by Planning Commission using the room immediately prior to the meeting.

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

Cheri Myers asked Council to consider development of a dog park.

Dan McCann encouraged residents to check for water leaks.

Arvin Van Ry gave his resignation as the City's representative on the Airport Board.

B. Follow-Up

Council thanked Mr. Van Ry for his numerous years of service. Ms. Myers was referred to Parks/Recreation staff for further conversation.

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

Items:

- C. 2. a. Receive May 2013 Expenditure Report
- C. 7. a. Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting June 5, 2013
- C. 8. a. Receive May 2013 Monthly Reports

REGULAR BUSINESS

C. Business Brought Forward by City Staff

1. Public Works

a. Public Hearing Ordinance No. 6, 2013, An Ordinance Approving the Annexation of the 2013 Naranjo Petition for the Annexation Of A Tract Located In the NW ¼ Section 15 Township 37 North, Range 10 East, New Mexico Principal Meridian, Alamosa County, Colorado

This hearing had been postponed from a prior agenda to allow correction of the legal notice.

Mayor Rogers opened the public hearing at 7:29 p.m. and asked for those wishing to speak on this ordinance. There being none, the hearing closed at 7:30 p.m.

Councilor Romero moved, seconded by Councilor Griego to finally adopt Ordinance No. 6, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Public Hearing Ordinance No. 7, 2013, An Ordinance Approving the Annexation Of The 2013 Herrera Vigil Chavez Petition For The Annexation Of A Tract Located In The SE ¼ Section 9 Township 37 North, Range 10 East, New Mexico Principal Meridian, Alamosa County Colorado

Mayor Rogers opened the public hearing at 7:31 p.m. and asked for those wishing to speak on this ordinance. There being none, the hearing closed at 7:32 p.m.

Councilor Romero moved, seconded by Councilor Johnson to finally adopt Ordinance No. 7, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

c. Public Hearing Ordinance No. 9, 2013, An Ordinance Re-Zoning The North Half of Tract 80, Grandview Subdivision Lying Generally South of Mullins Avenue And East of Victoria Street As Portrayed On The Attached Exhibit A, In the City of Alamosa Colorado From Residential Medium (RM) To Commercial Business

Mayor Rogers opened the public hearing at 7:33 p.m. and asked for those wishing to speak on this ordinance. There being none, the hearing closed at 7:34 p.m.

Councilor Griego moved, seconded by Councilor Tuggle to finally adopt Ordinance No. 9, 2013. On discussion, Councilor Romero asked if he should abstain as an employee of the school district. Counselor Sigmond advised that he could vote, as he has no financial interest in the action. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Finance

a. Resolution No. 10, 2013, A Resolution Amending Ordinance 12, 2012 for the 2013 Budget.

This Resolution accommodates:

- Grant revenues and associated expenses
- City Manager recruitment expenses
- Water revenues
- Green waste and recycling expenses

- Receipt of Friends of the Library revenues
- Expenses for the golf clubhouse repairs
- Expenses for the Ice Fest

Councilor Johnson moved, seconded by Councilor Gillaspie to adopt Resolution No. 10, 2013. On discussion, Councilor Romero questioned the status of green waste savings. Amanda Valdez replied that figures are not available yet, but will be forthcoming during budget sessions. Council continued discussions reminding citizens that electronics will not be allowed in the landfill as of July 1. The motion carried unanimously.

8. City Manager/Legal

a. Public Hearing Ordinance No. 8, 2013, An Ordinance Approving An Intergovernmental Agreement With Alamosa County For Mutual Aid In the Provision Of ARFF Firefighting Services At The San Luis Valley Regional Airport

Chief Don Chapman reviewed the agreement that specifies shared responsibilities and cost for fire services at the airport.

Mayor Rogers opened the public hearing at 7:48 p.m. and asked for those wishing to speak on this ordinance. There being none, the hearing closed at 7:49 p.m.

Councilor Griego moved, seconded by Councilor Johnson to finally adopt Ordinance No. 8, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Decision on Tabled Ordinance No. 4, 2013, An Ordinance Amending Article III Of Chapter 11 of the Code of Ordinances of Alamosa, Colorado, to Regulate Panhandling

At the public hearing on May 15, Council tabled action on this ordinance for the purpose of discussion with La Puente staff and affected parties. That meeting has taken place, and all parties agreed that the ordinance was acceptable as it was written.

Councilor Tuggle moved, seconded by Councilor Gillaspie to finally adopt Ordinance No. 4, 2013. On discussion, Council thanked Chief Dodd for meeting with the parties. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Committee Reports

Councilor Lucero reported on the recent Development Resource Group and Tourism Board meetings.

Councilor Romero reported on plans for the CML District 8 meeting in September.

F. Staff Announcements

Don Koskelin reported on status of construction projects.

Chief Don Chapman reported on involvement in the various fires.

LOCAL LIQUOR LICENSING AUTHORITY ACTIONS

A. Consent Calendar B

It was moved by Councilor Romero and seconded by Councilor Johnson to approve Consent Calendar B as presented. The motion carried unanimously. Items:

B.1. Special Events Permit Application, Elks 100 Year Anniversary July 13, 2013.

COUNCIL COMMENT

Councilor Tuggle asked if Council was interested in being involved in the 100th anniversary parade. Council will consider options.

Councilor Lucero:

- Thanked Council for the flowers sent to his mother's memorial.
- Asked if guard rails could be considered at the curve near the golf course.
- Asked the status of Clark Street project.
- Asked about signs in the Villa Mall area.

Mr. Koskelin explained the Clark project and signs.

Councilor Gillaspie invited Council and Ms. Brooks to a social event at his house on July 3 at 5:30 p.m. No business will be discussed.

Councilor Tuggle thanked the community for efforts in the Ride the Rockies event, and encouraged attendance at the upcoming July 4 event.

Don Koskelin responded to a question from Councilor Griego explaining that the grass on State was damaged during construction.

Councilor Gillaspie reported on the CML annual conference.

Councilor Romero commended the rodeo for a successful event, but expressed concern about the carnival location on the grass.

Councilor Johnson echoed praise about the CML conference, saying he learned a great deal.

Mayor Rogers welcomed Ms. Brooks, and asked her to tell a bit about herself. She spoke about her background and family and said that she is looking forward to serving Alamosa.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.