

ALAMOSA CITY COUNCIL
Wednesday, September 18, 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 7:00 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, City Attorney Erich Schwiesow, and City Clerk Judy Egbert.

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

Mike Rogers presented Council with a check in the amount of \$8,000, representing funds raised through the recent tournament.

B. Follow-Up None.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

A. POW/MIA Recognition Days Proclamation

Chuck Cooper spoke about this issue, and accepted a Proclamation presented by Council.

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:

- B. 1. Appoint Jordan Gortmaker to the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee
- C. 2. a. Receive August 2013 Expenditure Report
- C. 7. a. Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting September 4, 2013
- C. 8. a. Receive August 2013 Monthly Reports
- C. 8. b. Approve Swap To Correct Firing Range Wells
- C. 8. c. Ratify Mayor's Signature on Alamosa County's FAA Grant Agreement for Construction of New Terminal Building and Wildlife Hazard Assessment
- C. 8. d. Ratify Mayor's Signature of Alamosa County's FAA Grant Agreement For Acquisition of An Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting (ARFF) Vehicle

REGULAR BUSINESS

C. Business Brought Forward by City Staff

1. Public Works

a. People's Place Addition No. 2 Petition For Annexation

1. Eligibility Hearing

Mayor Rogers opened the hearing at 7:10 p.m. and asked for those wishing to speak on this matter. She noted that the records show that this property appears to be eligible by being at least one sixth contiguous.

There being no one further wishing to speak, the hearing closed at 7:11 p.m.

2. Resolution No. 19, 2013, A Resolution Finding Property Subject To The 2013 People's Place Addition No. 2 Petition For Annexation To Be Eligible For Annexation

Councilor Tuggle moved, seconded by Councilor Lucero to adopt Resolution No. 19, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Valdez Replat

1. Public Hearing

Mayor Rogers opened the hearing at 7:12 p.m. and asked for those wishing to speak on this matter.

Mary Van Pelt, a city resident, asked for clarification of ownership of the property in question. Don Koskelin noted that the owner and applicant is Mary Jane Valdez. Ms. Van Pelt continued, saying that if a home were constructed there, it would impact her view from her window.

Mary Jane Valdez, applicant, spoke in favor, saying that the property aesthetics will be improved with this subdivision. She recognized Ms. Van Pelt's concern and said that she will consider this in her development.

There being no one further wishing to speak, the hearing closed at 7:15 p.m.

In response to a question from Council, Mr. Koskelin noted that modular houses are treated just the same as stick built, and this is required by law.

Ms. Van Pelt and Council viewed the map in an attempt to learn how this replat would affect her property. Council left it up to Ms. Van Pelt and Ms. Valdez to communicate on the issue.

2. Resolution No. 20, 2013, A Resolution Approving the Valdez Replat Of The East ½ of Tract 3, Sunnyside Park Subdivision – City of Alamosa, Alamosa County, Colorado

Councilor Griego moved, seconded by Councilor Tuggle to adopt Resolution No. 20, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Committee Reports

Councilor Lucero reported on airport development plans, marketing district meeting, and DRG meeting.

Councilor Tuggle reported on Senior Citizens activities.

Mayor Rogers reported on her participation at the CML Mayor's Summit, and a presentation on the Buxton project.

F. Staff Announcements

Heather Brooks reminded Council of the upcoming CML District 8 meeting and the October 7 Meet the Candidates session.

COUNCIL COMMENT

Councilor Romero questioned the status of extending Monroe Street near the new 8th Street apartments. Mr. Koskelin reported that this extension is limited because of a lack of right of way. Ms. Brooks added that staff will be meeting with the developer.

At the request of Councilor Romero, Council members arranged times for them to visit the Ortega Middle School civics classes on September 27.

Councilor Tuggle reported on the recent Autumn at Adams event, and asked what if anything has been done to assist the communities impacted by flooding.

Councilor Johnson thanked ASU for the invitation to the football game, and thanked staff for work on the budget.

Councilor Griego reported on the 100-year celebration at the Spanish cemetery.

Councilor Romero asked the possibility of annexing the Spanish cemetery property. Mr. Koskelin replied that there is no common border, so it is not eligible for consideration.

Councilor Lucero suggested inviting ASU to the next Council meeting or sending a thank-you card. He also noted that Brown avenue citizens are anxious for the construction project to be finished.

Mayor Rogers:

- asked staff to prepare a thank-you note to Dr. Svaldi.
- Reported that she had extended an offer of help to the flooded communities through Sam Mamet.
- Reminded everyone of the Fireball Run events

Councilor Gillaspie reported on a successful Kansas City BBQ event, and noted the mural progress on the museum.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.