

ALAMOSA CITY COUNCIL
Wednesday, November 20, 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 Deputy City Clerk Sharon De Herrera.

AGENDA APPROVAL. It was moved by Councilor Lucero and seconded by Councilor Griego to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENT

A. Audience Comments

Trudi Kretsinger spoke on behalf of the public access to trails along the river.

Ruthie Brown commented on the anonymous ad that was brought up last council meeting. She also commented on the corridor, the Train to Main.

Don Thompson, Marty Jones, and Renne Mackey spoke on behalf of the annexation, land swap, and zoning.

Dorothy Brandt thanked Council for the support of the museum and read a poem she wrote for the award that was presented to her in Denver.

B. Follow-Up. None.

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 October 2013 Expenditure Report
- C. 7. a. Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting November 6, 2013
- C. 7. b. Resolution 23, 2013, A Resolution Rescheduling the January 1, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Alamosa City Council to be Held Concurrently With The Regular Meeting on January 15, 2014.
- C. 7. c. Compensation Change for City Clerk
- C. 8. a. Receive October 2013 Monthly Reports

REGULAR BUSINESS

C. Business Brought Forward by City Staff

1. Public Works

a. Public Hearing Ordinance No. 16, 2013 An Ordinance Amending Sections 21-1 (Concerning Definitions, Amending "Club" And "Lot Line") And 21-97, Schedule A (Concerning Use Groups And Permitted Uses) To The Code Of Ordinances Of Alamosa, Colorado, With Respect To Definitions And General Zoning Regulations.

Mayor Rogers opened the public hearing at 7:23 p.m. and asked for those wishing to speak on this ordinance.

Don Thompson stated that agriculture zoning is not appropriate for an RV Park, and encouraged Council to make a more appropriate destination. He also noted that it should reference C-10 instead of C-9. He hoped during discussion that the motion would include changing campground and RV parks to CB to Commercial zoning.

Trudi Kretsinger asked a question on how you would structure the assessment on an agriculture use since the assessment part is based the income from products that are generated by agriculture activity.

Don Koskelin replied that zoning is not the same as a tax assessment. Regardless of what your property is zoned, your tax depend on the use.

Erich Schwiesow stated that there is a difference between the use for which campground and RV is a commercial use. It's under the commercial grouping C-10 that particular commercial this ordinance is saying its appropriate in agriculture area rather than downtown business zoning.

With there being no one else wishing to speak, the hearing closed at 7:27 p.m.

In response to a question from Council, Mr. Koskelin explained that the Agricultural zoning would protect future development that would typically be permitted by right in a CB zone.

Counselor Schwiesow clarified the difference in use and zoning designation, saying that the current use of the proposed RV site currently meets the definition of agricultural use.

Heather Brooks further clarified that the ordinance proposed to allow RV parks by Permitted Use in agricultural zones, and the definition is in use group C-10.

It was moved by Councilor Tuggle and seconded by Councilor Griego to approve Ordinance 16, 2013 with the amendments presented. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Discussion and Direction on Proposed RV Park Land Exchange and Timeline

Ms. Brooks gave a review on the proosed RV park land exchange and timeline.

Council would like to ensure that the new council members coming on board have a good understanding on the land exchange and annexation and how important the timeline and suggested maybe a work session should take place as well.

Council would like a clear idea of what the parcel is going to look like and wants to have an appraisal on the different types of land (the wetland, parking lot other land) before they can make an assessment on which direction to go.

Council has many concerns, including losing the trials and what it going to look like and if the property is annexed, the easement along with the annexation. They would like to have public input on this.

c. First Reading Ordinance No. 17, 2013 An Ordinance Approving The Annexation Of The 2013 Alamosa RV Resort On The Rio Grande Petition For The Annexation Of A Tract Located In The SE ¼ Of The SE ¼ Of Section 3 Township 37 North, Range 10 East, New Mexico Principal Meridian, Alamosa County, Colorado.

Heather Brooks stated part of the discussion as staff was due to the newness of some council members and suggested that Mr. Russell could give a ten minute presentation and maybe part of that could include the annexation and land swap as to what it would look like.

It was moved by Councilor Tuggle and seconded by Councilor Romero to approve Ordinance No. 17, 2013 on first reading and set it for public hearing on December 4, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. The motion carried unanimously.

c. Solid Waste Truck Bid Award

Mr. Koskelin reviewed the bids that were submitted and recommended that we purchase a new cab and chassis and packer for the amount of \$140,436.00.

It was moved by Councilor Johnson and seconded by Councilor Lucero to accept the bid for the complete unit in the amount of \$140,436.00. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Committee Reports

Councilor Tuggle reported on the Seniors Citizens meeting and reminded everyone of their bazaar this Saturday morning. Also, a note to council since she will not be on Council, the senior meeting is second Tuesday every month at 10:00 a.m. and reminded Council they may want to see if there may be someone interested who would like to attend that meeting.

Councilor Gillaspie reported on the Library board and golf board.

Councilor Lucero reported on the San Luis Valley Development Resource group and the Tourism board. He also stated that the Ice Fest is coming up and they are looking at Alamosa and wonderland.

Councilor Griego reported on the Airport Board.

Councilor Romero reported on the Housing authority and encouraged Council to change new position as a voting member.

F. Staff Announcements

Ms. Brooks reported that the Parks and Recreation is working on decoration for the celebration of lights that will take place at 5:30 this Friday at City Hall. Also, the County is celebrating their food warehouse grand opening at noon. Saturday, November 30, 2013 is small business day. We would like to encourage awareness that small business bring into the community and how shopping local is very important.

COUNCIL COMMENT

Councilor Romero asked that Council consider increasing the hours at the Recreation center now for the winter.

Councilor Griego thanked Don Koskelin and his crew for extending their hand to the City of Del Norte on their water issues they were having.

Councilor Tuggle thanked the staff for all of their hard work and great leadership. She also thanked the community for voting and their support.

Councilor Gillaspie thanked Don and crew for the repairs at Mulligan's parking lot.

Councilor Lucero thanked all who voted, and also thanked Councilor Tuggle and Councilor Romero, who served on council.

Mayor Rogers reminded everyone of the Christmas lighting at 5:30 November 22, 2013. Also, Santa is going to be downtown on Main and San Juan. Later in December Christmas light parade that the Honeycutt put on. She also recognized Jocelyn Lillpop and Phoebe Russell who were in the audience today.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Sharon De Herrera, Deputy City Clerk

Kathleen J. Rogers, Mayor