

**CITY OF VAN ALSTYNE**

**MINUTES**

**City Council Meeting**

Van Alstyne Community Center  
262 N. Preston Ave

**JANUARY 10, 2017**

**6:30 P.M.**

Members present: Mayor Larry Cooper, Billy Plake, Robert Jaska, Russell Moore and Brad Clough.

Staff present: Frank Baker, Jennifer Gould, Tim Barnes, Ashley McSwain, Adam Huttash, Steve White, Judy Kimzey and Jodi Carr.

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order. *Mayor Cooper called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m.*
2. Invocation. *Recited by Mayor Cooper.*
3. Pledges of Allegiance. *US and Texas.*
4. Citizens Communications. *Paul Nobles addressed Council regarding bench advertising suggesting the practice is common and it is unnecessary and a poor use of time to interpret the ordinance in a way that does not allow this type of sign. Removal of the signs hurts a chain of businesses and requiring removal is digressional and hurting small businesses. Frank Baker responded advising that staff responds to complaints and suggested providing suggestions to make a change. Mayor Cooper responded by reading from the sign ordinance, the purpose of the laws it establishes.*

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

5. Conduct a Public Hearing regarding a request by the owner/agent of the property situated in the City of Van Alstyne, Grayson County, Texas, being described as OTP VAN ALSTYNE ADDN, BLOCK 34, LOT E/2 OF N/2 OF 8 & N/2, OF 9 & 10 and more commonly known as 220 S. Waco Street to change the current zoning of Commercial District – 1 (C – 1) to Single Family Residential District – 60 (SF – 60). *The Public Hearing opened at 6:39p.m. After three calls for comments the Public Hearing closed at 6:40p.m.*

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*Items listed on the consent agenda allow the Council to approve all items together without discussion or individual motions. Items may be removed from the consent agenda on the request of any one member of the Council. Removed items will be discussed and action taken immediately after the consent agenda.*

6. Consider and take any action necessary regarding approval of minutes from the December 13, 2016 regular meeting.
7. Consider and take any action necessary regarding ordering the May 6, 2017 General Election and Special Election.
9. Consider and take any action necessary regarding an ordinance and an interlocal agreement establishing the current and ultimate Extraterritorial Jurisdictional and corporate boundary with the City of Weston.

*Robert Jaska made a motion to approve items 6, 7 and 9 on the consent agenda. Brad Clough seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*

#### REGULAR AGENDA (NON-CONSENT)

8. Consider and take any action necessary regarding passage of an ordinance establishing fees for damage to City owned property and equipment as it relates to utilities. *Robert Jaska made a motion to approve the proposed ordinance as revised by the City Attorney with non-substantive revisions. Russell Moore seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*
10. Presentation of departmental awards and appreciation awards to Police Department personnel. *Chief Barnes presented Ashley McSwain with a service award for ten years of service and Sergeant Charles Milner with an award for his twelve years of service. Chief Barnes also presented a Chief's Citation Award to Officer Colten Raper for rendering lifesaving first aid to an infant child. Chief Barnes also presented the 2016 Officer of the Year award to Officer Chad Mercer.*
11. Presentation by the Chief of Police regarding the annual Racial Profiling Report. *Chief Barnes presented Council with the annual racial profiling numbers to be provided to the State of Texas.*
12. Consider and take any action necessary regarding a request by the owner/agent of the property situated in the City of Van Alstyne, Grayson County, Texas, being described as OTP VAN ALSTYNE ADDN, BLOCK 34, LOT E/2 OF N/2 OF 8 & N/2, OF 9 & 10 and more commonly known as 220 S. Waco Street to change the current zoning of Commercial District – 1 (C – 1) to Single Family Residential District – 60 (SF – 60). *Russell Moore made a motion to approve the requested zone change. Robert Jaska seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*
13. Consider and take any action necessary regarding updating the City of Van Alstyne Master Plan. *Kelsey Berry with Gateway Planning addressed Council and discussed recommendations for updating the City's master plan. The project, subject to legal review and revision, would take six to seven months. Gateway Planning would work with all necessary city departments and contractors to develop the update. Russell Moore made a motion to authorize the City Manager to move forward with updating the City's master plan. Brad Clough clarified that the current plan is nearly ten years outside of the recommended updating timeframe. Brad Clough seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*
14. Consider and take any action necessary regarding a request from the Parks and Recreation Board to work with city engineers regarding the Park Master Planning Guide and Park Long Range Planning Guide as required by the Code of Ordinances. *Frank Baker advised that engineering could likely do the active physical work required this year in anticipation of hiring a firm or individual Parks Master Planner next year. Teddie Ann Salmon advised that the Parks and Recreation Board would like to work with engineering to determine the best way to use the current park space and plan ahead. Billy Plake made a motion to seek funding from the Community Development Corporation. Robert Jaska seconded the motion and the motion passed with Billy Plake, Robert Jaska and Russell Moore in favor and Brad Clough abstaining.*
15. Departmental Reports. *Jodi Carr provided an update on various EDC projects, Judy Kimzey provided the Library Department statistics for the prior month, Steve White provided an update on various Public Works Department projects, Lt. Adam Huttash provided Fire Department statistics for the prior month, Chief Tim Barnes provided Police Department statistics for the prior month and Jennifer Gould provided the Administrative Department statistics for the prior month.*
16. City Manager's Report. *Frank Baker advised of the 2016 Fire Department awards and the ISO study and re-rate. Mr. Baker also spoke to misinformation disseminated throughout the City that fifteen businesses moved out providing a detailed summation of new, relocated and closed businesses in 2016.*

17. Mayor and Council Closing Comments. *Mayor Cooper expressed pride for the operation of the City departments and uniqueness of the City with its own Police Department, Fire and EMS Departments, etc. Mayor Cooper also announced that Timmerle Kelly has resigned her position. Robert Jaska reminded everyone that basketball season is here and invited everyone to attend games and support the Panthers and advised of the Chamber of Commerce breakfast on January 11<sup>th</sup> hosted by the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mr. Jaska also advised that as someone elected by the citizens, members of Council are called to listen. It is the governing body's job to make the ordinances friendlier. Brad Clough thanked all volunteers and Timmerle Kelly for their volunteerism and service to the community.*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*In accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code (Open Meetings Law), the City Council may meet in a closed Executive Session pursuant to applicable laws.*

18. All items below for Executive Session:

Pursuant to the following designated sections of Texas Government Code, Annotated, Subchapter 551, the Council will enter into executive session to discuss the following items:

- a) None

**OPEN MEETING**

19. Adjournment. *Robert Jaska made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28p.m. Brad Clough seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*

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Larry Cooper, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jennifer Gould, City Clerk