

**CITY OF VAN ALSTYNE**

**MINUTES**

**City Council Special Called Meeting**

Van Alstyne Community Center

262 N. Preston Ave.

**April 25, 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 and Steve White.

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order. *Mayor Cooper called the meeting to order at 6:34pm.*
2. Invocation. *Recited by Mayor Cooper.*
3. Pledges of Allegiance. *US and Texas.*
4. Citizens Communications. *None.*

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

5. None.

**REGULAR AGENDA (NON-CONSENT)**

6. Consider and take any action necessary regarding passage of an amendment to the Employee Services Agreement by and between the City of Van Alstyne and the Van Alstyne Economic Development Corporation. *Frank Baker clarified that the amended agreement will not go into effect until signed by the EDC Board President. Billy Plake made a motion to approve the amendment to the Employee Services Agreement by and between the City of Van Alstyne and the Van Alstyne Economic Development Corporation. Robert Jaska seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*
7. Consider and take any action necessary regarding passage of an ordinance amending the City of Van Alstyne's Code of Ordinances Section 2-183, "City fee schedule adopted" regarding fire prevention and protection fees. *Ty Chapman with Bureau Veritas addressed Council advising that the contract already allows for fire plan review and inspections however the fees charged by Bureau Veritas under the agreement have since been reduced. The amendment to the agreement is necessary to allow for the reduced fee. Discussion was held regarding the tent membrane fees. Robert Jaska questioned if the fee has been charged before to which Frank Baker answered yes. The Chamber paid the tent membrane fee for Fall Der All and the First United Methodist Church pays annually for the tent used at their Lord's Acre Harvest Festival. Robert Jaska asked if the plan review and inspection services have been shopped for pricing. Frank Baker advised he is not aware of another company that performs such services. Ty Chapman advised there are a few smaller companies that perform building plan review and inspection services but very few perform fire plan review and inspection services. Billy Plake made a motion to approve*

*the amendment to the fee schedule. Russell Moore seconded the motion and the motion passed with Billy Plake, Russell Moore and Brad Clough in favor and Robert Jaska opposed.*

8. Consider and take any action necessary regarding approval of an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 787 in order to change the effective date of the 2015 International Fire Code to January 1, 2018, with the exception of code items related to energy as required by state law. *Mayor Cooper questioned the portion of the amending ordinance that says, "except items related to energy which are required by state law to be the 2015 standards". Ty Chapman address the concern advising that the state law requires compliance with the 2015 energy code. Mr. Chapman advised that he is not aware of any areas of the 2009 fire code that would negate the 2015 energy code but he believes the wording to be a precaution. Discussion was held regarding implementation of the codes and informing the public and those in the process of obtaining permits as well as those who may have expressed an interest in obtaining a permit. Ty Chapman spoke to his and Bureau Veritas willingness to participate in a builders meeting and presentation on the differences between the 2009 and 2015 codes. Brad Clough made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented. Billy Plake seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*
9. Consider and take any action regarding an amendment to the Professional Services Agreement by and between the City of Van Alstyne and Bureau Veritas North America, Inc., to allow an increase in the professional fees charged for fire plan review and inspections services. *Frank Baker spoke to the desire to provide continuity to permittees by having Bureau Veritas perform not only building plan review and inspections but fire plan review and inspections as well. This should speed up the plan review and inspection processes for permittees eliminating the need to work said reviews and inspections into the daily shift schedules of Fire Department staff. Billy Plake made a motion to approve the amendment to the agreement by and between the City of Van Alstyne and Bureau Veritas. Russell Moore seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*
10. Adjournment. *Robert Jaska made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:19pm. 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