

CITY OF VAN ALSTYNE

MINUTES

City Council Special Called Meeting

Van Alstyne Community Center

262 N. Preston Ave.

June 27, 2017

6:35 P.M.

Members present: Mayor Larry Cooper, Brad Clough, Teddie Ann Salmon, Robert Jaska and Lee Thomas.

Staff present: Frank Baker and Jennifer Gould.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order. *Mayor Cooper called the meeting to order at 6:36pm.*

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. Conduct a Public Hearing regarding a voluntary annexation request by the owner/agent of a 16.27 acre property being described as part of the James McKinney Survey , Abstract No. 770, Grayson County, Texas and being a part of Greywood Heights, an addition to Grayson County, Texas, as recorded in Volume 7, Page 87, Plat Records, Grayson County, Texas, and being a part of Greywood Heights, Section 2, to the City of Van Alstyne, Grayson County, Texas, as recorded in Volume 8, Page 70, of said Plat Records, and being part of the tract of land described in a deed to KERATEX , L.P. 11s recorded in County Clerk File Number 2010-21778, Real Property Records, Grayson County , Texas generally located south of Spence Road, east of Sanford Circle, west of Greywood Drive and north of Blassingame Avenue. *The Public Hearing opened at 6:37pm. Doti Izzi clarified that the subject property is a portion of the property discussed by the Planning and Zoning Commission at their meeting held at 6:00pm. A member of the audience asked of the proposed annexation follows the Master Plan to which Mayor Cooper advised that it does follow the Master Plan and discussed the portions of the property currently zoned and adjacent. There being no further public comment, the hearing closed at 6:40pm.*

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

3. Consider and take any action necessary regarding hiring a Community Development Corporation Director and the City entering into an interlocal agreement with VACDC related to funding such position. *Collin Flynn, CDC President, addressed Council regarding the need for the proposed agreement. Mr. Flynn advised that the CDC received six applications and interviewed three applicants adding that the board believes they have found the perfect candidate. Discussion was held regarding the request and how/why it was placed on the agenda. Teddie Ann Salmon asked if the CDC would be negatively affected if the item is tabled as the City Attorney has expressed concern for the legality of the similar EDC agreement. Mr. Flynn advised that the CDC would like the Director to start on July 3rd and tabling the item would not allow the start date. Mrs. Salmon advised that the employee could still be hired and start on the desired date. Chris Dorak, CDC Vice President, advised that the board would like the employee to be a City employee with City provided benefits per the proposed agreement. Tabling the item would not allow the employee to start under the desired terms. Brad Clough questioned the rolls and responsibilities of the position. Lee Thomas read into record a statement prepared by*

Alderman, Place 5 Suzon Crowell (unable to attend) requesting agenda items 3 and 4 be postponed until the July 11th meeting. Robert Jaska advised that the EDC employee has struggles because she is a City employee and the issues need to be ironed out prior to approving the proposed agreement. Mayor Cooper clarified that the City will be fully reimbursed for the Director by the CDC and that the employee will be working under the direction of the CDC Board only. Robert Jaska motioned to table the item until the July 11, 2017 meeting. Teddie Ann Salmon seconded the motion. Brad Clough and Lee Thomas opposed the motion. Mayor Cooper chose to vote in opposition of the motion. The motion failed. Lee Thomas clarified that termination of the employee per the agreement is only allowed for non-appropriation of funds and subject to annual budgetary approval. This appears to separate the City from the ability to terminate the employee and provides the desired separation. Brad Clough made a motion to approve the proposed interlocal agreement. Lee Thomas seconded the motion. Robert Jaska and Teddie Ann Salmon opposed the motion. Mayor Cooper chose to vote in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

4. Consider and take any action necessary regarding hiring a Community Development Corporation Administrative Assistant and the City entering into an interlocal agreement with VACDC related to funding such position. *Brad Clough questioned the rolls and responsibilities of the position. Collin Flynn read the job description and identified that the position will allow the Director to focus on CDC work and the Administrative Assistant will focus on the administrative work. Teddie Ann Salmon asked if the person has been hired to which Mr. Flynn advised that an offer letter has not been provided but an applicant has been selected. Lee Thomas made a motion to approve the proposed interlocal agreement. Brad Clough seconded the motion. Robert Jaska and Teddie Ann Salmon opposed the motion. Mayor Cooper chose to vote in favor of the motion. The motion passed.*
5. Adjournment. *Brad Clough made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:22pm. Robert Jaska seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*

Larry Cooper, Mayor

Jennifer Gould, City Clerk