

CITY OF VAN ALSTYNE

MINUTES

City Council Meeting

Van Alstyne Community Center
262 N. Preston Ave

JULY 11, 2017

6:30 P.M.

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

Staff present: Frank Baker, Jennifer Gould, Tim Barnes, Steve White and Judy Kimzey.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order. *Mayor Cooper called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.*
2. Invocation. Recited by Mayor Cooper.
3. Pledges of Allegiance. *US and Texas.*
4. Citizens Communications. *EDC Director, Jodi Carr advised that a new business has moved to Van Alstyne. Force Performance is a turbo charger manufacturer who will open as soon as they get through the seamless Certificate of Occupancy process adding jobs to the area. Billy Plake read into record information per the Texas Government Code, Section 551.0415 that identifies what information a council member is permitted to share during closing comments and identified that the rule was broken during the June 13th meeting. Sue-Lynn Voight expressed concern for unnecessary expenditures suggested relating to the purchase of a bulletin board similar to what the City of Austin utilizes. Mrs. Voight advised that with the City Manager form of government a City Manager does normally sit at the table with the Council, and suggests that comments made by council members should be based on fact.*

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. Conduct a Public Hearing regarding whether the structure(s) on the property being described as OTP VAN ALSTYNE ADDN, BLOCK 35, LOT S/2 1 2 3 & PT 4 more commonly known as 178 S. Waco Street are in violation of the minimum standards established for buildings established by the building codes and ordinances of the City of Van Alstyne pursuant to City of Van Alstyne Code of Ordinances, Chapter 8 Article 1 Section 8-1 thru 8-69 and Chapter 214 of the Texas Local Government Code. After the conclusion of the public hearing, the Council may issue an order authorized by Chapter 214 of the Texas Local Government Code, including but not limited to securing the buildings from entry, or the repair, vacation, removal or demolition of the structure(s), and may access civil penalties. *No Public Hearing held.*

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 minutes from the June 13, 2017 Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting and the June 13, 2017 Regular meeting. *Suzon Crowell questioned the motion reflected on agenda item 24 for the regular meeting. Discussion was held regarding the motion. Suzon Crowell made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Robert Jaska seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*

REGULAR AGENDA (NON-CONSENT)

7. Consider and take any action necessary regarding a duty pistol trade for the Van Alstyne Police Department with GT Distributors. *Lee Thomas made a motion to approve the duty pistol trade. Suzon Crowell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*
8. Consider and take any action necessary following a Public Hearing regarding whether the structure(s) on the property being described as OTP VAN ALSTYNE ADDN, BLOCK 35, LOT S/2 1 2 3 & PT 4 more commonly known as 178 S. Waco Street are in violation of the minimum standards established for buildings established by the building codes and ordinances of the City of Van Alstyne pursuant to City of Van Alstyne Code of Ordinances, Chapter 8 Article 1 Section 8-1 thru 8-69 and Chapter 214 of the Texas Local Government Code. After the conclusion of the public hearing, the Council may issue an order authorized by Chapter 214 of the Texas Local Government Code, including but not limited to securing the buildings from entry, or the repair, vacation, removal or demolition of the structure(s), and may assess civil penalties. *No discussion held. No action taken.*
9. Departmental Reports. *Frank Baker provided Fire Department statistics for the prior month, Jennifer Gould provided the Administrative Department statistics for the prior month, Chief Tim Barnes provided Police Department statistics for the prior month and pinned Patrol Officer MaryAnn Jones, Judy Kimzey provided the Library Department statistics for the prior month, Steve White provided an update on various Public Works Department projects.*
10. City Manager's Report. *Frank Baker provided statistics for the prior month.*
11. Mayor and Council Closing Comments. *Mayor Cooper thanked staff for hard work adding that the design of the closing comments is by law. Suzon Crowell thanked legal counsel for time spent with Council in education the prior evening and staff for their work on the fireworks display as it is much better than that of a larger city that she attended. Robert Jaska invited all to attend the Chamber of Commerce breakfast on July 12th, Music in the Park on July 25th and invited small business owners to stand for recognition.*

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.

12. 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) Section 551.074 [Personnel Matters] for annual evaluation of the City Manager.
- b) Section 551.071 [Consultation with Attorney] regarding (i) Shared Use Path project, and (ii) City Manager annual evaluation.

Council recessed into closed session at 7:15pm.

Council reconvened into open session at 8:59pm.

OPEN MEETING

13. Consider and take any action necessary as a result of each item listed in executive session. *Teddie Ann Salmon made a motion to waive attorney client privilege to allow the City Attorney to talk to the EDC Board and EDC Director Jodi Carr. Robert Jaska seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*

14. Adjournment. *Brad Clough made a motion to adjourn at 9:00pm. Teddie Ann Salmon seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously*

Larry Cooper, Mayor

Jennifer Gould, City Clerk