

CITY OF VAN ALSTYNE

MINUTES

City Council Budget Work Session Meeting

Van Alstyne Community Center

262 N. Preston Ave

AUGUST 8, 2017

6:00 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, Judy Kimzey and Adam Huttash.

AGENDA.

1. Call to Order. *Mayor Cooper called the meeting to order at 6:08pm.*
2. Discussion regarding the 2017 - 2018 Fiscal Year City of Van Alstyne General Fund Budget. *Frank Baker presented the proposed general fund budget. Discussion was held regarding the reduction in appraised values largely attributed to the closing of Caterpillar. Suzon Crowell advised she would like to see a ten percent reduction in administrative costs as well as a breakout of expenses to better understand them. Mrs. Crowell also suggested removing "other average monthly costs" from the Cost of Governance. Teddie Ann Salmon suggested adding an agenda item to discuss financials as a regular agenda item.*
3. Discussion regarding a proposed 2017 property tax rate, set public hearing dates and take a record vote. *Discussion was held regarding a proposed tax rate and justification for an increased rate. Robert Jaska suggested an increase to \$0.62 and requested detail of the reduction in appraised values from the appraisal district. Robert Jaska made a motion to proposed a tax rate of \$0.663198 per \$100 of value for fiscal year 2017-2018, tax year 2017. Teddie Ann Salmon seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Teddie Ann Salmon made a motion to have a meeting on August 18th at 5:30pm for a public hearing on the tax rate and budget as well as an action item to set a proposed tax rate. Lee Thomas seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*
4. Adjournment. *Teddie Ann Salmon made a motion to adjourn at 8:29pm. Suzon Crowell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*

Larry Cooper, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jennifer Gould, City Clerk